

HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS

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August 15, 2009 Class: Duck Carving with Ann Wallace



Ann Wallace will teach duck carving this month. The roughouts will be provided and the cost is only \$1. Ann is one of the best when it comes to duck carving and painting, so don't miss your chance to take this class. Note: Dallas Deege's Class has been postponed. Thanks to Ann for filling in on such short notice.



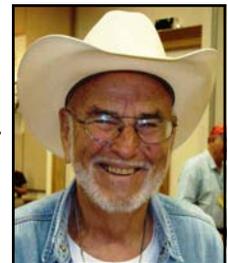
August Project: Flat Plane Carved Nativity

All proceeds go to the charity ornament fund. There are several patterns to choose from. Project cost is \$10 for a roughout and instructions, but if you donate your carving to the club nativity your money will be refunded.

Upcoming Classes:

September 19, 2009: Carving Canes with Don Hartt

Cost is \$75 for cane with pattern on it. See www.donhartt.com/ for patterns. Preregistration is recommended. Sign up at the August meeting or call Pete Reitinger at 281-395-5735.



Don Hartt

October 2, 2009 at Trader's Village : (must pre-register)

**Shallow Relief with Wanda Reichert,
Flat Plane Carving with Danny Reb, or
Carving Facial Expressions with Pat Moore**

See Carolyn or Preston Smith for registration information. Registration forms will be available at the August meeting.

Thank You Carl Holdridge



Special thanks to Carl Holdridge for his class on carving an angel. The class was full and everyone had a good time working on the angel. We had a choice of either basswood or butternut for carving. This was a good project for both beginners and more experienced carvers.



Welcome Visitors and Members

Pete welcomed and introduced visitors: Mary Kate Bartlett, Mehrdad Soleimani (Micheal), Sima Latifi and Bob Reed (also a wood turner).



Mary Kate Bartlett



Mehrdad Soleimani



Sima Latifi

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Evelyn Goertz



James Goertz



Harvey Beauchemin

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Wood Treatments" sale. Together we raised \$820 for Team Blake. I hope everyone has fun carving the wood you bought. There should be some comfort in the knowledge that no matter how the carving turns out, the money that it cost is going to a good cause.



I also hope that everyone is having fun carving ornaments and nativity figures. Our ornament carving contest ends this month, but we will accept charity sale ornaments in September as well. The plan is to have ornaments for sale at the club's show on October 3. If everyone in the club can make and donate at least two ornaments, we will be in a position to beat last year's charitable contributions. So, please make ornaments, even if you do not want to enter the contest this month.

pete reitinger

Prayers requested:

Wanda Marsh's husband, Ronnie Marsh, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2009. Please keep Wanda and her family in your prayers.

ORNAMENT CARVING CONTEST ENDS THIS MONTH: BRING YOUR ENTRIES

The current contest is "Summertime Christmas," 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. The contest ends August 15, 2009. Entries will be judged by popular choice in both novice and open categories. All entries will become property of the club to be sold for our annual charities, Texas Children's Hospital and Michael DeBakey Veteran's Hospital.

No Meeting 3rd Saturday October 2009

There will not be a meeting in Houston on the third Saturday of October. Instead, we will have our Club Show at Trader's Village October 2-3, and then we will have a table at the Kerrville show October 17-18. Everyone is invited to submit carvings for the club table in Kerrville, and members can also submit entries to the state contest from the club table.

2009 Carving Events

Oct. 2-3	Houston Area Woodcarvers Club Show	Traders Village, Houston
Oct. 11-16	Texas Woodcarvers Guild Fall Extravaganza	Inn of the Hills, Kerrville
Oct. 17-18	Texas State Championship Show & Sale	YO Resort, Kerrville

Minutes: July 18, 2009 Meeting

Pete Reitinger thanked Carl Holdridge for teaching the class today. He also thanked Glenn Miller for the donation of Santa-dog ornaments with rough-outs and samples.

Preston and Carolyn Smith recently mailed information and registration forms for the club's annual fall show, sale and competition on October 2 and 3. Pete reminded that classes are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Turn your forms in now to get the best choice. Money will be due upon confirmation you made the class. Classes will be posted outside the club soon. You can sign up and pay for tables now.



New carvers: if you don't have enough carvings to rent a table, Pete's match making service is available. He has no relatives in New Jersey. He encourages full participation. Information on the fall show for Texas Woodcarvers Guild has also been mailed out. Last year there were 72 tables. Pete has membership information if you did not receive a mailing.

There is still some wood for sale for Team Blake to help Blake and possibly others. Pete can get something else if needed. Just let him know. Next month will be the last month the wood will be for sale. The prices are good! The cause is good!

Nativity figures: The cost is \$10 to get a pattern and the wood. If you donate the finished carving to the club, you get the \$10 back. The money goes toward the VA and Texas Children's charities. You are encouraged to try different woods like mahogany and butternut. If you need additional instructions from the book (like a reference to an earlier Chapter) see Pete. The intention is for this to be a club project. Be sure to sign and date your finished figures.



Another club project is ornaments. Next month is the ornament carving contest. Enter as many as you want. The prize money is scaled to the number of ornaments entered. Enter one or more as equal to one entry. Classes to be judged are Novice (less than 2 years carving) and open. The winning carvings will be chosen by popular vote. Reminder: sign and date your carving(s). Ornaments entered will be donated to the club to be sold for charity. Several different rough-outs and patterns are available. Coolies are also available.



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Minutes, continued

The September class will be cane carving taught by Don Hartt. He will have various patterns already drawn on the canes available but he can put a particular pattern you may want. He asks to give him some lead time to put the special pattern on the cane. See his website <http://www.donhartt.com/> for the patterns and telephone #. The cost for the class is \$75 -- this is for the class, the cane, the cane tip and the drawn pattern.

Lorraine Lewis presented the finance report.

Lin Swalley announced the library would be closing early today.

Carl Holdridge donated a couple of ornaments.

Elmo McCoy donated an assortment of bolos and pins and nice ornaments.



Show and Tell



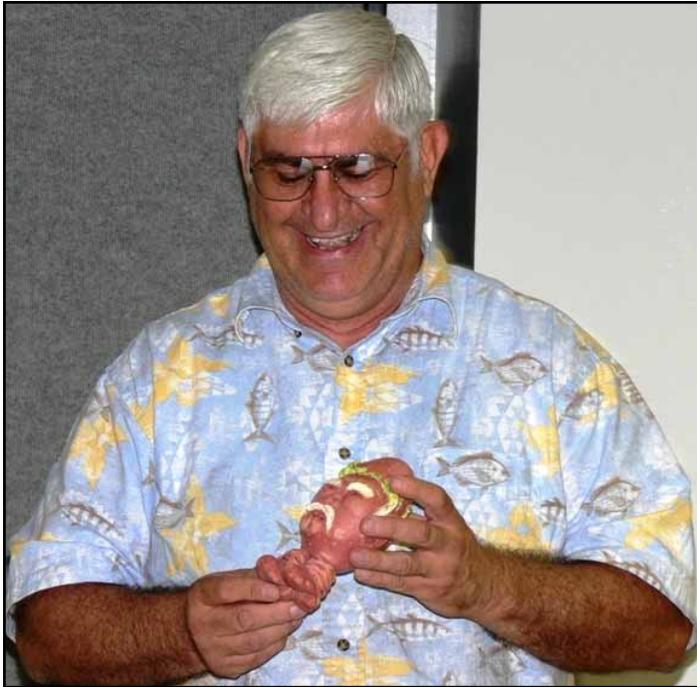
Dallas Deege carved the Spiral Santa ornament. He donated it for our club charity sale.



Glen Miller carved ornaments: Spiral Santas and Santa Dogs

This is one of many bolo tie clips carved by Elmo McCoy and donated for the club ornament sale.

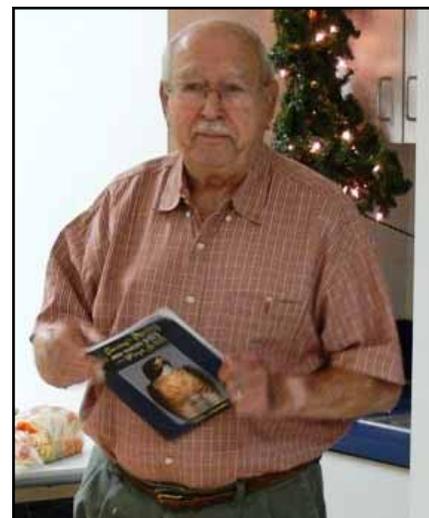




Fred Stratton carved Mr. Potato Head. The rough-out from the gift he got at the club Christmas party looked too human so he carved potato features for the face. Fred likes new potatoes so.... Note this natural Mr. Potato Head has vegetable features, is wearing new potato shoes and has "hairy" green growths in his ears.



Bob Clum carved a Red Hawk out of Tupelo. It was one-year's worth of work. The base is from Hobby Lobby and the hawk sits on a root saved from his yard.



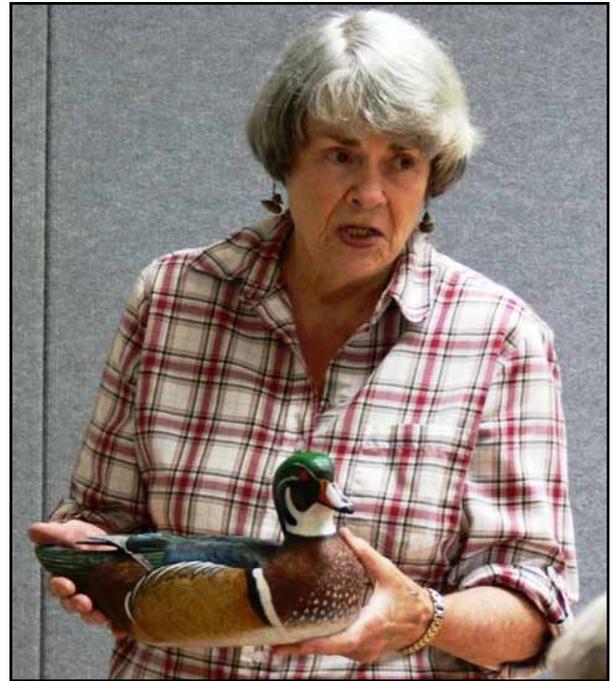


Elmo showed his relief carved bust of a Russian Beauty Queen carved in basswood with a polyurethane finish. He said he thinks in the round so relief carving is difficult for him.



Terry Kirschke showed a Charlie Phillips flower project clock she did at the TWG conference in Kerrville. While there, she also carved a Santa dog and a dolphin, and was second place novice winner for whittling her howling dog out of aspen.





Fred Childers carved an airplane ornament.

Ann Wallace carved this fine male wood duck. The colors are beautiful and vibrant.



JoAn Brueggeman carved a fish, actually a lot of fish. She taught a carving class to 28 girls 10-13 years old this month at Circle 8 Retreat Camp. It was a two-hour class: one for carving, one for sanding. This is her fourth year teaching the girls. All voted this class as best.

Volunteer Needed: We need a club secretary to take the minutes of our meetings and record the show and tell information. If you can take notes, write them out on paper or in a computer word processing program, and send them to the editor via snail mail or e-mail, here's your chance to make a contribution to our club. See Pete Reitinger or Helen Havemann for more information.



Our Photographer: Jeff Teter has volunteered as our photographer to shoot photos to use in the newsletter and on the web site. Thanks Jeff!

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You may submit original photos or articles to the editor for possible use in the newsletter. Either give them to Helen or send by e-mail to bigfig6@comcast.net. Deadline is the 1st of the month.

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



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