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Houston Area Woodcarvers

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Newsletter

JUNE'S MEETING IS THE 3rd SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

President's Message

I'm dreaming of cooler weather even though summer really isn't here yet — and the Christmas in July Carving contest helps me think cool! My entry is still in the "design stage". I hope you are further along with your entry. (See last page for contest rules.)

We missed the May meeting, but it was exciting to hear that we had some visitors and returning members and that our new location worked well. Thank you, Lance Rath, for filling in for us and leading the meeting.

This month we will start another community service project: carving crosses for Faith Lutheran Day School's wall of crosses. Just how big is this wall??? Ronnie Boston will be bringing patterns/blanks — thanks Ronnie. It was suggested we donate the crosses for Easter, that means we need to

complete them by March or sooner.

If you haven't sent Carolyn your updated contact information for the club directory, it's not too late. There will be a few printed copies at the meeting, and it will be emailed to current members.

Plans are progressing for our 55th Fall Show, Sale and Competition. Show registrations are coming this month. Class registration will follow soon. All of us have something to show off. It doesn't have to be perfect or finished. Unfinished projects show visitors how we create our masterpieces! And gives us something to talk about. Just think of the show as one big Show and Tell day. We'll have a sign-up sheet for committees this month; it's not too early to think about how you can help on show day and before.

Most of all we hope you are enjoying carving at our meetings, at home and at small groups. Happy Carving! And keep the chips flying.

Carolyn & Preston Smith

Monthly Project (Mini-class)

June will be carving crosses for the Wall of Crosses. Volunteers are still needed to provide projects for August, September and January.

Sunshine Corner

Kevin Lawson sends greetings. He is still on restrictions and unable to come to meetings. Kevin is hoping to return in a couple of months. Welcome back Bill Todd; we're glad you came. Thanks for coming Neal Buso and Victoria Pellicano we hope you come again.

Show and Tell

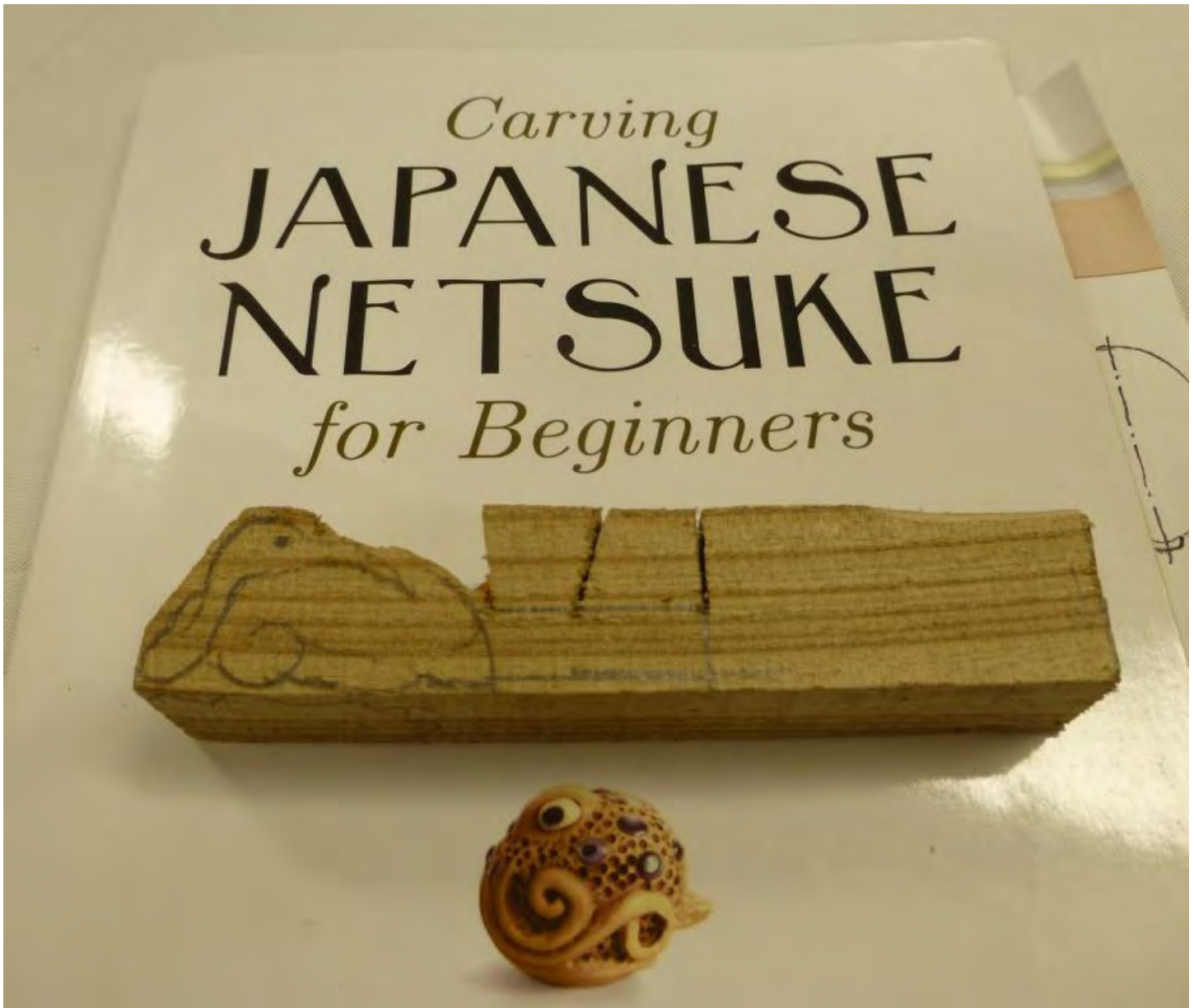


Ronnie Boston: eggs he bought at garage sale for \$1.00



Fred Childers: bears he carved in Lance's class

Show and Tell



Fred Childers: block in the middle is the start of his netsuke.

They are Japanese Collector's items. In the past they were used to hold a bag because they did not use belts. Many have inlays and can be very elaborate.

Show and Tell



Lance Rath: Osprey bust

Show and Tell



Lance Rath: Loggerhead Shrike or
"butcher bird."



Christmas in July Carving Contest

- Carve a Christmas ornament from a basswood hen egg.
 - Any style carving and/or wood burning.
 - Must have a way to hang it on a Christmas tree.
 - Judging will be at the July meeting by popular vote.
 - One entry per person.
- Ornaments will be donated to the NWCA Share & Care Campaign.

The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Faith Lutheran Church Day School Community Center, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX

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