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Next meeting Thursday, September 10
Austin Woodcraft Store
7:00 PM



Homeland Security
by Johnny Dunlap



Jim Mischel

Monthly Meeting Notes

In the absence of Gail Lynn, President, Clarence Born, Vice President opened the CTWA Monthly Meeting August 13, 2009. He welcomed Ernesto Norte, a new member who had learned wood carving from his Dad, and was enjoying helpful tips from our club carvers.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,727.10.

Clarence Born reported that the Round Rock Library has requested permission to have our Santa's Workshop displayed in their library each Christmas for the next five years. Additionally, Clarence suggested our club begin work on a second display featuring another holiday which we could make available to other libraries beginning in

2010. The club was most interested in this, agreeing that Halloween would be a good display to feature next. Monty Mays will chair this project, with the help of other club members, and more information will be upcoming on this project.

Clarence Campbell



Johnny Dunlap checked with the Georgetown Library regarding the possibility of our club donating a carving magazine subscription to them to generate further interest in wood carving. The Library was most receptive to this suggestion, and the Club favored Woodcarving Illustrated as a magazine of choice.

Joe Hill reminded the group of John Engler's class scheduled for December 3, 4, & 5 for completing a relief carving, with painting to be done on Sunday, December 6. This class will be held in Diann Small's garage. Cost of the class will be \$150.00 plus the wood. A few places may remain in the class.

Our Club has been advised by Woodcraft that we will not be able to hold Thursday night carving sessions there, except on the night of our Monthly

Meeting as it conflicts with other activities on Thursday nights. We will still be able to meet on Wednesday mornings for our weekly group carving sessions. Woodcraft has also requested that we not use the door in the meeting room to access the building in the future.

Raffle time produced three winners. Joe Hill chose a Denny gouge, Woody Hiebert chose a Santa Head blank, and Betty Giese won a blank of a caricature gal.

Show and Tell produced some interesting work. Johnny Dunlap had completed a work titled "Homeland Security" which featured a rocky hillside, complete with attacking Indian braves on horseback, and a crumpled stagecoach at the foot of the hill which fell prey to an Indian attack. Johnny plans to enter it in competition in Kerrville in October ... it should be a winner!

Jim Mischel had carved a number of little people, mini bears which were the featured blank of the month in July, an elephant which was a work in progress, and a whale he carved out of a discarded piece of walnut.

Clarence Campbell was preparing to carve bark houses in the round. He had been told to study the piece of bark and it would "speak" to him as to how to pattern it. Well, he studied the bark ... it didn't speak to him ... so he just carved away and both of his houses in the round were very impressive. Great work, Clarence

Dottie Dunlap had woodburned a portrait from a photo of she and Johnny as young people before they were married. Copying from a photograph is not an easy pattern, but this was done in the fine Dottie style.

Sue Sweeney brought her bark house also carved in the round. She had even put stained glass in the tiny windows and a light inside to reflect the colors. Quite impressive.

Woody Hiebert had completed a relief carving of the Courthouse in LaGrange. She also had a photo of the Courthouse and it was quite a likeness in every detail. She had painted the carving which added to it's finished appearance.

Clarence Born brought his sunflower relief carving, realistically painted. He always undercuts the petals and leaves which make them stand out from the background.



At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim Brinkman presented a demonstration on Scandinavian flat plane carving. Jim has taught classes in Fredericksburg on this subject and many in the club have tried their hand at this unique carving style. He had brought a number of his carvings showing the different individuals that could be carved from a single blank using both imagination and skill. Jim presented a little history of this type of carving, referring to master carver Harvey Refsal, and then, using the knife he recommends for

flat plane carving, he carved on a Harvey Refsal blank which allowed him to show different cuts resulting in shaping the body, facial features, and hat styles. A big thank you to Jim for this interesting and motivating demo.

Our next Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Woodcraft.

Shirley Newman
CTWA Secretary



LaGrange Courthouse
by Woody Hiebert



Sunflowers
by Clarence Born



Second view of Johnny Dunlap's
"Homeland Security"



Sue Sweeney's
Chapel

Front View →

← Rear View



Clarence
Campbell's
Bark House

View 1 →

← View 2





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Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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