



newsletter

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Houston Area Woodcarvers

November 21, 2009 Class:

Carving Eyes, Ears and Hands with Dallas Deege



Cost of class is \$20.
Wood will be provided.
Learn to carve the basic elements of a good character from a real character.



Craft Show at St. Frances de Sales Church November 21

This craft show is a major source of revenue for our charity ornament sales. Unfortunately, this year it falls on the same day as our monthly meeting. We need volunteers to work at our craft show table in lieu of attending the meeting. The church is just 2 miles from the community center, at Mary Bates and 8200 Roos Road. We need volunteers to work from 8am-12 noon, and from 12-4pm. If you are interested call Pete Reitinger at 281-395-5735.

Club Project: Friendship Stick

We have started a new club project for next year. It is a take-off of the friendship cane; it will be a friendship stick. Everyone is being asked to carve, wood burn and/or paint two blocks, 1" X 1" X 2" (Ronnie Boston has the blocks). You may do anything to the blocks you wish, just so they will fit and stand on a dowel stick (the holes will be pre-drilled). You will need to complete them, then sign and return by April/May 2010.

2010 Carving Events

1/23/10	HAWC Meeting (moved from 1/16/10)	Bayland Community Center
1/23/10	HAWC Club Elections	Bayland Community Center
2/5 to 2/7/10	Coastal Bend Woodcarvers Show	Aransas Pass Civic Center
4/26 to 5/1/10	Texas Woodcarvers Guild	Kerrville

Welcome Visitors and Members

Welcome new members Dave Kissinger, Fred Carter, Robert Pierce, Gary Barnes, Steve Reynolds, and returning new member Marge Frugé. We are glad you joined our woodcarving club. Also welcome to visitors Ray Bentley (from Hollister, Missouri), Stan Marshall, and Judy and Walt Guy. We hope you will visit us again soon.



Thank You Don Hartt

Thanks to Don Hartt for a great class on carving canes. We got a good start on our canes and Don spent time with each of us to show us the main techniques. We should be able to finish the canes at home. However, if we still need more assistance, or if we want to take a more comprehensive class, Don has a cane carving class at the Texas Woodcarver's Guild at Kerrville, TX in April, 2010.

President's Notes: St. Francis de Sales Craft Show

Volunteers Needed: Please call me at 281-395-5735 if you can volunteer to work at the craft show in lieu of attending the meeting this Saturday, November 21. The church is just 2 miles from the community center.

I am including a copy of the criteria used for judging entries in our October show. I believe it is useful information.

pete

Judges Criteria

Carvings are judged on a 7 criteria point system. The scale used is 1 to 7 points on each criteria: 1 the lowest and 7 the highest. The highest possible score is 49. These are the same criteria used in several area shows.

Criteria definitions:

- 1) Creativity: Using your own originality power to create from the beginning. Being artistic to enhance the carving.
- 2) Originality: Creating something new. Using your own creativity.
- 3) Finish: The final touches used to finish the carving. Using stain, paint, polish or natural. A finish may enhance or destroy your carving.
- 4) Execution: Your performance, detail, clean cuts and completion.
- 5) Complexity: The intricate work you incorporate into the piece. Again the amount of detail.
- 6) Realism: True to life. Research used to create the actual fact of realism (muscle, bone, feathering, color and other).
- 7) Presentation: The way you presented your work to the public. The base used, effectiveness it portrays to audience and overall environment supporting your carving.



Christmas Party, December 19, 2009

Don't miss the fun, 9am-2pm.

Pot Luck meal, bring your favorite dish.

Drinks, plates and utensils will be provided.



Carving Exchange:

Bring a wrapped carving that you have finished.
(Bring a carving to get a carving).



January, 2010 Meeting Changed to January 23, 2010

We will meet on January 23, 2010 (fourth Saturday) instead of January 16, 2010 (third Saturday). We will have our club elections on January 23, 2010. Please note this on your calendars.

Minutes: September 19, 2009 Meeting

Pete thanked Ann Wallace for teaching in August. He also thanked Don and Lilly Hartt for this month's class. Pete also thanked everyone for carving the ornaments we will use to raise money for our charities. The funds from our "Wood Treatments for Blake" was presented to Dallas Deege, Blake's grandfather, who thanked everyone for our friendship, support and prayers. Please sign up to volunteer for St. Frances de Sales November 21. We have 4 hour shifts. 70% of our ornament sales were there last year. It is located at Mary Bates and 8200 Roos Rd. near Bellaire and Beechnut off Hwy. 59. The Coastal Bend Woodcarvers Show is February 5-7, 2010, in Aransas Pass. See their website <http://www.carvingshow.philroets.com/> for more information. Ken Robbins spoke about the woodworking show, "Wood Fest" the last weekend in September, 2009 at BC Woodworks, 4426 Pinemont Dr. He also told us about a woodworker's show at Armand Bayou, Bay Area Parkway and Red Bluff, the second weekend November, and also Heritage Day, the second weekend of February, where participants can sell their work. He has an opening in his carving group Tuesday night at his house in the Woodlands. See Ken for more information. Pete gave an update on preparations for the October 3, 2009 HAWC show at Trader's Village. Thanks to Pete Reitinger, and to show chairs Carolyn and Preston Smith for planning and coordinating the show, to Lorraine Lewis and Pat Felder for running the raffle and ornament sale, to Ronnie Boston for running the whittling contest, and to many others who helped make the show a success. Ronnie Boston introduced our Fall and Spring Project, a friendship stick. To participate, see him to get 2 small blocks (1' x 1" x 2") to carve for the project. In April, 2010 we will turn in the completed blocks.

Fall Show Awards

AWARD	WINNER	DESCRIPTION
Best of Show	Fred Carter	Peregrine Falcon
Judges' Choice	Robert Pierce	Memorial Plaque
People's Choice	Charles ("Hey You") Glass	Oak Village

Expert Category

AWARD	PLACE	WINNER	DESCRIPTION
Realistic Human	1st	Gary Barnes	Cowboy Bust
	2nd	Joe Profota	Home Schoolin'
	3rd	Gary Barnes	Pitcher
Caricature	1st	Preston Smith	Sea Captain
	2nd	Gary Barnes	Chuck Wagoneer
	3rd	Ronnie Boston	Cigars
Animals, etc.	1st	James Berry	Long-billed Curlew
	2nd	Ann Wallace	Wood Duck
	3rd	James Berry	Red-breasted Merganser

Novice Category

AWARD	PLACE	WINNER	DESCRIPTION
Realistic Human	1st	Fred Carter	Explorer & Indian
	2nd	Fred Carter	2 Indians with Headdress
	3rd	-	-
Caricature	1st	Robert Pierce	Bubba & Bubba's Girl
	2nd	Robert Pierce	Anvil Annie
	3rd	Brenda Lowman	Ma, Pa & Baby Bear (3 piece set)
Animals, etc.	1st	Fred Carter	Peregrine Falcon
	2nd	Robert Clum	Red-tailed Hawk
	3rd	-	-

Note: There were no entries and/or winners for the Botanical Expert and Botanical Novice awards.



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 Slideshows courtesy of John Curcio

Open Category

AWARD	PLACE	WINNER	DESCRIPTION
Bark	1st	Fred Carter	Whimsical House
	2nd	Ronnie Boston	Elf House
	3rd	Helen Havemann	Happy Hunting Ground
Chip	1st	-	-
	2nd	Carolyn Smith	Chip Carved Plate
	3rd	-	-
Relief	1st	Robert Pierce	Memorial Plaque
	2nd	Charles Glass	Oak Village
	3rd	Fred Carter	Explorer
Wood Burning	1st	Jenny Smith	Mom
	2nd	Carolyn Smith	"Bobby" - portrait of a boy in hat
	3rd	-	-
Abstract	1st	Jerry Holbrook	Dolphin
	2nd	Jerry Holbrook	Rattler
	3rd	Preston Smith	Fan Bird
Mythical, etc.	1st	Robert Pierce	Old World Santa
	2nd	Fred Carter	Santa on Cypress Knee
	3rd	Robert Pierce	Boots with Helmet
	3rd	Robert Pierce	Frontier Santa
Walking Sticks	1st	Gary Barnes	Wolf Cane
	2nd	Shelley Key	Oak Leaf & Acorn Cane
	3rd	Gary Barnes	Wild Rose Cane
Non-Wood	1st	Carolyn Smith	Scrimshaw Hummingbird Necklace
	2nd	-	-
	3rd	-	-

Note: There were no entries and/or winners for the Miniature category awards.

Carving Contest Winners

RANK	NOVICE	OPEN
First Prize	Jerry Holbrook	Fred Carter
Second Prize	Brenda Lowman	Gary Barnes
Third Prize	Lorraine Lewis	Leroy Miller
Special Award for Creativity	-	Pete Reitinger

Show and Tell



Tom Miessler carved two Gerald Sears roughouts: Pistol Pete (pirate) & Country Doctor. The old man with bird and basket of seed started with a block of wood.



Ronnie Boston got this cane from Don Hartt and kept it about 2 years before he carved it in a basket weave design. Keeping up with over and under on the weave is a challenge.



Gary Barnes carved two Gerald Sears roughouts, a cowboy bust and a cowboy cook. The wolf head was carved from a blank; it will top a cane he will turn later on.



JoAn Brueggeman started these carvings from Cyndi Joslyn's North Woods Nativity book (unpainted figures). The Nativity Set "Alleluia" from Ira Simmerling's design was carved in 3 days .

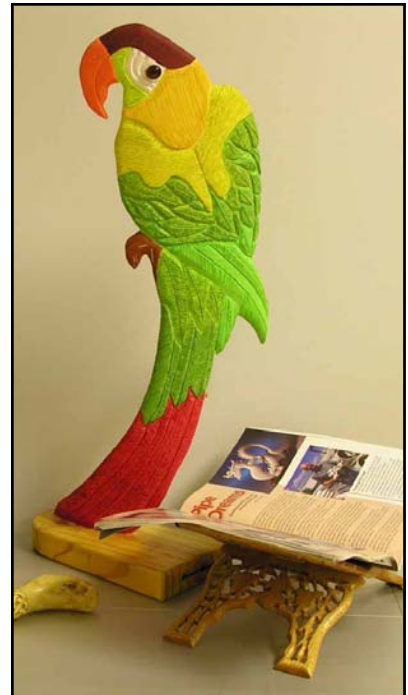


Dub Johnson carved this cardinal; the design is from a Bob Guge book. It took a year to find a stick to put it on.





Berny Alvarez carved the parrot in PVC with a Dremel. He brought a photo of two large bears he carved.



Elmo McCoy carved this relief female bust from wood he bought here. He did not like the original face, so he cut it off, saved the hair, and carved a new face.



Shelley Key made this bird house from cedar with a basswood face that she relief carved. She put on 3 coats of spar so it can be used outside.

Robert Pierce carved this relief plaque "Blue Star" to commemorate the helicopter group he flew with in Vietnam: 1st, 48th, Aviation.



Club Officers

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Thanks to John Curcio and Shelley Key for taking photos at the September meeting, and to John Curcio and Jeff Teter for taking photos at the October show.

You may submit original photos or articles to the editor for possible use in the newsletter. Call the editor for the e-mail 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.

