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HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS

Newsletter

November Class

This month's class will be carving a Santa Bulb Ornament with John Curcio. Bring your carving knife and gouges. The cost is \$5.



Bring Your Christmas Carvings Saturday

Please bring your carved Christmas ornaments to the meeting this Saturday, November 19, 2011. We will sell them at our booth at the Tomball German Christmas Market December 9-11, 2011 at the Tomball Community Center. This is our main fundraiser this year for our charities. Any style carving is OK. Ornaments can also be wood burned. In the round carvings are also good – Santa's, snowmen, angels, reindeer, elves. The carvings should have a finish (natural or painted). If you have other carvings you would like to donate, please bring them also. To donate a percentage of your carving's sale price to the club, see Carolyn Smith to make prior arrangements.

There will be a prize drawing for those who donate carvings. Each Christmas ornament or carving gets one ticket. At our Christmas party in December we will draw three tickets and the winners will receive a prize. Preston and Carolyn Smith will collect the carvings and give out the prize tickets.

We will also have a sign-up sheet to work the booth. The hours are 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Friday, 10:00 am-10:00 pm Saturday, and 10:00 am-6:00 pm Sunday. We need volunteers to sign up.

The Tomball German Christmas Market website is
www.tomballgermanfest.org .

President's Message

I am writing this while fighting the mosquitoes and thinking I may be losing.

We had a great meeting, even though we were not in the annex as we were lead to believe, but it all worked out.

Several subjects were brought up at the meeting. Some of the subjects brought comments and some brought no comments.

The first thing brought up was the club needs a new sign. The sign need to be one we can carry to the many events/venues we go to and smaller than the one we have (yes smaller than a car). We had an example of size and style of letters, and ask for comments (so far no comments). I will try and have a letter sample cut out for our next meeting.

The next subject was the show and tell table. Next year, to help generate more interest and things brought in for the show and tell table, we will have a drawing every 3 months. Everyone who brings in a show and tell item will receive a ticket and a drawing will be held, the winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Rocklers. This should give us 3 drawings next year.

The subject which brought us the most silence and may have been the less popular was CLUB ELECTIONS. We will hold nominations at the November meeting and vote next January 2012 for officers. I have done this to give anyone who is overcome with Christmas Spirit, or fills up on Christmas Spirit, a chance to jump in and change the course of history.

Everyone needs to bring their Christmas ornaments next meeting for our club table at Tomball in December.

A reminder, next month is December and our Christmas party and carving exchange. We will talk about this next meeting.

November brings our Silent Auction, so please bring something to put in the auction.

I would also like to thank JoAn and Lorraine for their help in the Carving Demo we gave at Rocklers October 29.

See everyone at the meeting.

Ronnie

Fall Show Report

The 40th show was a big success! Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and working at the show and who had display tables. We had 26 display tables – more than in the last several years.

We had 7 sponsors this year: Fan

Carvers' World, Rockler, Woodcraft, Sun Belt Group LP, The Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop, John & Marie Curcio, Lorraine Lewis, and Preston & Carolyn Smith. There were 3 vendors: The Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop, Moore Roughouts, and Danny Reb.

We had more expenses this year – mainly building rental. So we tried new things: registration fee for the classes on Friday, slightly higher price for display tables and competition entries, and a different way of doing the raffles. We offered a multi-table discount for display tables – this was not used enough to make it

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worth the extra bookkeeping, so we will not do it again. Zane Bumguardner sold the most tickets for the Fan Bird Raffle – thanks Zane! John Curcio won the bird. Because of our sponsors, the raffles and more display tables we made a little money on the show.

Classes on Friday were a lot of fun. We had 29 people sign up but 4 had to cancel. We need your suggestions for classes and instructors for next year. We also would like for you to think about having 2 day classes. If we have 2 day classes we may be able to get instructors with larger projects.

Whittling Contest: The novice carvers were given a rough shape of a fish and told to carve "something aquatic". First place went to Marie Curcio, second place to Zane Bumguardner and third place to Angie Barnes. The Open class (more experienced carvers) were given a 1 x 1-1/2" block of wood with a chain in one end and told to "carve something" — whatever they imagined. First place went to Fred Carter, second place to Fred Stratton, and third place to Helen Havemann. Honorable Mention went to Preston Smith. Hey You Glass won the First Blood Award.

Competition Winners:

Best Display Table: Joe Perkins

Best of Show: Joe Perkins – Santa & Mrs. Claus

People's Choice: Fred Carter – Realistic Indian Bust

Pastor's Choice: Hey You Glass – Abstract Found Wood

We're working on getting photos and the full list of winners on the web site.

Thanks everybody for a great show!

Carolyn Smith

Show and Tell



Judy Guy carved this hummingbird in Donna Menke's class recently. After carving it, she woodburned it and put on four coats of paint.



David Gibson carved this Rocking Labrador with a chainsaw in soft maple. He will put a urethane finish on it when he is done. He wants to carve the eyes instead of using glass eyes.



Charles Glass (Hey You) carved this found wood. He found it sticking out of ashes in a pile of burned wood at Canyon Lake. This carving won Pastor's Choice at our recent show.



Evelyn Goertz carved this beautiful Santa in Adair and Patty Rucker's class at Kerrville this Fall. She said it was a nice class and she enjoyed it.





Terry Kirschke carved the stylized wren (lighter one) this year. The darker one was carved last year.



Fred Stratton carved the Canvasback duck here in the duck class. The top (left), he turned from pecan wood, so he carved a pecan on top.



JoAn Brueggeman carved the Mesa Verde bark carving, miniature Frankenstein, candle holder and spoon at Kerrville classes. The angel was a night class. She chip carved the box she purchased from Michaels.



See us on the Web:
houstonareawoodcarvers.com

The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

