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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

## CTWA Officers 2012

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## Advisory Board

Gail Lynn..... '09

Joe Hill..... '08

Next meeting  
Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 PM  
at the Austin Woodcraft Store



Tom and Gail  
Posing after "award" ceremony

## Monthly Meeting Notes

Clarence Born, CTWA President, opened the Monthly Meeting of our Club Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. There were no visitors, however, the room was filled with carvers!

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$2,718.22, less an expenditure of \$261.64 for raffle items.

Clarence presented a large number of hearts that had been carved for the Threads-of-Love program to Gabi and Julius van Tassell. These are to be included in memory boxes given to parents of premature babies, and is an

## 2012 Blank of the Month Volunteers

July	Cruz Rendon
August	Lu Casaubon
September	Johnny Dunlap
October	Steve Echols
November	_____

ongoing program to support and comfort parents during those difficult times.

Dan Gillen gave an overview of the meeting with residents of Buckner Villas in Austin, requested by Charlie Boren, to promote an interest in wood carving. Dan reported that nine or so of our club members met with Buckner residents on May 31st with a show and tell presentation, covering basic information about the various types of wood carving, wood burning etc., and an opportunity for folks to view the carvings on display.

Diann Small reminded the group of John Engler's relief carving class which is scheduled for December 8, 9, and 10, with the 11th set aside to paint the finished work.

Congratulations were extended to Jim Mischel who won the novice Whittlin' Contest in New Braunfels with his carving of a Civil War hat!

Clarence Born encouraged those in attendance to consider volunteering to fill one of the Officer positions in the new year. Anyone interested may contact Clarence with any questions, or to express their interest for a specific position.

Tom Sarff turned the spotlight on Gail Lynn, who has been carving with Tom for some 20 years in our Club, and has also held positions such as Secretary, Vice President, and also has been in charge of raffles over the years. Tom presented Gail with a snake blank, a first aid kit, and in recognition of the "passing years"...a pair of reading glasses. She also received a carving of the short cowboy... mostly hat with boots showing. This was a well deserved and fun moment for all to share.

The show and tell table held many interesting items. Dan Gillen had carved a Kokopelli dancer from butternut which always finishes off so attractively. He had also carved a Santa face ornament, and a charming little teddy bear.

Diann Small brought a Santa carving she completed in a class taught by Adair and Patty Rucker during the week in New Braunfels. She carved the Santa with Adair, and painted the Santa using Patty's technique, resulting in a very impressive piece of work.

Diann had also completed a very colorful and attractive walking stick from aspen wood.

Buddy Streetman brought a realistic Big Horn Ram carving which reflected many hours of carving and painting.

Harvey Beauchemin had carved a polar bear stretched out on a rock, with a couple of fish nearby.

Clarence Born had carved some previous blanks of the month with little bears sitting atop cowboy boots, with two very tiny replicas also. He had also carved Santas on two pencils, one a plastic pencil and one from wood.

Jim Mischel had carved the 50th bird from his goal of 100 by year's end, each from a different type of wood. This one was from red tip photinia wood. He will continue his project as long as he can find different woods from which to carve his birds.

Following show and tell and the raffle, folks were encouraged to buy the blank of the month brought by Tom Sarff which was a folk art chicken/duck. Hope to see some finished by our next month meeting.

Our next monthly meeting will be Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Woodcraft Store in Austin.

Shirley Newman  
Secretary



Buddy Streetman



Harvey Beauchemin



Dan Gillen



Tom Sarff  
June BOM



Jim Mischel



Diann Small  
3 views of her  
Walking Staff



Clarence  
Born



Dan Gillen



Clarence Born 1.25 inches tall



Diann Small



Dan Gillen



Clarence Born

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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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