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HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS March 2010 Newsletter

George R. Mobley Award for 2009

Ronnie Boston won the George R. Mobley Award for 2009. He runs the beginner's table every month, providing projects and guidance for new carvers. He also chaired the carving contest last year and will do so again this year. Our new display at the club table at TWG in Kerrville this year will be Ronnie's design. Congratulations Ronnie, and thanks from all of us for all you do.



This Month's Project: Carving a 1x1x2 Block



If you have not already carved a totem for the friendship sticks, hopefully this month's project can get you started. If you have started carving your totem, bring it to work on. Ideas, patterns and blocks will be available. Woodburners will be available for those so inclined.

Thank You and Welcome

Welcome to visitors John Zanders, Ron DeFoor, and Matt Adams. A great big welcome and howdy to new members Errol Frazier, Bob Lyons, and Alan Macias. And a continuing welcome to recent new members Jeff Parker and Judy & Walt Guy. New carvers may want to join Texas Woodcarving Guild \$12/year; they offer classes twice a year and a show each Fall in Kerrville, TX. Joining the National Woodcarvers Association costs \$16/year and includes Chip Chats magazine free. You can learn at the meetings by sitting with a more experienced carver, by joining Ronnie and others at the beginner's table, or by taking classes held during most meetings.



President's Note

I have a request for everyone who happens to be reading these words. Please offer to teach a class at one of our meetings. I am not writing to the stalwart members who teach a class every year. I am writing to those of us who have never taught a class. Give it a try. It can be as simple as completing a project, providing materials, and showing everyone your carving. For that matter, it does not even have to be a carving; it could be woodburning, painting techniques, tool sharpening, knife making, modeling with clay, making a base or a background, or any other activity that interested you as a carver. I will help anyone that offers to present a project. I can provide you with step by step projects. I can help you obtain materials. All you have to do is complete the project. It's that simple.



Club Members Establish Priorities for 2010

We voted on the top three club priorities for 2010. Number 1 is internal classes. Class size will be limited to 10. We need new teachers for classes or projects. Number 2 is the charity project. Lorraine Lewis volunteered to be in charge. Number 3 is HAWC show and external seminars. Carolyn and Preston Smith will handle the arrangements for the club show October 2-3, 2010, but are unable to attend the actual show. Ronnie Boston, Lorraine Lewis, JoAn Brueggeman, Shelley Key and Helen Havemann volunteered to run the show.

Other News

Volunteers are needed for the Montgomery Co. fair in Conroe April 10-11, 2010. All you have to do is sit and carve and talk to people; parking is free and they feed us. Volunteers are also needed for the Woodworking Show in Katy, TX at the Leonard E Merrill building on April 16-18, 2010. We sent a get well card to Fred Childers who broke his leg in a motorcycle accident. Contact Pat Felder for Memorial trees at \$75 per tree. Brenda Lowman won the door prize, a set of mechanical pencils. Ronnie Boston will do our club table for this Fall in Kerrville. He requested that we loan him carvings for display that are not too big or fragile. He needs carvings from beginners, intermediates and experts.

Show and Tell

Antonio Lozano showed his German Santa he carved from aspen. Unfortunately, we did not get a photo. We hope he brings it back next month so we can photograph it on the show and tell table.



JoAn Brueggeman did this little man at a class with Marion White at the Coastal Bend Woodcarvers Show at Port Aransas this February. This is the way the teacher carved it. JoAn thinks it's ugly; it has no neck. Also the wood was too hard. She did learn something — "don't do this."

Elmo McCoy showed a male bust of his first grandson done years ago. It is mahogany sprayed with polyurethane. He used the photo shown next to the carving.



Dave Kissinger carved an owl similar to these at the February meeting. Unfortunately we did not get a photo of his. Hopefully he will bring it back next month for show and tell.



Charles Glass did this spiral in basswood. He learned basswood burns if you char it. He also brought a sample of "chip carving his way."



Shelley Key did this beachcomber in a flat plane carving class with Danny Reichert at the Coastal Bend Woodcarvers Show this February at Port Aransas .



Mike Moeskau took 2 years to do this jointed snake. A band saw is too thick. The keyhole on the end is critical.





Ronnie Boston showed the blocks he has collected so far for the friendship sticks. We will give one to the Texas Woodcarver's Guild (TWG) to auction off this October in Kerrville. Ronnie wants to borrow some of our carvings for display on our table at TWG this Fall. He does not want them too big or fragile. They need to be durable. He needs carvings from all levels of carvers: beginner, intermediate and expert. Blocks for the Friendship Sticks are due in April, 2010 at the meeting.



Berny Alvarez brought 26 scroll saw snowflakes from international patterns his daughter gave him.

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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.

◆ ***Calendar of Events:***

- ◆ **April 9-18, 2010:** Montgomery County Fair, Conroe, TX
- ◆ **April 16-18, 2010:** Woodworking Show, Houston, TX
- ◆ **April 26 to May 1, 2010:** Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX