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Next meeting Thursday, July 9
Austin Woodcraft Store
7:00 PM



Baltimore Oriole with Habitat

By Diann Small



Hummingbird in Butternut

By Shirley Newman

Monthly Meeting Notes

Gail Lynn, President, opened the CTWA Monthly Meeting June 11, 2009. She welcomed Fred McLeroy who became a member of our

Club last month, and Jim Mischel who was attending our meeting for the first time.

Jim Roby noted that Charlie Collins, who was a founding member of the CTWA Club as well as the Woodturners Club, had passed away. Jim sent a \$75.00 memorial gift to Covenant Presbyterian Church on behalf of the Club, leaving a balance in our account of \$1,631.10.

Diann Small requested people to provide the blank of the month for July, August, and November, noting that there were those in the club who could cut out the blanks if someone would provide the wood and pattern. Also suggested was a demo or program in lieu of a blank for some month. Jim Mischel mentioned that another club had what they called a mystery project from time to time when someone brought an item for members to carve (such as a wooden spoon or etc.) designing it as they wished. This sounded like an interesting approach, and Jim "volunteered" to provide this for our July meeting!

John Engler, well known relief carving instructor and painting instructor, is schedule to be with us for a class December 3 - 6. This will include 3 days of carving, with Sunday reserved for painting your finished work. Cost of the class will be \$50 per day plus the cost of the blank which runs from \$20 to \$40. Diann Small has offered her garage for a meeting place for the 4 days.

Woodcraft has requested that we remove the cabinet containing our name tags, library material, raffle items etc. from their location, as they need the space. Jim Roby will take the cabinet to his home and contents will be dispersed to club members who will bring them back to the monthly meetings.

Johnny Dunlap recently purchased some butternut from a location in Iowa which he was most impressed with. He noted there was no blemish in the wood, and the price was very reasonable. Other woods such as basswood, walnut etc. are available through this source also. If interested, you may contact Johnson Wood Products, email Johnsonwoodproducts@yahoo.com, phone 563-933-6504. Their web site is

<http://www.johnsonwoodproducts.com/>

Johnny Dunlap brought blanks which can be carved into very interesting feathers, and can be either woodburned or painted. They are very thin pieces of wood, and the smaller ones make lovely pins for a blouse or hat.

Tom Sarff got the raffle off and running. Kim Lehman was the first winner and chose a Denny #5 U gouge. Shirley Newman won a roughout of little bears climbing

up a tree trunk, and Tom Sarff chose a good-sized piece of basswood.



Show and Tell was once again, most interesting. Jim Roby had completed his Indian bust complete with a painted finish. A most impressive piece of work.

Clarence Born had carved a miniature 1935 Chevy which he will place in the Santa's Workshop display come December. He has a way with these miniatures and again, did a great job.

Buddy Streetman brought the Stu Martin Sea Captain which he is just beginning to work on. We will see more of this as he progresses in his work on this project.

Shirley Newman brought a whale, and also a hummingbird both carved from butternut while at the meeting in Kerrville, in April. This is a very nice wood to work with, and the finish is always impressive.

Tom Sarff had been busy carving several bookworms for friends. This had been the blank of the month 5 years or so ago, and would be an interesting piece for us to do again sometime in the future.

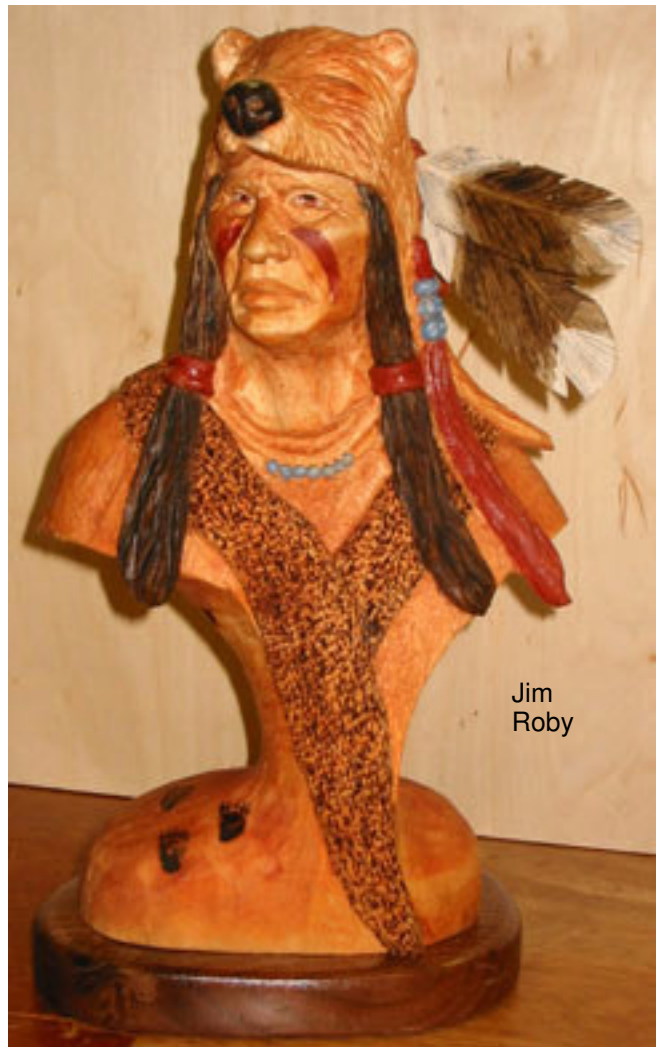
Diann Small brought her finished fox, mounted on carved rocks. He looked like he was ready to dart and run, and was very realistic. She also had completed the Polar bear which was our blank of the month in recent month. The red cap was perched on the snow in front of the bear rather than on his head... perhaps due to a slip of the knife?

Diann's wooden spoon out of poplar pictured above. The design of this spoon was a calla lily with a very thin leaf on the back of the handle from the same piece of wood. A delicate carving. She also brought the realistic Baltimore Oriole she had completed while in Kerrville in April. This was a very true-to-life carving which required many hours of work to reach such a lovely completion.

Jim Mischel found an elm branch in his yard which had broken off, and from it he carved a foot. That's what is meant when they say you pick up a piece of wood and "see" something to come from it. He also had carved a little cat. He traced a picture of the cat on basswood, cut it out with a coping saw, and began his first attempt at carving in the round from a flat pattern. As he carved, he said he kept eyeing his own cat from time to time for details, which leads me to wonder what the cat was thinking when Jim was studying him... with a knife in his hand. The cat turned out very well - both the carving and the model.

Diann Small, Jo Cage, and Johnny Dunlap signed up for Set Up and Clean Up for our July meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th, at Woodcraft. See you then.

Shirley Newman
Secretary



Jim Roby



Tom Sarff



Clarence Born



Diann Small



Jim Mischel

Diann Small



Jim Mischel



Shirley Newman



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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