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Next meeting Thursday, August 13
Austin Woodcraft Store
7:00 PM



Monthly Meeting Notes

In the absence of Gail Lynn, President, Clarence Born, Vice President, opened the CTWA Monthly Meeting July 9, 2009. He welcomed Mike Michael who is moving to Round Rock from New Mexico where he was in a carving club. Mike is experienced in a variety of carvings and we look forward to his continuing with our club. Clarence also welcomed Jim Mischel as a new member. Jim visited at our monthly meeting in June and also participates on Wednesday morning carving sessions.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,677.10.

Clarence Born reported that the Santa's Workshop display will again be shown in the Round Rock Library during the Christmas season. He continues to carve additional items to be included in the display, and invites anyone who wishes to, to carve some pieces also as the exhibit is well received and creates a lot of interest for our Club. If you have questions as to what might be appropriate to carve, please talk with Clarence.



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Haney



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The 2009 Texas Woodcarving Guild (TWG) Fall Extravaganza will be held in Kerrville at the Inn of the Hills Conference Center. Classes will be held October 12 to October 16, and the 18th Annual Texas State Championship Show will follow at the YO Hotel and Convention Center in Kerrville Saturday and Sunday, the 17th and 18th. Our Club will again have a table set up where club members can display carvings for viewing by the public. Please plan now to have carvings on our club table, which are to be left until Sunday afternoon at 4:00. If you cannot be there to bring your carving home, please make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you at the conclusion of the show on Sunday.

Johnny Dunlap is looking into the possibility of the club purchasing a subscription to one or more woodcarving magazines to be placed in the Georgetown and/or Round Rock Libraries, as a means of creating an interest in woodcarving. More details will be available on this possibility at our August meeting.

Dan Gillen agreed to be our contact person, providing carving magazines and the Guild with information regarding our club meetings and activities.

Show and tell was, as always, of special interest.

Diann Small brought the walking cane she carved for her niece in Ohio. The cane had a Harley Davidson theme with HD wings on top and "Harley Davidson" inscribed around the shaft.

Dan Gillen carved a stylized swan which always has an attractive finish when completed. He also shared his interesting woodburning of a Cockshutt tractor.

Clarence Born had completed a lovely relief carving of pink dogwoods, and also brought a relief of a sunflower which is a work in progress at this time. Clarence always very delicately undercuts the leaves and petals of his flowers when he does relief work which makes them stand out even more realistically.

Johnny Dunlap had completed a feather carving which was a blank of the month for June. It may look easy...

but it takes more time than expected and the end result is quite impressive.

Forrest Haney brought a number of small heads of Santas, mountain men, etc. which he and Cruz Rendon carve when they go to Old Settlers Park in Round Rock and do carving demonstrations for the public. They always give these little carvings to children and individuals to stimulate their interest in carving, not only showing them how it is done, but giving them a "carry home" reminder.

Dan Gillen won a Denny knife, and Tom McCarthy won a frog blank during the raffle at the end of the meeting. On this subject, Clarence Born noted that while there are several knives in our supply of monthly raffle items, our available blanks or roughouts are dwindling in number. He requested that anyone with blanks or roughouts they do not plan to carve donate them to be used in our raffle.



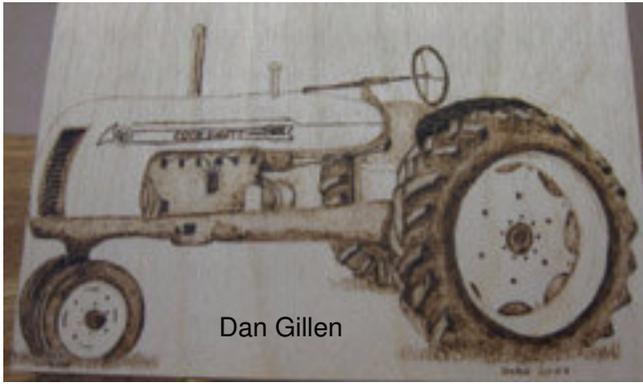
Jim Mischel brought a number of small bears, example pictured at the left, some carved from purple heart and mahogany as well as other woods, which he also provided for the blank of the month at the conclusion of the meeting.

Scandinavian Flat Plane Carving Demo

A special event at our monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13th, will be a demonstration by Jim Brinkman on Scandinavian flat plane carving. Jim, a long standing member of our club, is well known for his knowledge of this style of carving, and is a respected instructor as well.

A special thanks to Diann Small who brought me up-to-date on events at the July meeting, in my absence, so I could prepare these minutes.

Shirley Newman
CTWA Secretary



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Forrest Haney



Jim Mischel



Johnny Dunlap



Clarence Born
Work in Progress



Diann Small
Harley Davidson
Cane Head

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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