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HAWC

Newsletter



Meeting

June 21 at the Bayland Park Community Center at 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

This Month's Class

Chip Carving with
JoAn Brueggeman

open to all levels of carvers, this month you can learn from one of the best. We have some chip carving knives that you can borrow. The cost of the class is only \$5, wood will be provided.



Check out our new website

HOUSTONAREAWOODCARVERS.COM Thanks to Webmaster Jim Edwards.

President's Note

This past month has been a great time for celebration and reflection for me. I have celebrated two graduations, Memorial Day, and Father's day. And finally, after a yearlong absence that was not of our choosing, my family has returned home. For all of this, I am extremely grateful.

This month we taught an "Introduction to Woodcarving" class at the Bayland Community center. We had 12 students, and we immediately had requests for another class. Thanks to everyone who donated time and talent to this class: Helen Havemann, JoAn Brueggeman, Preston and Carolyn Smith, and Shelley Key.

I really enjoyed last month's meeting. Preston and Carolyn Smith's classes were full. Elmo McCoy brought his sharpening system and was helping a lot of members sharpen their tools. Bob Clum became our new club librarian. Jim Edwards became our new webmaster. I appreciate everyone's effort.

Welcome new members and visitors: Ken Robbins, Doug Chancey, Mark Carlson, Lin Swalley, Tom Hale and Alan Maladondo.

2008 Carving Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Special Notes</u>
July 19	Carving a Tudor Rose	Jenny Smith	
Aug. 16	Carving a Face	Dallas Deege	Cost of class \$20, blank included
Sept. 20	Leather Craft	Fred Stratton	

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Show and tell

Carolyn Smith brought in chip carving, scrimshaw, wood-burning (taught by Patti Rucker) and relief carvings. She took five classes at Fredericksburg.



Dub Johnson carved a hibiscus flower - leaves and bloom are all wood. Straight pins and pollen copper

Elmo McCoy brought in a relief carving he did of his granddaughter. He put on a gold finish with flat black and a tube of rub and

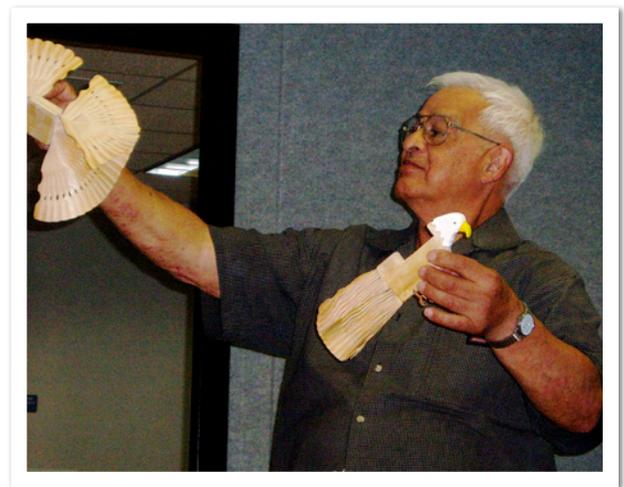


Preston Smith - brought Cottonwood bark carvings done at Fredericksburg

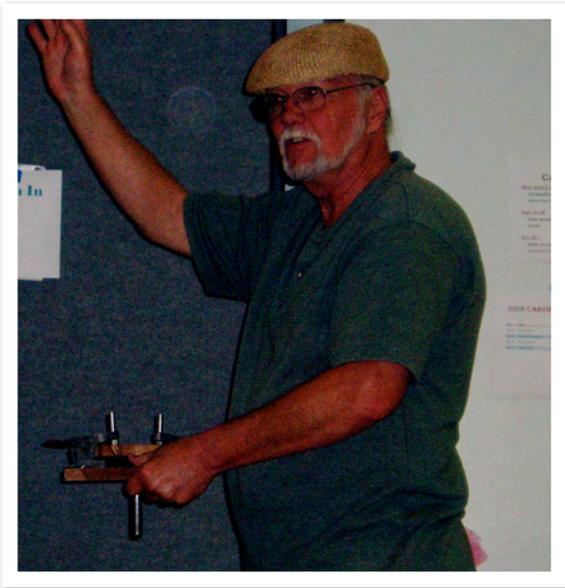
Berny Alvarez has been experimenting with the fan carving from last month's class. He used an unknown wood from New Zealand. He is working on perfecting the techniques using power tools. So far the eagle (from two pieces of wood) is his jackpot piece.



buff to make it look like old bronze



Charles Glass - with his tool innovation



July's Carving Contest

It's time for another carving contest, and we need Christmas ornaments... so it's Christmas in July.

The rules are simple:

Carve, burn or saw a wood ornament that can be hung from a Christmas tree limb.

The contest ends at 10 a.m. on August 16.

There will be two competition categories: open and novice.

You can enter as many ornaments as you can make.

Prize money will be awarded to the best of each category as determined by public vote at the Aug. 16 meeting.

The prize money will be determined by the number of ornaments entered in a category :

prize \$ = \$10 + (\$2 x no. of entries)

All entries become the property of HAWC to sell and raise money for the Texas Children's Hospital and the VA Hospital.

There will be some wood and patterns available at the June and July meetings, but you can use any wood or pattern. Encourage everyone you know to participate and make the prize bigger.

2008 CARVING EVENTS

Sept. 21-28

**Texas Woodcarvers Guild
Fall Extravaganza**

**Classes Sept. 22-26, Show and
Sale Sept. 26-28 Kerrville**

Oct. 18

**HAWC Annual Show Bayland
Park Community Center**

Thoughts from a New Member

I see you at the meetings,
but you never say hello.

You're busy all the time you're there
with those you really know.

I sit among the members,
yet I'm a lonely gal or guy.

The new ones feel as strange as I;
the old ones pass us by.

Darn it, you folks urged us to join,
and talked of fellowship.

You could just cross the room, you know,
but you never make the trip.

Can't you just nod your head and smile,
Or stop and shake a hand,

Then go sit among your friends?
Now that I'd understand.

I'll be at your next meeting,
and hope that you will spend

The time to introduce yourself,
I joined to be your friend.

Author unknown

JoAn emailed this poem for the newsletter with a note saying that she met a person in Fredericksburg who attended one of our meetings and no one said a word to them.

Minutes HAWC May 17, 2008

Meeting Opened by Pete Reittinger.

Welcome: Two new members: Doug Chancey, Ken Robbins and Mark Carlson and Visitors: Alan Maladondo, Lin Swalley, Tom Hale

Old Business

Bob Clum volunteered to be the Librarian. He needs an assistant and will start accumulating, cataloguing and organizing.

Pete will bring a Christmas tree to the meeting as a psychological incentive to carve ornaments for the charity sale. He asked for suggestions. Several people volunteered to bring cutouts for carving.

Show Business

Fall show flyers are on the Show and Tell table. The club will start collecting items for the door prize and raffle and everyone should try to find sponsors. Pete will have brochures/flyers to describe our club for people to give to local shops and other interested parties.

Lorraine Lewis asked about the next contest. It was decided a new contest would be announced next meeting.

New Business

Pete announced a web-master is needed. A website would help et new and young members. Suggested one could be hired if need be. However, Jim Edwards volunteered to be our web-master.

Pete announced that Monday, June 2, there will be a class - Intro to Woodcarving - from 1-3. JoAn Brueggeman, Helen Havemann and Pete Reittinger will teach. They will do a duck carving.

Pete gave out special Mother's Day envelopes (including one marked "Car") to some special "mothers" in the club to thank them for all their extra hard work. Thanks and a \$25 gift certificate to Home Depot to JoAn Brueggeman, Carolyn Smith, Lorraine Lewis and Jackie Childers.

Thanks Elmo McCoy for bringing in the tool sharpener. Thanks to Preston and Carolyn Smith for teaching. Next month's class will be beginning chip carving taught by JoAnn. She has the knives needed. Cost is \$5.00.

Financial Business

Finance report by Lorraine Lewis.