

HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2008

This Month's Class

Carving a Tudor Rose with Jenny Smith

Open to all levels of carvers. Roughouts will be provided.



President's Note

The gauntlet is down. Ronnie Boston has publicly stated that he will carve and donate more ornaments than anyone in this club. Is there anyone to challenge him? All of the proceeds from the ornament sale will be sent to the Texas Children's Hospital and the M.E. Debakey VA Medical Center. So let's make Ronnie earn his bragging rights.

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their club. The club's largest expense is the newsletter, and as a due paying member you are entitled to it. But, any money we don't have to spend mailing a newsletter can be spent on something more fun: we can get a knife sharpening system for the club, we can have more prizes for carving contests, we can buy books and DVD's for the club library, we could even buy wood for a club carving project. If you opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, you will receive an e-mail containing a link to an electronic version of the newsletter in pdf format. For every issue of the newsletter that we do not have to mail \$1 will be posted to an account for something special as selected by the club. I am not trying to discourage anyone from receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter; you have paid for it and deserve it. I am merely proposing a way to make our funds go further.

Welcome new members and visitors: Robert Tidmore, Tom and Rosa Hale, Liz and David Muegge, and Yunong Qi.

Club Officers

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2008 CARVING EVENTS

Sept. 21-28

Texas Woodcarvers Guild Fall Extravaganza Kerrville

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

Oct. 18

HAWC Annual Show

Bayland Park Community Center

The HAWC Library is now Re-Opened

Talk to Bob Clum about donating or checking out books and DVD's.

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Check out our new website

Thanks to Webmaster Jim Edwards.

Show and Tell



Berny Alvarez

said he got carried away with his turkey. He got permission from his wife to carve this year's Thanksgiving turkey because of all this practice carving.

Shelley Key



brought a relief carving and a bird house. Varnish raised the grain on the relief. She learned rubbing it with a brown grocery bag would smooth it down. It worked well. She used the birdhouse to practice her wood burning and found how hard it was to relief carve on the cross grain.

Charles Glass



learned how a simple carving can be difficult to carve with this abstract figure done from a picture taken of a piece on a doctor's wall.

Jenny Smith



relief carvings from Scotland - carved around the 1580s and from Winchester Cathedral. She also brought along the Tudor rose she will be teaching next month.



Dub Johnson

brought his finished Red Tail Hawk that we have seen in various stages, carved from Tupelo and painted with acrylic. It finished nicely and is sold.

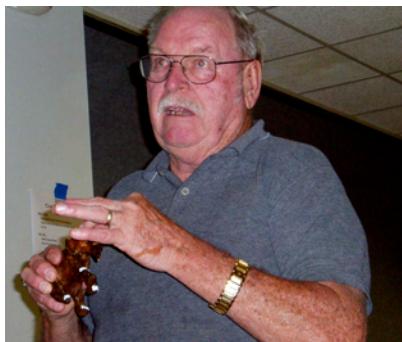


Ken Robbins contributed a hill billy - the project is from a picture on the internet, carved from basswood and painted with acrylic.

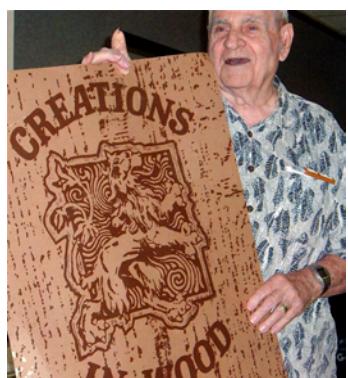


Helen Havemann

brought her Cottonwood bark carving. Carved from two pieces of bark in a three-day class at The Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop.. She also brought the teddy bear carved at the last meeting.



Tom Hale brought six small animals that he carved since the last meeting. Most are carved from white pine, which is easy to carve, but also easy to break.



Elmo McCoy

brought a clay bust (He has worked in clay longer than he has carved). He uses clay figures as a model so it makes it easy to measure when doing it in wood. Unlike wood, clay is nice because you can put back on pieces chopped off and you don't cut yourself.

Elmo also brought in a bulletin of one the club's first shows, which the new president gets to keep now.

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Meeting brought to order by Pete Reittinger.

He thanked everyone for coming especially with the high price of gas and welcomed guests and new members.

Old Business

Show update by Carolyn Smith. Preston Smith secured Carl Holderidge to judge. Registration forms will be finished next weekend. It's time to start collecting raffle and door prizes and sponsors.

Pete informed Ann Wallace fell earlier and was unable to come to meeting.

Bob Clum reported he has started the library and is soliciting book and magazine donations. These can be checked out by club members only. Antonio Lozano has volunteered to be assistant librarian.

Webmaster, Jim Edwards, outlined some of the features of the new website. Work on it is still in process. Workbench is being set up for individuals. Available to check it out at the meeting.

Pete honored Father's Day Celebration by presenting to Preston Smith who has quietly given many hours and efforts to the Club.

JoAn Brueggeman asked that everyone keep Wanda Marsh in their prayers and thoughts.

New Business

New Carving Contest - Now until the August meeting at 10:00

There will be two categories: Novice and Open. the project will be wooden Christmas ornament. Enter as many times as you ant: Prize will be \$10.00 + \$2 times the number of entries. Pete has many wood blank styles available for the taking. The more donations, the better!

Jenny Smith will teach carving the Tudor Rose next month (@ 15 pre-registered).

Charles Bender is looking for carving VCR Tapes that used to be in the library.

Mike Moeskau will teach a class on bark carving in February He offered possible classes of knife making, golf balls, bark carving. Most hands were raised for bark carving, although I noticed many hands were raised for all offerings.

Lorraine reported on finances.

Christmas in July Carving Contest

There is one more month to work on your entries. There will be more wood and patterns available at this month's meeting.

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 entries 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.