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Gail Lynn.....	'09
Joe Hill.....	'08

Next meeting
Thursday, March 10 7:00 PM
at the Austin Woodcraft store



Jake Heugel

Please Pay 2011 Club dues.

As of the end of February

We only have 21 members

Paid up

Thanks

Monthly Meeting Notes

Clarence Born, President, opened the CTWA Monthly Meeting Thursday evening, February 10, 2011 at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. He welcomed Jeff Chapman who introduced himself as a wood turner, furniture builder, and woodcarver. Visiting for the first time, we anticipate his becoming a member soon.

In the absence of Jim Roby, Treasurer, Clarence Born reported a balance in our club account of \$2,055.10. He also noted that a donation of \$75.00 was sent to the Christopher House in memory of Bill Buckler.

And on this note, remember that club dues for 2011 are due, and can be given to Jim Roby.

Clarence Born presented Sue Sweeney and Shirley Newman with \$50.00 gift certificates at Red Lobster Restaurant, in appreciation for their contributions to the Monthly Newsletter by providing photographs of the carvings in show and tell, and preparation of meeting notes each month. Both have served in these areas for several years.

Diann Small reported that Rick Jensen will conduct a class in October for those wishing to carve a whimsical cottonwood bark house. The dates will be October 14, 15, 16 and 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost will be \$150 plus the blank, and a minimal portion of Rick's travel expenses. Those interested may contact Diann Small.

Our club is still in need of someone to serve as Vice President for this current year. You may contact Clarence Born if you have questions regarding this responsibility, or would like to volunteer to serve for the remaining months of 2011.

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild Spring Roundup is scheduled for April 17 - 22 in Kerrville. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the CTWA Club officers for more information on classes which will be offered for all levels of carvers during the week.

Following the raffle, it was time for show and tell.

Dan Gillen had carved an interesting door stop from a blank used in a class in Fredericksburg several years ago. The photo in our newsletter will tell all.

Jake Heugel brought a realistic carving of a moose which was standing in a pool of water he had created from glue, with carved rocks, and tiny trees with toothpick trunks. This project, which was about 9 inches tall, was mounted on a cedar base. Very impressive work, Jake.

Clarence Born had carved, painted, and assembled a group of tiny Christmas caroling mice, some singing and some with instruments, to add to our Santa's Workshop display. And by tiny, note they were about 1-1/4 inches tall (when they stood up tall).

Sue Sweeney had carved the rather challenging star from a previous blank of the month, the hand held cross which is so meaningful to those who are ill, and the coffee scoop from last month's blank.

Diann Small brought two lovely relief carvings. One was of an old filling station, complete with an old style round gasoline pump. Her other relief was of a weathered barn, also very detailed. Both had been painted in an impressive style.

Tom Sarff had an array of carvings which included a 9" snake carved from ash. a caricature hound dog which was about 4 inches tall, a caricature angel he described as, a lady female wrestler gone to Heaven. He had also carved two very unique originals, one a Texas State Bird (mosquito) complete with cowboy hat, and one titled President of CTWA. At this point we turn to the photos as there were no words to fully describe these items.

Shirley Newman had carved the coffee scoop from last month's blank, attaching a cord to the handle for hanging, and personalizing it with "Kaffe" for a Scandinavian touch.

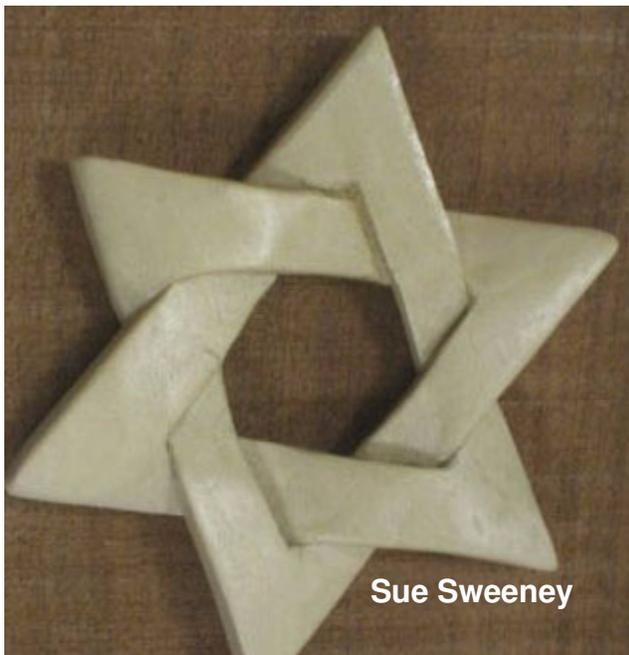
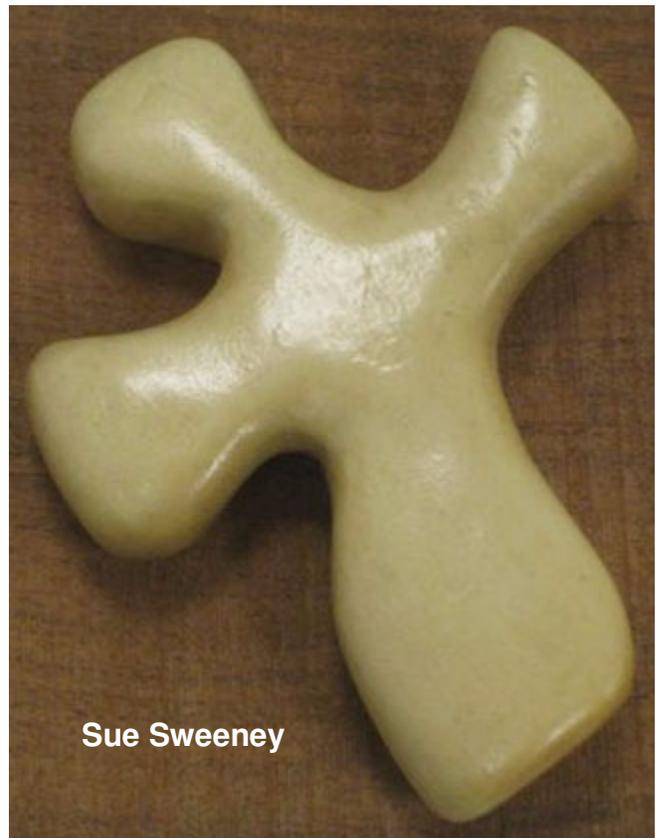
Gail Lynn brought her 14 inch whimsical cottonwood bark house which was most impressive. It was carved from one piece, including roots and branches, with the exception that at first this type carving is done in two parts to hollow it out before being glued

back together to create the final effect. Gail also brought an assortment of carvings that included a pink pig from a previous blank of the month, a caricature dog, a realistic bulldog about 5 inches long from butternut, the coffee scoop which she had tinted with red food coloring and olive oil, and a couple of small dog carvings.

Gail Lynn brought the blank of the month, a rabbit stretched out on his tummy, which will be at home on a shelf, or atop a photo frame. Many carvers will be busy working on this project with Easter just a couple of months away.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, at the Woodcraft Store.

Shirley Newman
Secretary



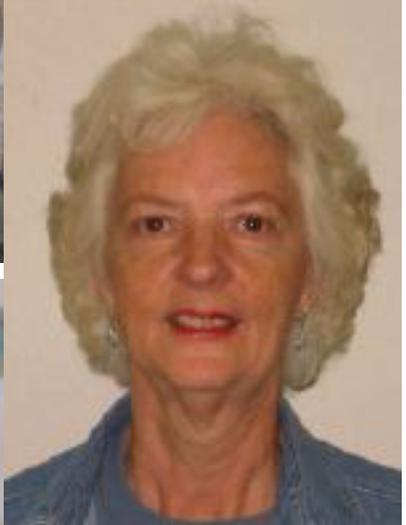


*Carvings by
Gail Lynn*



*Carvings by
Tom Sarff*





Carvings by
Diann Small





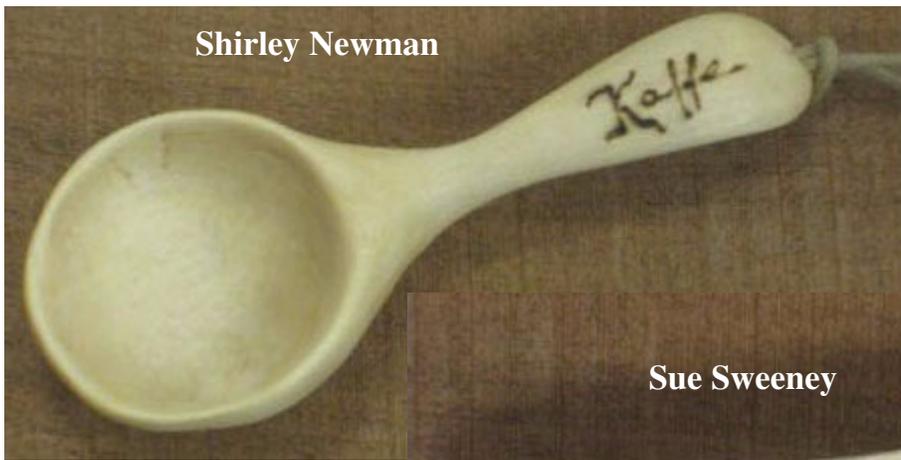
Clarence Born



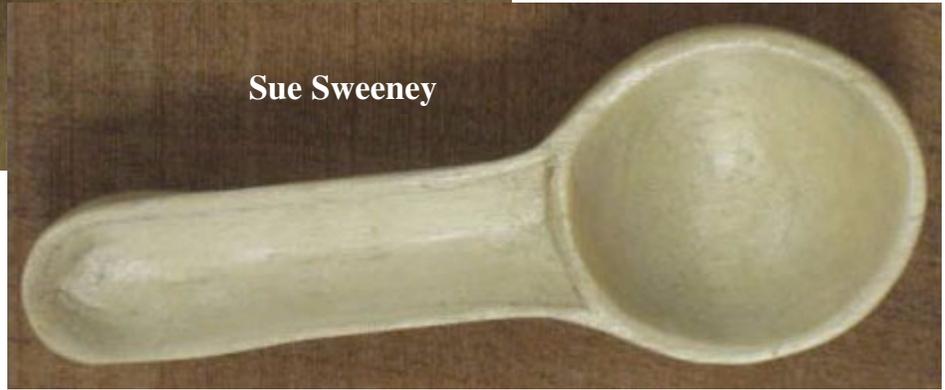
Dan Gillen



Tom Sarff



Shirley Newman



Sue Sweeney

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. This membership includes a monthly e-mail newsletter. An additional \$12.00 per year is collected if you desire a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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