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Next Meeting Thursday April 12, 2007 7:00 PM
Austin Woodcraft Store



Chaz
Chapot

Clarence Born, President, opened our March meeting. Although there were no visitors or new members, several of our regulars had returned.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,904.19, with monthly newsletter costs yet to be paid from this amount.

Several upcoming carving opportunities were discussed, which included Gary Batte's class March 17 and 18, and Steve Prescott's 3-day class October 12, 13 and 14 which will cost \$100 plus \$42 for the blank.

Debbie Edwards will be teaching a carving class February 15, 16 and 17, 2008 The subject will be a horse head, with a cost of \$150 plus \$21 for the blank.

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild Spring Roundup will be held at Gillespie Fairgrounds in Fredericksburg April 22 to 28. Several of our group will be attending classes there during the week and will have interesting work to share at our May monthly meeting.

Notice - Canes for Veterans Project

Walter Wharton will have some cane kits with him in Fredericksburg during the Texas Woodcarvers Guild Spring Roundup. Walter will meet and carve with anyone who would like to carve one of the cane kit eagle heads Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. The club has been picking up the \$15 charge for rough outs for the canes if you are a CTWA member.



Tom
Sariff

The TWG Fall Extravaganza will be at the same location in Fredericksburg September 23 to 29.

And, throughout the coming months our club will be working on a project to be displayed at the TWG Fall Extravaganza, "Santa's Workshop". Some carving has begun on this project with lots of opportunities ahead to participate.

It was brought to our attention that several of the go-bys, or castings, brought by those teaching classes in the past, are missing. If you have been using one of these go-bys for your at-home carving, please return it to the club so it can then be returned to the rightful owner.

Show and Tell time brought a variety of interesting items. JoAnne Cage and Diann Small had completed their polar bear carvings from the class led by Debbie Edwards. Included in the class was the technique for bleaching the wood, resulting in the white polar bear. Lovely work.

Diann Small had completed and painted the daisy which was a recent blank of the month. A nice reminder that spring is nearly here.

Clarence Born had carved a few more little wooden toys for our club Santa's Workshop project, and had also carved the Longhorn which was a blank of the month from last year.



Tom Sariff

It was good to have Tom Sariff back from his travels. He had some interesting pieces including a caricature moose which he had mounted on a block of wood as the moose's head outweighed the remainder of its body. He had also carved a wobbly legged drunken moose which also, obviously, was a caricature. Tom carved a Santa from a Stu Martin blank and actually painted it himself. Good paint job, too, Tom. His original carving from an odd shaped piece of wood won second place in a carving contest, once again showing his expertise as an imaginative wood carver.

Chaz Chapot had completed an eagle head cane in keeping with the cane project for war veterans. This was a reminder that this project continues, as the canes are so well received and appreciated by those who deserve them most.

Shelton Ashley had carved and painted a caricature cowboy from Steve Prescott's class. This was a fine example of the skills and techniques acquired by participating in these classes.

Dwight Vance brought a set of heads with various facial expressions to show what type of carvings will be done should Steve Prescott teach this class in the future.

Johanne Morin brought her work in progress, a torso sculpture carved from California redwood, which will be mounted on a walnut base to accentuate the piece.

And last, but not least, Jim Roby had carved a little monkey with a cap which will be the April blank of the month. Not an item to be carved totally at one sitting, but a fun piece to work on.

JoAnne Cage, Joe Garcia, and Bill Buckler signed up to prepare the meeting space for our next monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 12. See you then.

March CTWA Meeting Notes
by Shirley Newman



Johanna Morin
Work in progress



Diann Small



Sorry - Carver's Name not recorded



Clarence Born



Jo Anne Cage



Tom Sariff



These six carvings were produced by Dwight Vance in a Steve Prescott class. Steve plans to teach this class in Austin October 12, 13, and 14. Six different expressions are carved in this 3-day class. That's one different expression each half day. 3 full days are required for this class. \$100 for tuition and \$7 for each blank for a total \$142 for the class. Contact Shelton Ashley, or Clarence Born to reserve a spot. Six currently signed up. We need 10 to hold this class. It would be good to have a few alternates to fill last minute drop outs.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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