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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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Clarence Born.....	'07
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Next meeting
Thursday, February 11 7:00 PM
at the Austin Woodcraft store



Jim Roby
Cougars

January Meeting Notes

CTWA President, Clarence Born, called the monthly meeting to order Thursday evening, January 14, 2010, at the Woodcraft store in Austin. He welcomed guests, Sandy Yarbrough and her son Robert, and new member, Harvey Beauchemin.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,803.32 in our club account. He is currently accepting dues for 2010. Dues are \$12.00 per year if the monthly newsletter is received by email, or \$24.00 per year if by hard copy.

Following a discussion relative to past members who are not presently active in the club, John Parsons made a motion that members who had not paid dues for one year be placed on an inactive list. The motion was seconded by Gail Lynn and passed unanimously. Dan Gillen will notify those being placed on an inactive list, providing them with an opportunity to bring their dues current.



Dottie Dunlap Scrimshaw Ship

Clarence Born noted that the position of Vice President for 2010 is still open. Any member interested in serving in this capacity may contact Clarence.



Harvey Beauchemin

Clarence also reported that the placing of our club's Santa's Workshop display in the Round Rock Library has been a huge success during the Christmas season. The Library has requested that the display be placed in their Library for the coming four years at Christmas.

The first issue of Woodcarving Illustrated, placed in the Round Rock Library by our club, has reached their shelves. This information was also placed on the Library's web site. It was suggested that several of our club business cards be attached to the issue so those reading the publication will know of our meeting times.

Johnny Dunlap noted that Dorothy Novak has several of Tony's tools available for sale. She is currently deciding on prices for the tools, and will then prefer that folks contact her and come by her home to make any purchases. A number of his carving books and magazines will also be available.

The Woodcraft Store discontinued the discount for purchases made at their store by our club members at the end of January.

Diann Small announced that a Walter Wharton class will be held February 12, 13 and 14. The cost will be \$110 and classes will be held in Diann Small's garage. It was also determined by club members that we request 15 more of the cane kits which are to be carved and given to returning veterans. These canes have a carved eagle head as a handle, with a Texas flag on one side. Canes completed by the April TWG week in Kerrville will be taken to Walter Wharton for distribution to wounded veterans.

Rick Jensen will conduct two 3-day classes on bark carving whimsical houses in the round. One is scheduled for September 29 and 30 and October 1, and one is scheduled for October 2, 3, and 4. Cost for the classes will be \$50 per day. Please contact Diann

Small if you are interesting in participating in either of these 2-day classes.

John Engler is interested in returning in early December to conduct another 3-day class in relief carving.

Bill Buckler requested a volunteer to provide the blanks for our February and November meetings. Gail Lynn will move from July to February and Johnny Dunlap volunteered to bring the blanks for November. Someone for July is still needed. Please contact Bill Buckler if you would like to provide blanks for July.

Following the raffle, it was time for show and tell time which was, as always, most interesting.

Gail Lynn had finished two cats and a mouse from previous blanks of the month. She had also completed an impressive walking stick for her husband with a realistic eagle head on top. The staff was from diamond willow which she used after removing the bark.

Gail had also completed a caricature Santa which she had carved for a friend, and painted using Patty Rucker's painting techniques.

Johnny Dunlap brought a carving of a bird dog flushing a bird which is a work in progress. It was realistically carved and we will be interested to see the finished project.

Jim Mischel had carved and painted a black bear in overalls from an earlier blank of the month.

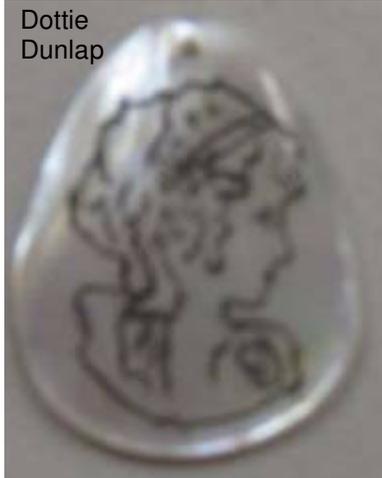
Clarence Born brought one floral relief carving which he is working on. He also brought his relief carving of a gardenia which was painted with a soft green background. Clarence undercuts the petals and leaves of his carvings which makes them stand out prominently.

Dottie Dunlap brought several examples of scrimshaw including some work done on plastic, and also a



Gail Lynn

smaller drop-like piece on mother of pearl. Very detailed, and lovely work.



Dottie Dunlap

Harvey Beauchemin brought two carvings of the female torso, one carved from walnut and one from butternut.

Diann Small had carved a Sundancer Kachina doll with all the lovely colors painted on it.

Johnny Dunlap had finished his Woodsman bust

complete with a feather in his cap.

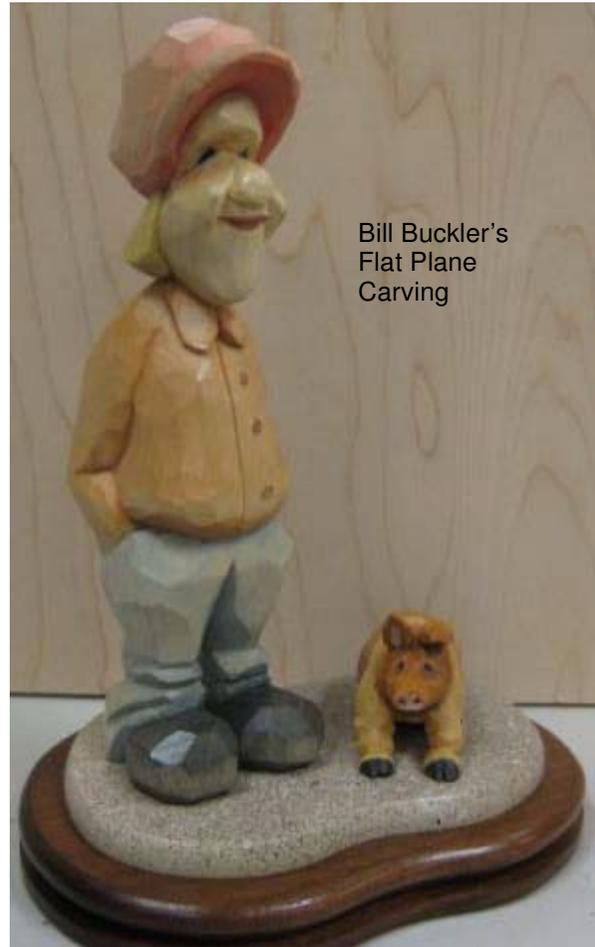
Jim Roby carved little cougars nestled together, carved from an ostrich egg sized piece of wood.

Bill Buckler had carved a caricature man, in the scandinavian flat plane style, with a pig by his side.

As I've said many times, words don't always adequately describe the carvings, and we continue to be grateful to Sue Sweeney for the photos she takes each month of these carvings.

Bill Buckler had brought the blanks for members to carved following the meeting.

Shirley Newman
Secretary



Bill Buckler's Flat Plane Carving

2010 Blank of the month Volunteers

- January - Bill Buckler
- February - Gail Lynn
- March - Jake Heugel
- April - Tom Sarff
- May - Jim Roby
- June - Clarence Born
- July - Jim Mischel
- August - Cruz Rendon
- September - Diann Small
- October - Marvin Joseph
- November - Johnny Dunlap
- December - Christmas Party



Clarence Born



Floral Relief by Clarence Born



Eagle Head
on Walking
Stick
by
Gail Lynn



Harvey Beauchemin



Gail Lynn



Gail Lynn's Shelf Cat



Diann Small's Kachina



Jim Mischel



Dottie Dunlap's Scrimshaw Work



Johnny Dunlap's Mountain Man



Jim Roby Cougars



Johnny Dunlap
Pointer flushing a bird

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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