



Newsletter

Happy Carving in the New Year!

Two Classes for January 23, 2010:



Chip Carving with JoAn Brueggeman



Chip carving is a technique that can be used to decorate furniture, boxes, plaques, and utensils. It is also a carving discipline that teaches you how to make bold and clean cuts. This is your chance to learn chip carving from one of the best.

Tools required: Chip carving knife. (There will be some available to borrow if you don't have one.)

Cost: \$5.00 for class and a board with chip carving patterns. Additional patterned boards are \$2.50 each.

Carve a Stylized Bird with Preston Smith



This project is for beginners. All material (bird blank, dowel and base) is included. The three knife cuts required will be taught. Cost of the class is \$5.00. The class is available for 10 students. The project is easy — just cut away anything that is not bird!

TO DO LIST:

- THINK ABOUT RUNNING FOR CLUB OFFICE
- ATTEND MEETING ON JAN. 23RD
- VOTE
- PAY DUES
- TAKE CLASS

President's Note: Vote for 2009 George R. Mobley Award

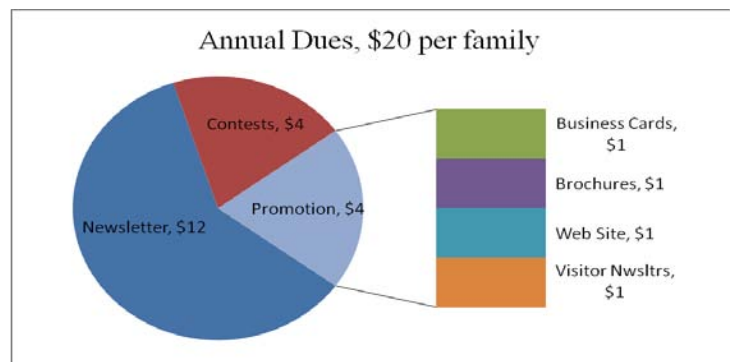
Another year has passed too quickly. Now it is time to elect new officers for the club. It is also time to vote for the 2009 Mobley award. Each year, in memory of George R. Mobley, we recognize a member for their contributions to the club. There will be a ballot box at this month's meeting where you can submit the name of the person you believe was the biggest supporter and promoter of the club in 2009. We have many members worthy of this honor, and I hope everyone will attend our meeting and vote.

Elections 2010:

It's that time of the year again, when we elect our club officers. The election will be held at noon on January 23rd. All are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate. To quote Pete Reitinger, "If you enjoy being a member of this club, try being an officer. It does not last that long, or hurt too much. The past year's officers are listed at the back of this newsletter with their phone numbers for reference. Call them if you have questions."

Dues are Due!

On your address label or email heading there is a membership renewal date. If your membership has expired, please consider renewing. The dues you pay cover the costs of the club as outlined in the figure. **It can be seen that the largest cost to the club is the printing and distribution of hardcopy newsletters. As more members opt for electronic newsletters,**



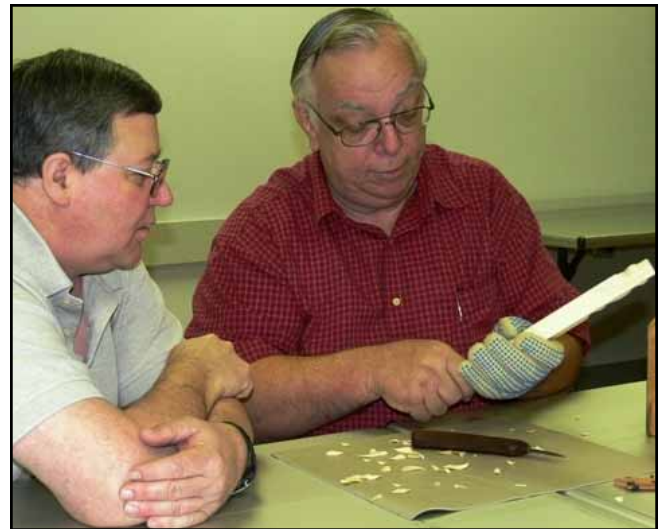
more money will be made available to promote woodcarving and hone our carving skills. If you do not wish to renew your membership this year, but you would like for us to stay in touch with you, please let us know. We are happy to send newsletters to anyone that wants to read them, and it costs the club nothing if you let us send you an electronic version.

Friendship Stick Project

The deadline will be April, 2010 to turn in your blocks for the Friendship Stick. We are asking everyone to carve, burn and/or paint at least two blocks each. You may carve more if you wish. The blanks are available from Ronnie Boston at the beginner's table.

Annual Christmas Party Fun

The Christmas Party December 19, 2009 was a great way to end the year. There was a potluck luncheon with lots of delicious food and beverages. We all had a chance to relax and visit with each other. Several of us brought our carving tools and carved while we enjoyed the day. The highlight of the day was the Christmas Carving Exchange. Each person who brought one of their own hand-crafted carvings or wood burnings received one in exchange. Randomly selected tickets determined the order of gift drawing. It was fun to watch and enjoyed by all. See photos on next pages.













2009 Charity Ornament Sale Results



Drum roll please ... the total is \$1341.00! The Club can round this up, so we can donate \$675 to both the Texas Children's Hospital and the Michael E. DeBakey Veteran's Medical Center. This is a 50% increase in our donations from last year and is the result of selling more than one hundred ornaments, two nativities, and several knives. Thank you everyone who participated.

Club Officers

President	Pete Reittinger	281-395-5735
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Librarian	Lin Swalley	713-721-4514
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Thanks to Jeff Teter for taking photos at the December meeting. Great job as usual!

You may submit original photos or articles to the editor for possible use in the newsletter. Call the editor for the email address. The deadline is the 1st of the month.

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

Houston Area Woodcarvers



▶ Meeting Location:
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Center
6400 Bissonnet St.
Houston, TX 77074-7520

Calendar of Events:

February 5-7 & 8-10, 2010: Aransas Pass Show, Sale and Classes,
Aransas Pass, TX

April 26 to May 1, 2010: Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX

October 1 & 2, 2010: Houston Area Woodcarver's Show & Sale,
Trader's Village, Houston, TX

October 11-17, 2010: Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX