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## Advisory Board

Bill Buckler .....	'06
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Buddy Streetman .....	'03-04
Jim Roby .....	'02

**Next Meeting November 8, 2007 7:00 PM  
Austin Woodcraft Store**

Dottie Dunlap will be demonstrating woodburning of a standing angel Christmas decoration at the November meeting.

**Bring your woodburners**

## Christmas Party December 7

Our Club Christmas party will be Friday December 7, 6:30 PM at the Walnut Creek Optimists clubhouse 505 Ferguson Drive, Austin 78753

Meat and beverages will be provided.

If your last name begins with A thru E please bring a dessert  
If your last name begins with F thru N please bring a salad  
If your last names begins with O thru Z please bring a vegetable dish

There will be a show and tell table so bring your items to display.

At the November meeting Dottie Dunlap will be asking for volunteers for other party tasks



Bob  
Allen



Buddy  
Streetman

**October CTWA meeting notes** by Shirley Newman

Clarence Born, Club President, opened our October meeting Thursday evening, the 11th. Two new members were welcomed, Lu Casaubon and Richard Evans.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$1,219.41 after cane kits and newsletter expenses had been paid.

Clarence reminded club members that club patches are available for \$2.00 each.

Diann Small brought 12 cane kits, purchased by the club, for members to carve for distribution to veterans. This is a very meaningful ongoing project which has already touched the lives of so many deserving veterans.



Sue Sweeney

The Club's "Santa's Workshop" display received a lot of attention at the recent TWG Show in Fredericksburg. The display will be placed in the Round Rock Senior Center for a period of time, and a number of other locations are in the planning stage such as the Round Rock Library. Hats off to all those who worked so diligently to make this project a success!

Steve Prescott's "Expressions" class was scheduled for October 12, 13 and 14, so we are anticipating some interesting results at our November meeting from those participating.

There will not be a meeting the second Thursday night in December because of the party on the 7th.

It's time to elect officers for our club for 2008. Candidates will be voted upon at our November 8th meeting.

We had a good representation at the Texas Woodcarvers Guild fall classes and show. Most, if not all, of the submissions by our club members for judging at the show received red, blue, or white ribbons, with some merit awards also. Dottie Dunlap received five blue ribbons for her projects, and one merit award also. Congratulations to all who entered!

Several items and a number of magazines which had built up in our Club cabinet were available free to club members at the close of the meeting.

Following the raffle, items brought for show and tell were viewed by those present. As a picture is worth a thousand words, we are fortunate to have photos of the carvings in our newsletter, taken by Sue Sweeney, to give more visible credit to the time and work involved in each item.

Jake Heugel brought an Aspen staff with animal heads carved on the knots. Nothing goes to waste, and this wood makes an attractive cane.

Buddy Streetman brought his most realistic indian bust which was awarded a red ribbon in Fredericksburg, and also the polar bear which I believe had a bleached finish, which received a blue ribbon.

Jim Roby's mask which he shared with us a couple of months ago, won a blue ribbon at the Show, and his impressive lynx received a red ribbon.

Sue Sweeney finished a cane in Fredericksburg which she had begun at an earlier time with an attractive stain finish. She also carved a lovely calla lily spoon, and a humorous Santa ornament.



Jake Heugel



Dan Gillen

Dan Gillen had carved and painted a caricature cowboy, a favorite among carvers and well done.

Bill Buckler designed and carved two knife holders from our blank of the month recently brought by Gail Lynn.



Bill Buckler

Bob Allen carved and painted a very realistic owl, and also shared a cross with a nativity scene designed in the center, produced with a scroll saw.



Jim Roby

Newt LeBlanc brought a woodburned train scene which he said was his second attempt at woodburning. Keep up the good work, Newt.

Shirley Newman brought her "Old World Santa" carved in Lem Smith's class in Fredericksburg.



Buddy Streetman

Following show and tell, Gary Roberts gave a very interesting and detailed demonstration of his wood buffing system. Each step brought a more lovely finish to the two demo bases he was working on, and he had a captive audience. Thanks, Gary, for preparing and sharing this technique with our group.



Bob Allen

Remember our next monthly meeting Thursday evening, November 8th, and also mark your calendars for our Christmas party Friday, December 7th.



Jim Roby



Newt LeBlanc





Sue Sweeney

**Bird Blanks for Sale**

Bob Allen has a collection of bird blanks for sale from \$5 to \$20. Most blanks come with carving, feathering and painting instructions. Call Bob Allen, 6521 Burnet Ln. #109, Austin, Tx 78757, (512) 454-5925 or 468-3852. If no answer leave message.

**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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