



NEWSLETTER

The Houston Area Woodcarvers Club meets 9am-2pm at the Bayland Park Community Center on the 3rd Saturday of every month. For information call Pete Reitinger 281-395-5735 or visit our website HOUSTONAREAWOODCARVERS.COM

President's Note

Happy

Thanksgiving and I hope everyone has cause to celebrate this year. Thank you everyone who has helped make this a successful and fun year for the Houston Area Woodcarving Club. Thanks also to those who have already volunteered to serve the club next year.



HY Ornament Sale

Coming to a close for 2008. Up far we have raised \$260. We have a really good opportunity to sell ornaments at a craft show the weekend after our meeting, November 22nd. If you have any ornaments to donate, I implore you to bring them to November's meeting. They will also be available at the meeting: suggested donation/price is \$10.

Volunteer

Opportunities are still available. Club officers will be elected at the January meeting. There are also as many non-elected positions available as people who want to fill them. Anyone can serve... it doesn't last too long or hurt too much.

This Month's Class

Leather Working with Fred Stratton

Fred will have tools available to learn basic leather carving and stamping techniques. Learn how to design a leather sheath for your knife.



Learn simple stitching techniques. Learn how to apply leather patterns and stamping backgrounds to wood projects.

GO GREEN

If you let us email this newsletter to you, we will donate \$1 to the special project fund for every paper copy we don't have to print and mail. This year's special project fund will be used to buy a club sharpening system.

Auction and Sale to Benefit Wanda Marsh

At this Month's Meeting there will be a silent auction of art posters donated by Fred and Jackie Childers as well as a seat in John Engler's class on relief carving and painting at The Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop (Dec. 4-7, 2008). The class is three days of relief carving and one day of painting. The winning bid will get all four days of classes (a \$210 value), but you will have to buy your own blanks (\$20 - \$40). Here is your chance to get excellent carving and painting instruction at a good price, and help someone at the same time. We will also have some more wood to sell, and we will continue selling raffle tickets for a Helvie roughout carving knife (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). All proceeds will be sent in a Christmas card to Wanda Marsh.

A Great Opportunity to Sell Your Carvings

Next Week November 22, there will be a craft sale. Pat Felder has purchased a table for the Houston Area Woodcarvers Club. We intend to sell our charity ornaments, but it is also an opportunity to sell to sell your carvings. We only ask that you donate 10% of your receipts to the charity ornament sale to help offset the cost of the table. If you are interested in selling carvings, or even just volunteering to man the table, talk to Pat Felder at the meeting or call him at 713-774-3205.

Christmas Party Dec. 20th

Our annual Christmas party will be from 11am—2pm , December 20th. We will have a potluck lunch starting at 11:30, and a gift exchange starting at 12:15.

Bring a favorite dish or snack to share. Beverages , dinnerware, and utensils will be provided.

Bring a gift to exchange (\$5 limit unless it's something you really want to get rid of). Don't bother wrapping it, just put it in a bag so that no one can see it. We will have a few extra gifts for spouses or family members that want to participate. Gifts can be carving related, but they don't have to be. Some ideas; carvings, roughouts, wood, old tools, or old books. There will be limited steals, so make it interesting

2009 Carving Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Special Notes</u>
Jan. 17	Tool Sharpening	Carl Holdridge	Bring all of your carving & sharpening tools
Feb. 21	Bark Carving	Mike Moeskau	
Mar. 21	TBD	Herb Teesdale	

AROUND THE ROOM

CAROLYN SMITH IN HER WOOD-BURNING CLASS

Berny Alvarez carved and painted a dragon and two big-bottomed girls (continuing his work with fan carving)



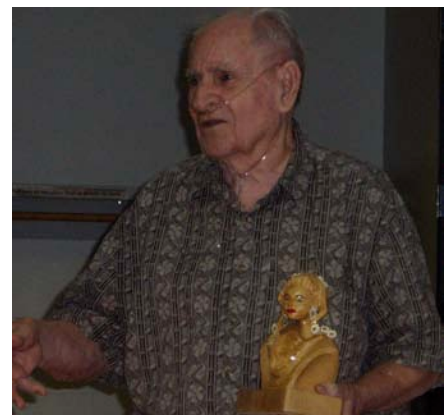
Lorraine Lewis with her John-O'Lantern, carved in a class taken in Kerrville.

Elmo McCoy was going through his unfinished projects and always wanted to do a woman looking to the side and up. He got the side but not the up. Flowers in her hair are to cover up a mistake. Four coats of polyurethane finish.

JoAnn Brueggeman with two of her Ike projects. She also did the chip-carvings above.



Bob Clum diligently working on the club's expanding library.



Minutes of the HAWC business meeting October, 18, 2008

Pete Reitinger brought meeting to order.

Date Conflict. Pete reported there is a date conflict with our currently scheduled show and sale in October 2009. Our show needs to be rescheduled so venders and members will be available. He recommended considering September 2009 as a possibility.

Classes. Pete needs to know what classes the club will want for next year. The club might want to consider more advanced classes with projects which might take multiple meetings; for example, Don Hart's cane class. Advanced classes would cost more and a minimum number of participants would have to be considered. The goal would be to have several classes at the same time, both advanced and beginning. Pete requested members let him know if they are happy with what is being offered now or any other suggestions. Needs Feedback!

Carolyn Smith proposed having one or two advanced classes for the next year, with the classes advertised outside the club.

Fred Childers suggested having classes over multiple days like Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hands showed an interest.

Kerrville Show. The club raised \$260 at the Texas Woodcarvers Show in Kerrville.

There were 72 tables at the show, ten club tables. Pete thinks we can win Best Table. He is certain we have a chance.

Twice a year a week of classes a weekend [Fall] c POE encourages a week of classes a week before Thanksgiving (November 22 this year). Pat offered to have a table at the Kerrville show.

Lorraine Lewis proposed the club consider bus transportation for a day trip to the Kerrville show.

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Carolyn moved to have a table to sell charity Christmas ornaments. Helen Haveman seconded the motion. Motion passed. This will be the last chance to bring ornaments to the show.

Finances. Lorraine Lewis gave the financial report.