

# Houston Area Woodcarvers

## Newsletter



**Reminder: bring your checkbooks if you are taking the Seurkamp class.**

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## Relief Cross Carving with Harry Seurkamp



Harry Seurkamp from Whitney, Texas will teach a class on relief carving a cross this Saturday, November 19, 2016. The class will meet in the little room next to us at the back of our usual meeting place. We begin at 9 AM and continue until 3 PM. Please bring your lunch or a snack with you. The cost of the class is \$55, cash or check.

The following people are signed up for the class: Ronnie B., Evelyn G., Dianah & Glenn M., Judy G., Lorraine L., Joanne & Leroy M., JoAn B., Angie B., Marie S., Mike C., Helen H., Shelley K., Kenan S., Nancy B., Bobby & Dolores G. Please check with Harry at the beginning of class if you are interested in any open slots.

## Thanks from Buddy Ives, Show Chair

This is simply a quick thank you to everyone who participated in the 45<sup>th</sup> HAWC Show Sale and Competition. The tables looked good with your carvings and the carvings in the competition were exceptionally good. Many of those carvings would have been stand outs at any

show.

Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped set up Friday evening and take down Saturday after the show, as well as those who were instrumental in the show organization during the months and weeks leading up to the show.

Further, a special thanks to our show sponsors—Woodcraft (North and South), Rockler, Houston Hardwoods and the Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop. Let's not forget the donation made to honor the special sponsor—Lorraine Lewis.

# President's and VP's Message



Hello Everyone,

Time for our monthly meeting this Saturday the 19th. This will be the meeting we discuss plans for our Christmas party, so you will sure want to be there.

If that wasn't enough reason, Harry Seurkamp is going to come down to do his very

nice relief carving class. This is the first time in quite a while the teacher comes to us instead of having to travel to them.

We need a few good folks to step up and commit to some open positions for next year as well, Dave will be happy to talk to you.

So gather your tools and projects and come to this meeting!

Joe

The November meeting is the time for selecting the officers and volunteers for next year. We still need at least one volunteer for Vice-President and Secretary. These are essential positions.

We also would like to have

the older members join a show executive group to discuss the strategic objective of the show before the planning for next years begins. This will not be a huge commitment but those that have seen the various versions of the show over the many years are needed just to discuss and reaffirm or suggest changes as a result of the realities of today. Big topics like new member activities, do we continue to sell, do we look for a better place, etc. This is your chance to make your input.

We still need other volunteers on the list. Volunteer groups always need help. Please step up if you can.

Dave

## Demo at George Ranch Texian Days

Preston and Carolyn Smith, Mike Moeskau, Bobby and Dolores Gonzalez, Lorraine Lewis and Mike Crosson represented HAWC at George Ranch's Texian Days October 21 and 22 to promote wood carving. The weather was

wonderfully cool on both Friday and Saturday. Friday was "school day" and there were about 55 school buses of kids and sponsors and other people — around 4,000 total. Saturday was general public day and there were

around 3,000 people at Texian Days.

Our display was in the 1830's area at the blacksmith shop. We were both inside and outside under a lean to. Lunch was provided for us both

# Demo at George Ranch Texian Days (cont.)

days and an appreciation dinner on Saturday night.

The school kids were very curious about the carvings we were working on and the carvings on display. The questions they asked were very intelligent and they listened respectfully.

More people came to our display when they saw us actually carving. They were impressed with our club sign.

One little girl wanted to know why only one letter was painted. I explained that each letter was carved by a different person and someone had to be different and paint their letter. One of the more popular questions was "how much does this cost?" Some people told us that they remember their grandfathers carving and it was a dying art. Several times you could feel people watching, not saying anything. I'd look up and realize I was being pho-

tographed. Kids and adults were interested in learning how to carve. Several asked about lessons and we encouraged them to come to our meetings.

Thank you Mike, Bobby, Dolores, Lorraine and Mike for helping to promote wood carving and HAWC. Perhaps we can do it again next year and encourage even more people to give wood carving a try.





## Show and Tell

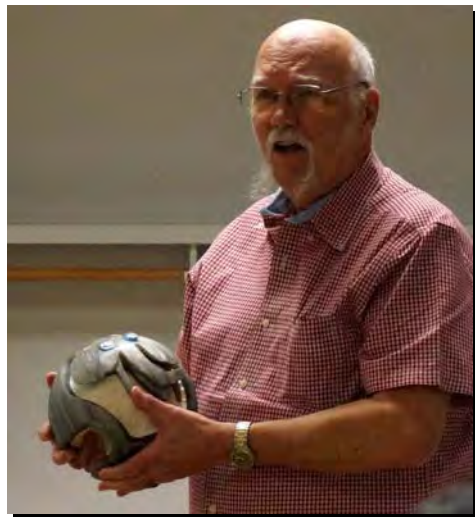


JoAn Brueggeman:  
Chip Carvings





Bob Zellers: birds, rabbit, dog



Charles Glass: bowling ball elephant



Fred Childers: Icicles



Thanks to Dave Kissinger for his sharpening class.

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.

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