



# Houston Area Woodcarvers

# Newsletter

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## April Class: Make Your Own Carving Knife with Mike Moeskau

Mike has been making his own knives for many years, and now so can you. Mike will show you what to do and provide all the materials you'll need. This is a chance to add a custom made knife to your tool collection. Cost: \$20

## Thank You and Welcome

Alan Macias brought his father Miguel and brother Lucas. Joey Knight brought his family Sabrina, Joshua and Elisa. Glad you came to visit us. Henry Napastiuk from Manitoba also visited us. Thanks for coming. We were happy to welcome visitors Carl and Barbara Hand and Zane Bumguardner also.

Thanks to Judy Guy for the tasty cookie bars. Thanks to Lorraine Lewis, John Curcio and Ronnie Boston for the projects we worked on in March.

## Charity Project and Other News

Lorraine will have a charity project table each month where the club supplies the wood and materials. All we have to do is to donate the carving back to the club. We also can do the painting, or Lorraine will get volunteers to do it for us. If you want us to paint it, bring it in by September so we have time to get it painted. If you are going to paint it yourself, please turn it in by October. This is a great way to carve without having to spend money on wood or materials. However, remember, the carvings will belong to the club for sale for our charity project. If you have carvings that are incomplete and you don't want anymore, or roughouts you no longer want, bring them in to donate to the club charity table. We will finish them.

We will have an ongoing bird carving project soon. Jim Berry and Ann Wallace have this in the works. We have about 10 people who have expressed an interest in participating in this one year project.

The Charity Project has good growth over the past few years. It helps the community and it gets everyone to carve. This year we will include anything decorative as our carving submissions. This can include Christmas ornaments, but will not include toys because these have special safety guidelines.

If you volunteered for the Woodworker's Show April 16, 17, 18, remember to show up at the Merrill center.

The club voted and approved Pete's proposal to use the money saved by e-mailing instead of mailing newsletters for Memorial Trees for deceased members. We will start with the most recent and work our way back.

We need a chairman for the HAWC show next year. Talk to Pete if you can volunteer to teach a class; we need new people to do this to give our regulars a break. Lin Swalley won the door prize in March.

## In Memory of Joseph "Joe" Profota



Unfortunately we must say goodbye to long time HAWC member Joe Profota. Newer members might recognize Joe as the guy with the large carvings at our show last year. Others might remember the time he brought a big box filled with carving and woodworking magazines to a club meeting in order to give them away. Many may remember with sadness the time Joe was offering to sell his woodworking tools to club members because he wasn't planning to use them anymore. Yet these memories are relatively recent. There are a handful of members who might remember when Joe joined the club in 1972. Since then he has left a lot of woodchips in his path. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Sue, and all of his family.

## President's Note

For the past three years we have been carving and selling Christmas ornaments, and donating the proceeds to both the Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center and the Texas Children's Hospital. It is time to start carving for our annual charity fundraiser, and it could not be easier. Lorraine Lewis is making this year's project very carver friendly. This year we are not limited to carving ornaments. Any carving will be accepted. Pick up a roughout at a meeting and carve it. If you don't want to paint your carving, you don't have to. If you would like to just paint a carving, ask Lorraine for one to paint. If you have an old unfinished carving that you believe will never be completed, donate it. All proceeds will be donated to this year's designated charities. Now we just have to select this year's charities.

If you have a suggestion for a charity, bring information about the organization to our next meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, send the information to me. The club will vote for the designated charities at the June meeting.

Charities suggested so far:  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Michael DeBakey VA Medical Center  
The House of Amos: <http://www.houseofamos.com>

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# Show and Tell



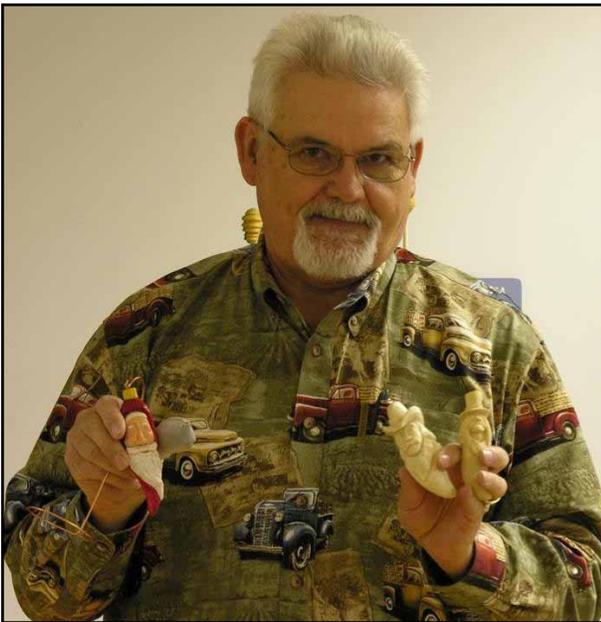
Ann Wallace carved this Ruddy duck from basswood and finished with oil paint. This is the courting position with Spring colors.



JoAn Brueggeman did this nice chip carving "HAWC" to be used at our club table at Kerrville in the Fall. Ronnie put the finish on it.



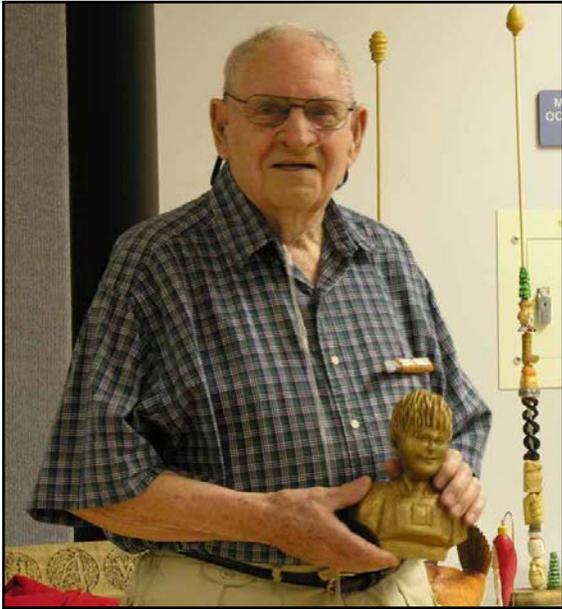
Bill Lewis brought a sweatshirt from the South Dakota woodcarving museum. They have nice carvings.



Carl Hand, visitor, showed his carvings of Santa and two caricatures. He's a beginner who first tried carving in Branson, Mo. He enjoyed his visit today.



Dub Johnson carved this Green-winged Teal hen using the McMurdas book for the colors and pattern. It was six months work.



Elmo McCoy did this bust. He was carving his identical twin grandsons as one carving, but the child aged from 20 months to 8 or 9 years old as he went along, and it was not a child from his family anymore either.



Mike Moeskau showed his work in progress, an Egghead Santa. This is what he did at the meeting last month.



Berny Alvarez did 2 mice and cheese and 2 butterflies. He will make bigger butterflies next time.



Fred Carter showed his Raccoon & Skunk done at Branson, Bear in Dallas' class, and Large Santa from Michelle Stetson's roughout. He added a Shamrock on Santa's staff and went for an elf-like look to make him look Irish.





Ronnie Boston showed the progress on our Friendship Sticks: 3 more carvings were added. Fred Stratton did the toppers on a lathe with black and white ebony. The heartwood is black and the new growth is white. Turn in your carvings next month.

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Thanks to John Curcio and Shelley Key for taking the photographs.

*See us on the web:*

**[houstonareawoodcarvers.com](http://houstonareawoodcarvers.com)**

The Houston Area Woodcarvers (HAWC) meet 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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◆ ***Calendar of Events:***

- ◆ **April 16-18, 2010:** Woodworking Show, Houston, TX
- ◆ **April 26 to May 1, 2010:** Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX