

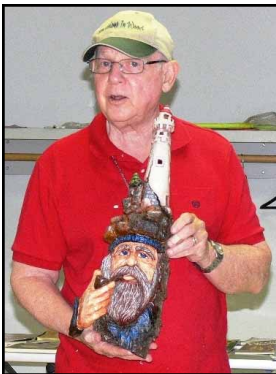
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# HAWC Newsletter

Houston Area Woodcarvers



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## Bark Carving with Fred Carter

Fred Carter will teach bark carving at the meeting this Saturday, April 21, 2012. Fred is shown here with his 1st place Fisherman & Lighthouse. In class he will show us how to carve his Elf House Christmas Ornament (see Show & Tell for a project photo). The blanks will be precut to make the carving go faster. Get your place early because this should be a very popular class. See Fred for the class fee.

## Long Time Member Elmo McCoy (1925–2012)

Our friend and fellow carver Elmo McCoy passed away on March 10, 2012. He was born on March 31, 1925 in Eufaula, OK.. Elmo is survived by his wife of 66 years, Reba Ruth Garrett McCoy and children Gerald Franklin McCoy, Rebecca Lynne Murchison and Gregory Malcolm McCoy. He was preceded in death by son Gary Alan McCoy. Elmo is also survived by eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. As so aptly stated in the March 13th obituary in the Houston Chronicle, "His gentle heart, passion for life and artistry will be missed by all that loved him." Elmo was a frequent participant in Show and Tell at HAWC meetings. His wonderful sense of humor made us laugh, and even when he was not feeling well, he always had a kind word to say to others. He will be sorely missed by all.



### 2012 SCHEDULE

- April—Christmas Bark Carving, Fred Carter
- May—Joe Perkins
- June—Fan Bird, Fred Childers
- July—Preston Smith
- August—Leroy Miller
- September—Club Show
- October—Stylized Bird, Terry Kirschke
- November—Fred Stratton
- December—Party

## President's Message

We start off with some sad news for those who missed the meeting or who have not heard. Elmo McCoy passed away on March 10. Our prayers go out to his family.

We had several visitors: Ruth Jones, Bob Leonard and Josh Jackson. It was nice to have you visit and you are always welcome back; we enjoyed meeting you.

Thanks to Mike Moskau for giving us his knife making class. I saw several very nice knives come out of the class and am sure we will see them next month.

The first Show & Tell drawing for a \$25 gift card winner was Dave Kissinger. The next drawing will be at the June meeting. Remember, to be part of the drawing you must bring in a item or items for the Show & Tell table.

We have had six carved letters returned for our new Club Sign and they look really good. Please remember all letters are due back by the May meeting.

We will be having our Annual Club Silent Auction in June. Please see Lorraine Lewis for details and to arrange for donations.

There are several things we need to start thinking about and start working on as a Club.

We will be having our charity table at Tomball this year and will need carvings we can sell. We need carvings to build up our stock for this year, and it is never too late to start carving to help out.

Club Dues are due so if you have not paid your dues for 2012 please do. Your dues go towards helping the Club.

This is an early reminder that this year, due to Club charter, we have to elect new officers. Everyone needs to start thinking about this subject; more on this later on.

We plan to start our monthly raffle next month; we will have one or two items each month. It will be 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. If anyone wishes to donate items please bring them to me.

I will not be at the meeting this April, so I'll see everyone in May. Pat Felder will conduct the meeting in my absence.

Ronnie

**LEFT CARVING: There was a carving left on the show and tell table, I have it and you can pick it up next meeting.**

## Painting Class with Artist A. J. Schexnayder

The class will be conducted on July 21 and August 18, 2012 at Bayland Community Center. It will be held in the room adjoining the regular meeting room for the class

only.

Times will be 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with approximately 45 minutes for lunch.

Tentative schedule will be

July 21: Use of Watercolor and Gouache in painting

August 18: Use of Acrylic, Watercolor, and Gouache and combinations in painting

## Painting Class with Artist A. J. Schexnayder (continued)

Cost of the class is \$65.00 per session for a total of \$130.00. A \$20 deposit is required to hold a place in the class. The balance is to be paid when the class begins.

Student attendance will be a minimum of 8 students to a maximum of 12 students.

A.J. Schexnayder will supply supplies such as adequate paint, brushes and paper for use in the workshop exercises. Birch plywood (8"x10") will be available or bring your own practice carving for painting.

A. J. Schexnayder's DVD "Watercolor Start to Finish"

will be available for purchase.

Registration deadline is June 16, 2012. See Preston and Carolyn Smith or a club representative to register for the class.

For additional information see [www.ajschexnayder.com](http://www.ajschexnayder.com).

## Show & Tell



Dave Kissinger finished his Canvas-back from our class with Jim Berry and Buddy Ives. He used the Cedar Waxwing casting as a guide for painting his carving in the Bob Guge class in Aransas Pass. Dave carved the Goldfinch from a blank and used web photos as references for painting it.

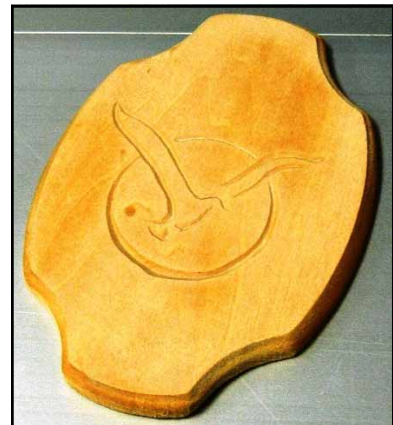




Joe Perkins brought 4 Angels as examples of what we will carve in his May class. He may use butternut with basswood wings.

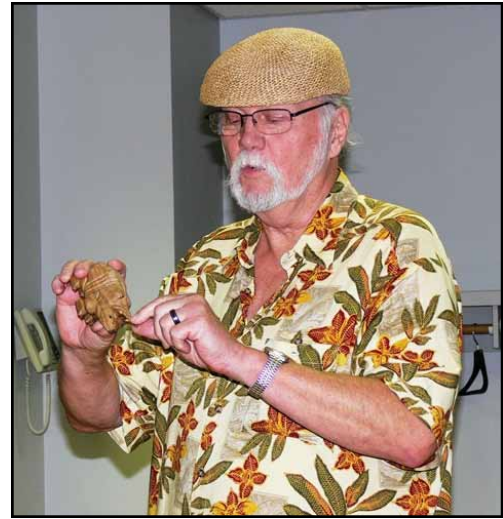


JoAn Brueggeman chip carved this rose from a pattern Evelyn Goertz gave her. The dove was chip carved using only 7 cuts.



Fred Stratton started carving this turtle last month. He used a water based wood stain and satin finish on top of that.

Charles Glass carved this “pig/rhino/Hippo/whatever” from mahogany. It is his 61st carving this year. This is a little pig that was stressed.



Fred Carter brought 3 of his bark carved Christmas ornaments: an Elf House, 3 turtles on top of each other, and a Santa. He will be teaching the Elf House bark carving in April (this month). He also showed us his 1st place bark carving from Aransas Pass. It is a fisherman and lighthouse with dowels used for the rail.



Berny Alvarez made these comfort birds from a pattern in Woodcarving Illustrated, Issue 57, Holiday 2011. Magnets on each bird hold them on the metal bar. The Angel pattern he carved was from the same magazine. He made the frog from pine.





## See us on the Web:

[houstonareawoodcarvers.com](http://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.

