

HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS

REGULAR MEETINGS RESUME

President's Message

The last time the Houston Area Woodcarvers had a regular or normal meeting was February 2020. By my calculations that was the last time members and non-members got together, except for several small carving gatherings that brought a few members out to share carvings and stories. It's now time to get back together for a real meeting.

Circle March 20 on your calendar. That's the third Saturday of the month and the date of our regular meeting day. This month we will re-start HAWC regular or normal meetings at Bayland Community Center. The time will be the usual 9 am to 2 pm. We will have the usual carving time, a business meeting and a carving class. Hopefully, we will have our regular "beginners" table.

Mike Crosson will bring his creative talents and carving skills to the class table. Last year, Mike was prepared to teach a Scalloped Shell before the meetings were cancelled. As a result, he's already prepared to teach that class at the March meeting.

Bayland still has restrictions on occupancy, which will accommodate our normal meeting size. It is recommended you bring a face mask. You might bring disinfectant with your carving supplies. And bring a carving or two for the "Show and Tell" time.

Lorraine Lewis reports the Thursday group re-started its carving time at Bayland. For those who want to arrive early, she will be ready to carve at 3:30 pm. Others can arrive at the usual time. Lorraine also reports coffee will be available at the March 20 meeting. Perhaps that means do-nuts will be available. I know there will be cookies.

Looking ahead, the 50th annual HAWC Show, Sale and Competition plans are moving forward. As usual, the date is the third Saturday of October at Faith Lutheran Church. The Show date is October 16 with carving classes scheduled the preceding Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (October 13-15). You may recall the decision was made a couple of years back to always hold the Show on the third

Saturday of October. That date goes back to the first years of the Show.

As for 2021 Show classes, Orlando Villarreal is scheduled to teach his aquatic and wildlife wood sculptures, and we are waiting on word from Rich Wetherbee. For a third class schedule, Dallas Deege will teach one day and Carolyn Halbrook will teach two days. Orlando and Rich were scheduled to teach last year, as was Carolyn. Orlando reports he has a couple of new projects to teach.

As a reminder, if you paid HAWC dues in 2020, those dues will be carried over for 2021. If those dues payers elect to pay 2021 dues, those dues will be counted as donations. Several active members have made donations. Further, if you didn't pay 2020 dues, you can pay 2021 dues starting with the March meeting.

Stay healthy and see you March 20.

Buddy



Proposed Class for March ,2021

The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet from 9am-2pm, usually on the 3rd Saturday each month. We will meet this month on March 20, 2021. We meet at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

See us on the Web:

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