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Next Meeting Thursday January 11, 7:00 PM at the
Austin Woodcraft Store

Bill Buckler will provide the blank of the month for the January meeting.



Bill Buckler, President, opened our meeting to a really great bunch of carvers in attendance.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,342.59 in our club account at the end of November, adding that many 2007 dues payments had been received and were not included in this balance. He did encourage anyone whose dues for next year have not been paid, to catch up as soon as possible.

The following classes are scheduled for early 2007. Steve Prescott will lead a class January 12, 13, and 14, and Debbie Edwards will teach a class February 16, 17 and 18. Both classes are full, with alternates also signed up. Gary Batte is scheduled for a two-day class March 17 and 18 which will cost \$95.00 plus the roughout. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those wishing to take this class.



Bill Buckler reminded club members of the newly established web site that Dan Gillen has set up, encouraging everyone to participate in the news, and carving info which will be provided through this resource. Thanks Dan!

Gail Lynn had prepared a draft roster of club members which she will provide club members requesting it by email once it is complete. This roster will not appear on the web site as it contains addresses and phone numbers for members.

Diann Small reported that 18 canes for veterans had been carved by our members of our club. These canes have been gratefully, and often emotionally received by deserving veterans. More canes are needed. Cost of the cane kits to non club members is \$15.00. It is a most worthy investment of both time and money.

Joanne Cage was officially voted in to fill the Vice President position for 2007.

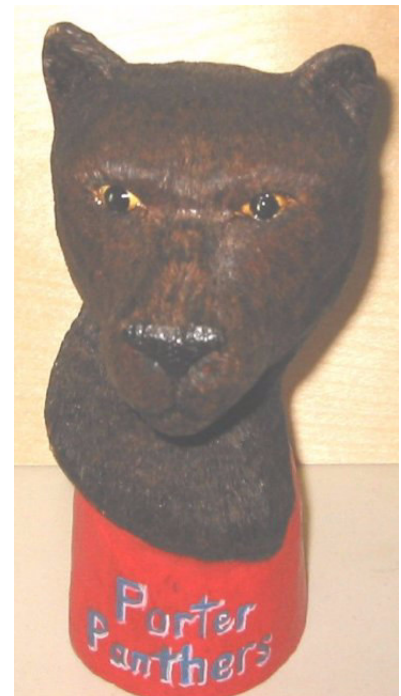
Show and tell time was impressive as always. Jaleen Vance had completed a relief carving of a lighthouse scene from a photo taken off the west coast of Africa. Jaleen also shared a carving of Baccus, The Wine God, which had grape leaves and grapes intertwined around the carving.

Dottie Dunlap brought two woodburned items, one of a Santa at his desk with a wink of one eye, which she had painted lightly for added effect. The other item was a Santa chuckling as he read a "Dear Santa" letter. These will be Christmas gifts to some lucky people

Johanne Morin brought a framed, wood burned water scene shown below of a scene in Quebec which included cliffs overlooking a body of water.



Bob Tucker had completed the panther head, pictured at the right, he carved for his wife, representative of the Porter Middle School mascot, entitled Porter Panthers.



Clarence Born had carved and painted six elves for our club Santa's Workshop project in 2007, each busy with a different task including one resting on a tree trunk. This will be a fun project we can all participate in as we look forward to the Fall Show in Fredericksburg in September.

Chaz Chapot carved a very impressive eagle head from a scrap of walnut, and also a larger carved item from walnut with the initials THE EVANS which he had very skillfully designed into the pattern.

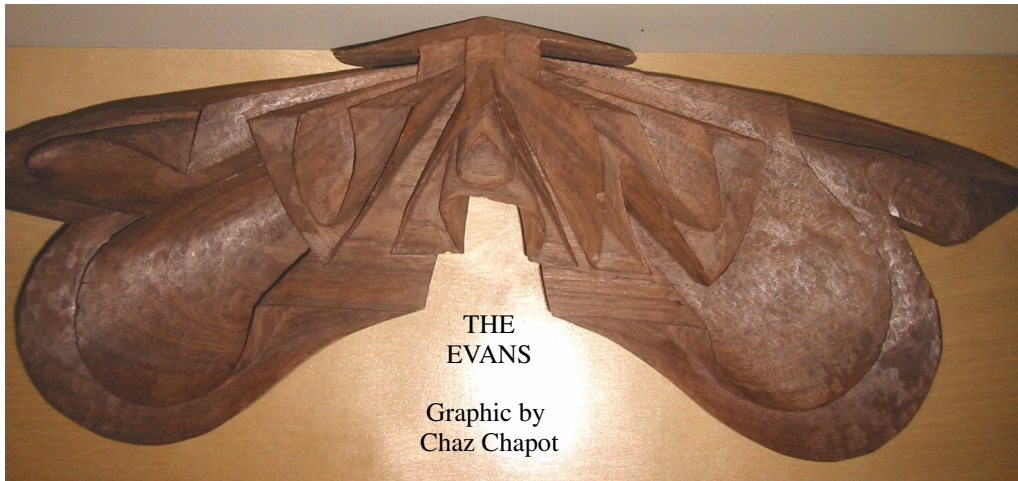
Joanne Cage, Jake Heugel and Newt LeBlanc had completed their canes for veterans and brought them for show and tell. Jim Roby and Bill Buckler also brought their canes which were near completion.

At the close of the meeting, Bill Buckler officially turned the gavel over to our incoming President for 2007, Clarence Born. A round of applause reflected the appreciation of club members for the effective leadership Bill has provide throughout this year, and welcomed Clarence Born as he stepped into his new role.

No blank of the month was provided for this final meeting of the year as we gathered for refreshments at the close of the meeting. Bill Buckler will bring the blank of the month in January. In the months to follow, demos and presentations as well as blanks to be carved, will provide very interesting monthly meetings.

Clarence Born, Richard Pritchett and Buddy Streetman signed up to prepare our meeting space for January 11, 2007. We have a great group of carvers and it should prove to be another super year for CTWA. Hope to see you in January 2007.

December CTWA Meeting Notes
by Shirley Newman



Thanks for your contributions.

Woodcarvers are a special group. Our club has many skilled craftsmen and artists who unselfishly give of their time and talents. I admire you who, not only exhibit your fantastic personal skills, but readily share your knowledge and expertise with others

Those who have exceptional talents and are willing to freely give of their time, techniques, and expertise to others are a very special breed. We are lucky to have a very high percentage of these people in our club. There is no time like the present to show our appreciation for efforts of these special people. Please personally thank people who help you, others, or the club through out the year.

Examples are everywhere:

- People who prefer to carve but agree to become officers and lead other efforts. It takes additional time and effort. It is done for the good of the club at the expense of personal pleasure and desires.
- Carving tips and assistance by experienced carvers and personal experience from everyone as we all learn.
- People who step out of their comfort zone to show their work or techniques to others.
- Demonstrations and teaching both formal and informal.
- Encouragement for others to advance in their skill level and enjoyment.
- Keeping a positive upbeat attitude even when you may not be having the best day. It is infectious and helps us all to stay motivated and enjoy club activities and interactions.



Bill Buckler's January Blank of the Month



Changing of the Guard

I know why Bill is smiling, not sure about Clarence (Blissful anticipation I guess)

Chaz Chapot



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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