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Next membership meeting
February 14, 7:00 PM
Austin Woodcrafters Store



Buddy Streetman's
Mohican



Dwight
Vance

January Meeting Minutes

Our new incoming president, Joe Hill, called the January 2008 meeting to order on Thursday the 10th, at 7:00. We had a cozy crowd of about 16 members.

Jim Roby gave the Treasurers report. At the end of December, the account balance was \$1,070.28. Since then there have been several expenses and some dues collected, bringing the balance to approximately the same amount. As of the meeting time, 32 members had paid their 2008 dues.

Old Business:

Joe reported that there was no regular meeting in December, but the Christmas party went very well and a good time was had by all. At the party the 2008 officers were instated. A motion was made and passed that dues will now be \$12 if the member will be taking their newsletter by e-mail and \$24 if the member needs the newsletter mailed through the post office. Also during the party, John Woods, a local Vietnam Veteran, was awarded Life Membership to the CTWA. One of the eagle canes we have been making for veterans was signed by the members present to be awarded to John.

Several carving classes are coming up. Dallas Deege taught a class on January 19th and 20th of small Indian Heads. Each student may carve as many heads as they want in the 2 days. He will also bring some full figure rough outs. The class will be \$80 plus the cost of blanks.

Debbie Edwards is teaching a Horse Head class on February 15-17. The cost is \$150 plus \$21 for each blank. We are still looking for 2 more attendees for this class as well.

New Business:

Dwight Vance reported that Patty Rucker is willing to teach a painting class at her studio in Lockhart in March. It would be a two day class, with the 1st day painting a practice board. Each student should bring an unpainted non-animal carving, which will be prepared the 1st day and allowed to dry over night. The students will then paint their carving on the 2nd day. (Patty feels that animals are mostly one color and she wants to teach the use of mixing various colors for a carving.) Gail Lynn took over arrangements for this class. It has grown into two classes due to the large interest. The first class is March 8-9 and the second is March 15-16.

Clarence Born brought up that if we want to do a club table for next September's show in Fredericksburg, we should start on it now. A couple of members said they would prefer to just display members' work on the table. No further discussion was held on the matter.

Sue Sweeney asked that any members that do not have their pictures on the website to please get with her at one of the meetings and she will take your pictures.

We had one new visitor, Jonas Wechsler. Jonas is 10 years old and became interested in woodcarving when his mother and he went to Sweden last summer. His mother was taking a class on weaving and Jonas took a two week class on woodcarving and metal work. In his class he carved a fish and made a metal can opener, among several other things. Jonas and his mother have been carving with us for awhile at our informal meetings at Woodcraft on Wednesday mornings. We are glad to welcome him to the club.

We had some nice show and tell items. Buddy Streetman brought an Indian Head Bust that he carved from a Stu Martin roughout.

Jim Roby's sister brought back some carved animal napkin rings from Guyana and asked Jim to carve her some more with different animals. He made a male lion, a monkey, an elephant and a zebra. Two were carved from mahogany and two from walnut.

Clarence Born carved two relief carvings, one was of Western Dogwood which was carved all the way through and then a mat was placed on the back. The other was a Calla Lily. He also carved a black cat, pictured at the right, in memory of a cat that his little-girl neighbor had rescued and loved, but who had attacked and chewed up Clarence's cat on a regular basis.



Dwight Vance brought a Cowboy Santa, pictured at the left, he carved from a Steve Prescott roughout. Vance carved a Full-time RV'er which he adapted from one of Steve's blockhead carvings. He also brought a Cooking Santa, carved from a Lem Smith roughout.

Following show and tell we had the raffle. Then we sat about and carved the blank of the month brought by Diann Small which was an Eagle Head pin.



Dwight Vance's Full-time RV'er



Clarence Born's Dogwoods



Clarence Born's Calla Lily



Jim Roby's African animal napkin holders

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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