



# NEWSLETTER

## HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS



### May 16, 2009 Classes



#### Woodburning with Carolyn Smith: Bird on a Branch

The photo shows a relief carving, but this will be the pattern for the woodburning project. A variable heat woodburner is required, and there will be a few available to borrow.

Cost: \$5 for board with pattern.



#### Carving with Preston Smith: Stylized Hummingbird

These hummingbirds are great projects for beginning and intermediate carvers. Requires knife, gouges and glove.

Cost: \$5 for roughout.



### June 20, 2009 Classes

The June classes will be "Painting Your Woodcarvings" with Sandy Gross and "Carving a Simple Ornament" with Pete Reittinger.

[houstonsareawoodcarvers.com](http://houstonsareawoodcarvers.com)



## Thank You and Welcome



### Thank You JoAn Brueggeman

Thank you JoAn Brueggeman for teaching chip carving last month. There were 18 students; Claudia Edwards said we had a “large group of Wanna Be Chip Carvers; ... JoAn is such a good teacher, that we are lucky to have her helping us along.” Pete Reittinger said of JoAn, “I will always remember that you were the one who let me borrow a knife, and started me down the carving path. And I am sure, with time, the rest of the carving community will forgive you this past indiscretion. Thank you also on behalf of HAWC and the BSA for volunteering at the last minute to be a merit badge instructor.”

### Welcome Visitors & New Members

Last month we had a lot of visitors from the woodworkers club; Julian Barr and Arthur Thompson. One of the woodworkers became a new member; welcome Jeff Teter. We also had a few visitors from “The Woodworking Show”: Norman Landry from the Society of Period Furniture Makers, and a new member Peter Miao. Jim and Claudia Edwards brought their grandson James Meaux. Towards the end of the meeting we were visited by Nancy Condrey, who also joined the club. We hope that you all had a good time and will return. And if there is anything the club can do to help you with your carving, let us know.

## President's Notes

It is my hope that everyone enjoys our meetings, and that they achieve the goals of our club: to promote woodcarving, and foster the skills of our members. Our monthly classes are a big part of these goals. For this reason I plan to expand the class offerings at the meetings. We will try to have two classes at every meeting. The class sizes will be limited, to be fair to the instructors and students, but now students will have options.

As a consequence of the additional classes, we need more instructors. As funny as it sounds, teaching is a really good way to learn how to carve. Projects do not have to be complicated or original. Pick something that interests you, carve a dozen and you will be the expert. Share the project with the club, and everyone will learn. Pete Reittinger



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## Carving Contest Endings and Beginnings

The first carving contest of the year ends this month. Judging will be by popular vote. In the novice class, the objective is to turn a 2”X2”X6” block into something that makes you think of Spring by any means possible. In the open class the objective is to turn a carpenter’s pencil into a work of art. Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if your work isn’t completed. All entries will be returned at the end of the contest.

At the same time we are starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> carving contest of the year: “Summertime Christmas.” There will be a novice and an open class again, and the objective will be to carve, burn or saw a wooden Christmas ornament. You can enter as many ornaments as you want, and the prize will increase with the number of entries. All entries will be sold for our annual charity.

## HAWC Meeting: April 18, 2009

### Old Business:

E-Newsletter: The funds saved by each Newsletter that is transmitted electronically will be put into a fund for a Club Sharpening System and Contest Expenses. On the flip side, if the e-newsletter isn’t working for you, just let Pete know and he can resume sending one to you by mail.

Pat Felder reported on Memorial Trees. He checked with Bayland Park officials: for a one-time expense of \$75, they will purchase an oak tree 8 to 10 feet tall and 2 inches in diameter. They plant it and water it twice a week for a year. If it dies they replace it. They don’t allow plaques, but we could make a Memorial Certificate with the location of the tree and give it to a family member. Discussion followed. We need a list of people we wish to honor and the contact information.

Carolyn Smith spoke about the Fall Show. We need to get ready for the Competition and Whittling contests, and look for prize donors. Use your club business card to solicit for money or prizes.

### New Business:

Norman Landry of the Society of American Period Furniture Makers spoke about a carving instructor for his group, who will be in Houston early September, and could teach us as well. Her Website is [MaryMayCarving.com](http://MaryMayCarving.com). She specializes in reliefs, busts and architectural carving. She carved the Capitals on the renovated Shakespeare’s Theater. Landry’s group usually suggests a project and sends her the details. She sends class members a rough out and instructions prior to the class. In class, she helps the less experienced students by using their carvings to demo, and this keeps everyone at the same pace. Usually the cost is \$45 for a two-day class.

Next month the next three-month contest begins. The theme is Christmas in July. The entries will become property of the club, for sale to raise money for our Charitable donations.

JoAn had a card that was sent as a Thank You from Leola Bingham.



## Continued: Minutes for April 18, 2009

**Glenn Miller is the new Vice President of the Club, by unanimous approval of the members.**

Solicitations for work: 1) Texturing a scalloped edging on a fireplace mantle,

2) Relief of a dog

Finances: Club Account Balance and Special Blake Fund were reviewed.

### Visitors:

- James Meaux, grandson of Jim and Claudia Edwards
- John Curcio's wife Marie
- Norman Landry – from the Society of American Period Furniture Makers (photo unavailable)
- Julian Barr and Jeff Teter from the Houston Woodworkers Club
- Arthur Thompson (photo unavailable)

### New Members:

- Nancy Condrey
- Peter Miao
- Jeff Teter

### Door prize:

Shredder was won by Patrick Felder.

Respectfully Submitted by Claudia Edwards, April 18th, 2009.



Glenn Miller, Vice-President



Patrick Felder

## Visitors



Marie Curcio



James Meaux



Julian Barr



## New Members



Nancy Condrey



Peter Miao



Jeff Teter

## The Texas Woodcarver's Guild Roundup

Several members of HAWC were present at the TWG Spring Roundup in Kerrville, Texas this April 27 thru May 2, 2009. Those enjoying the activities were Patty Lovelady, Eva Lovelady, Glenn Miller, Dianah Miller, Terry Kirschke, Lin Swalley, JoAn Brueggeman, Shelley Key, Helen Havemann, Ronnie Boston and wife Maro, Carolyn and Preston Smith and their friend Jerry Holbrook, Dallas and Donna Deege, Butch Wilken, and Herb Teesdale. Dallas Deege convinced several of us to participate in the carving contest. Our own Terry Kirschke placed second in the novice category and Dallas Deege won first place in the open category (for the third time).

Four TWG members (Don Hartt, Stu Martin, Dave Stetson and Dallas Deege) had shaved their heads to support Dallas and Donna's grandson Blake. The highlight of the meeting was when Robert Miles had a haircut. He started with a full head of hair, unlike the other four, he said. The most emotional moment of the entire week was at the banquet Saturday night. George Vaughan (owner of the Tool Box) thanked everyone for their prayers, calls and e-mails regarding his injured wife Charlotte. Our prayers for her recovery must have been answered, because she is able to sit up in bed and is back in Texas starting an intensive rehabilitation program. She does not remember many things, including names of some friends, but she has made remarkable improvement. See their website at [texaswoodcarversguild.com](http://texaswoodcarversguild.com) /for more information on the TWG Spring or Fall Roundup or to join.

During TWG we spoke with President Jimmy Roethemeyer and Secretary Robert Rab of the Brazoria Co. Woodcarvers. They said some of their members plan to visit us at our meeting soon. They invited us to attend their meetings any time; they meet at 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday each month at the Brazoria Co. Library, 620 South Brooks (Hwy. 36), Brazoria, TX; library telephone 979-798-2372.



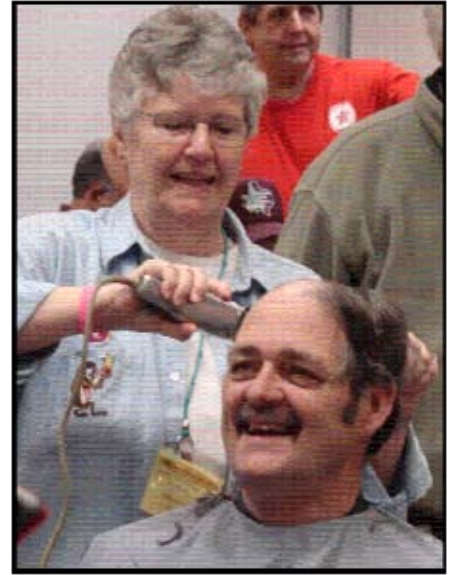
## TWG Roundup Photos



Terry Kirschke



Dallas Deege



Robert Miles



HAWC Group Picture



# Show & Tell

Charles Glass  
made a self-  
portrait



Rosa Hale  
had a duck



Berny made a  
large lacey fan  
with cigar box  
sample wood





Fred Stratton showed a cowboy caricature with a wood stained finish



Norman Landry brought a rack and instructions, for holding Swiss-made tools.

## Have Used Knives, Tools, Gloves You're Not Using?

Consider donating your used knife or tool that you no longer use, or that glove that you replaced because it is worn or full of holes. We can buff up the knife and sew up the holes in the glove and put them to good use at the beginner's table.





2009 Date	Carving Event	Location
Oct. 2-3	Houston Area Woodcarvers Club Show	Trader's Village, Houston
Oct. 11-16	Texas Woodcarvers Guild Fall Roundup	Inn of the Hills, Kerrville
Oct. 17-18	Texas State Championship Show & Sale	YO Resort, Kerrville

You may submit original photos or articles for possible use in the newsletter by e-mail to [bigfig6@comcast.net](mailto:bigfig6@comcast.net). Deadline is the 1st for that month's newsletter.

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## Club Officers

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

