June’s Class: Carving a Caricature Longhorn

This month we will try to carve a caricature longhorn suitable for bolo clips or refrigerator magnets. For the longhorn haters, there will be an Aggie version. Cost $2 for a roughout.

Holding Cross Project

Preston and Carolyn Smith explained the holding cross project of the Texas Woodcarver’s Guild. Wooden crosses are carved for hospice patients so they can be held easily in the hand as a source of comfort. TWG has a holding cross carving contest with four divisions: youth, beginner, intermediate and advanced, with prize money for the winners. The Guild owns all crosses that are turned in; Ray Robinson heads the project. If you do not want to enter the contest, you may carve your cross for someone you know that needs it. See Preston, Carolyn or Pete for more information or for crosses to carve. Please turn in your completed crosses no later than the September meeting if you want them to go to the Fall meeting of TWG for the contest.
President’s Note: This is the Month

This is the month we select our charity recipients for 2010. We have three nominations:

Texas Children’s Hospital (http://www.texaschildrens.org/),

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (http://www.houston.va.gov/index.asp), and

The House of Amos (http://www.houseofamos.org/).

Next month, at July’s meeting, we will start the fundraising with a silent auction. We will have wood, knives, posters, Harold Enlow and Dave Stetson study castings, and a Wecheer power carving system. So bring your checkbooks to the July meeting.

News About Our Friends and Members

Welcome to visitors Shawn Graham, Tom Wolff and Marsha Braun. We are glad you came to visit us and hope you return soon. We are also glad to see new members Matt Adams and Zane Bumguardner. Thanks to Bob Schearer for teaching the fun class on making wooden pliers.

Former HAWC member Ken Bay passed away on June 2, 2010. Our prayers go out to Ken’s family and friends in this time of loss.

Other News

Congratulations to two of our members who placed in the Carving Contest at Kerrville this Spring. Fred Carter won 2nd place and Ronnie Boston 3rd place, both in the intermediate division. Preston Smith, Jerry Holbrook and Helen Havemann also entered the contest. Lorraine Lewis spoke about the charity table. If you have completed carvings for the charity sale, please turn them in to Lorraine. If you started a carving and did not finish it, turn it in and we will find someone to complete the carving and the painting. Also, if you have roughouts, tools or other items that you don’t plan to use, donate them for our silent auction or the October raffle. Glen Miller won the door prize in May—a power supply & extension cord.

HAWC Fall Show October 1-2, 2010

Mark your calendars for October 1-2 for the HAWC 2010 Fall Show at Trader’s Village in Houston. We will have Wanda and Danny Reichert (Danny Reb), Pat Moore, and fan bird carvers David and Sally Nye as instructors, and the Reicherts as judges. Friday, October 1 we will have the classes, followed by the show and sale on Saturday, October 2. We need raffle items, door prizes and sponsors. The registration forms will be sent out soon. See Carolyn or Preston Smith for more information. It should be a great competition, so start carving your entries now.
Dave Kissinger showed his owl, duck and Santa Claus he carved at the beginner’s table. He challenged the more experienced carvers to bring in their first pieces for show and tell to encourage the beginners.

JoAn Brueggeman woodburned this house for practice after taking Patty Rucker’s class at Kerrville. She carved the little Hobbit house in Tony Erickson’s class. The cowgirl was carved in Ron Davis’s class. The chip carved candy dish and tray are from Cindy Miles class. JoAn learned how to get a good sharp knife in Ken Curl’s class.
Ronnie Boston carved cowboys in Gerald Sears’ class and in Jon Nelson’s class at Kerrville. He did the Hobbit House in Tony Erickson’s class, and he did the mushrooms in Ray North’s evening class. He thinks the mushrooms look good next to the little house. The circus tent (in the middle below) won him 3rd place in the carving contest. The shorter friendship sticks will go in our showcase at Bayland.

Bob Schearer said only 3 people made working pliers in the class today. Most broke. Here is a pair Dave Warther gave to JoAn Brueggeman. He could carve the pliers in about 5 minutes.

Mike Moeskau was in kilt today for the Scottish Highland Games. He is a Clan McCloud member. Mike showed his many faces carved in golf balls. He waits until he gets several, and then paints and finishes them all at once.
Charles Glass (Hey You) showed his Mesa Verde with log cabins he carved in this driftwood he found 3 years ago. Hope he brings it back for a photo of the carved side. He told us about a restaurant called Chinaberry that displays carvings and also has good food.

Berny Alvarez had his Woody Woodpecker he carved from a backyard tree log. He will accept $5 donation for our charity for scroll work ordered from these patterns.

Thanks to Jeff Teter for taking the photographs. The newsletter would not be much to look at without them!

See us on the Web:

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.,
Calendar of Events:

- June 19, 2010: HAWC Meeting, Houston, TX
- October 1-2, 2010: HAWC Show & Classes, Houston, TX
- October 7-15, 2010: Texas Woodcarver’s Guild, Kerrville, TX