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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

## CTWA Officers 2010

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## Advisory Board

Gail Lynn..... '09

Joe Hill ..... '08

Clarence Born ..... '07

Bill Buckler ..... '06

Next meeting  
Thursday, August 12 7:00 PM  
at the Austin Woodcraft store



Harvey  
Beauchemin

## July Meeting Notes

Clarence Born, President, opened the CTWA Monthly Meeting Thursday, July 8, 2010, at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. There were no visitors or new members present.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our Club account of \$1,697.32.

Gail Lynn announced that we had received notification by letter from the Internal Revenue Service, dated June 11, 2010, confirming our nonprofit status, and are now considered a Social



Jim  
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Group (non profit). Under this classification, as of July 1, 2010, we will no longer have to pay a fee when using the facilities at Hancock Recreation Center. A copy of this letter is retained in the CTWA files. Thank you, Gail, for all the time and work you put into preparing and submitting the information required to obtain this status.

Several carvers in our club have finished the hand held crosses to be given to Hospice for their patients. Diann Small will collect these crosses at our August monthly meeting for further distribution. Each one carved so far has been unique, and different in size to fit the palm of a person who is ill.

Diann Small announced that both 3-day classes in whimsical house cottonwood bark carving to be led by Rick Jensen September 29, 30 and October 1, and also October 2, 3, and 4, are now full.

Clarence Born noted that the Urban Forester Management program of the City of Austin will have wood available from trees being removed from the park for carving by both wood carvers and wood turners. If interested in further information, please contact Clarence.

Clarence also noted that George Vaughn will have a show in Kerrville, with carving opportunities also, October 7 through the 10th. This is the weekend prior to the Texas Woodcarvers Guild's Fall Extravaganza and Show scheduled for October 11 - 17 at The Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. More information will be available at our August meeting, or contact Clarence Born for further details.

Diversified carving interests and skills were on display on our show and tell table following the business portion of our meeting, and raffle.

Harvey Beauchemin brought his carving of a one-legged pirate complete with a parrot on his shoulder and lantern in hand carved from basswood. A lovely carving of Christ with arms outstretched carved from butternut, and a basswood carving of a Civil War soldier in uniform. Each mounted carving was approximately 10 to 11 inches tall.

Sue Sweeney had completed two of the hand held crosses, reducing them in size to more comfortably fit a smaller hand.

Jim Michele had carved a long handled wooden spoon from yellow poplar, and a small caricature alligator. He also brought a tiny dog carved from cedar which was also the blank of the month for the evening.

Jim Roby had completed a bust of what I call a woodsman with hair braided on one side and flowing on the other, about 13 inches tall, mounted, and finished with renaissance wax.

Dan Gillen had carved a mini semi-worn boot, an intriguing little striped cat (with tail standing straight up - handy place to place one's rings), and had also completed a hand held cross from basswood which he had stained to highlight the carving.

Clarence Born shared his carving of a lovely white camellia blossom with his trademark of undercut leaves and petals, providing depth to his work.

Diann Small introduced the group to the laser cutting skills of Rick Branning who owns Gifts By Pop in Round Rock. She shared several ornaments he had done, and also a beautiful cross he is donating to the American Legion in Round Rock. To see more of his work you can go to <http://www.giftsbypop.com>.

And just one more announcement... our August Monthly Meeting will be Thursday night the 12th, at Woodcraft. We used to stay after the business meeting, carve the blank of the month, and just chat. Yet somewhere along the way this has dwindled to only a few carvers each month. And at our July meeting this was brought up, noting that we are a CARVING CLUB... so let's carve. Several members asked that we really stress this in our July meeting minutes so hey, EVERYONE, here goes... CTWA Monthly Meeting Thursday night, August 12th... bring a sharp knife and/or tools, a glove, and an enthusiastic attitude for a fun time carvin' a blank following our meeting!!! I plan to be prepared and stay... how about you?!!

Shirley Newman  
CTWA Secretary

### 2010 Blank of the Month Volunteers

August - Cruz Rendon  
September - Diann Small  
October - Marvin Joseph  
November - Johnny Dunlap  
December - Christmas Party



Clarence  
Born



Harvey  
Beauchemin



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Beauchemin



Dan  
Gillen



Jim  
Roby



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## 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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