

Houston Area Woodcarvers

Newsletter



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PARTY!!! FUN, FOOD AND CARVING EXCHANGE

This Saturday is our annual Christmas Party. It's a good way to top off the year with fun and fellowship. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning as usual. For the Noon meal, the club will provide the meat, cheese, bread buns and condiments for making sandwiches, and also the plates, utensils, and ice. Bring your good cheer and a food or beverage item to add to our meal. Suggestions are soft drinks, pre-made iced tea, vegetables, entrée or side dishes, salads, desserts, potato chips, tortilla chips, and whatever else you like to eat and drink.

We hope everyone will take part in the carving exchange. Any level carver may donate carvings for the exchange, from beginning to expert carvers. If you are not a carver, get a friend or spouse to give you one of theirs to donate. To participate in the carving exchange, bring a wrapped original carving and place it in the designated area at the beginning of the meeting. Be sure the carving you donate has the carver's name on it and that you have it wrapped or bagged so it cannot be identified prior to the drawing. You will then be eligible to receive someone else's original carving during the exchange. If you have not taken part in the past, we encourage you to try it this year.

Remember, we will not have show and tell or a class this Saturday, just the party.



Thanks: Tomball German Christmas Market

Thanks to Carolyn and Preston Smith for organizing our booth and volunteers for the Tomball German Christmas Market on December 9-11, 2011. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work at our booth this past weekend. Also thanks to everyone who donated ornaments and carvings for the charity sale. At the meeting this Saturday we will have a report on the results. We will also have a prize drawing for those who donated carvings. We hope we will be invited to return next year to the Christmas Market. It's not too early to begin carving ornaments for next year. At January's meeting we will have open carving; a good time to start.



President's Message

I hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving. Our last meeting (November's) was one of the largest ones we have had; thanks to everyone who came. We would like to welcome our visitors Sat Kartar SK and Charlie Buck (who works with Glenn Miller). We also welcome new member John Boice and returning member Joe Perkins.

John Curcio had a full class for his Santa Bulb Christmas ornament. It went great; thanks John. Our Rummage sale, thanks to Lorraine Lewis, also went well. I would also like to thank Andy (John's cousin) and Terry Kirschke for taking the photos at the meeting.

We had around 100 items for the sale at Tomball; thanks to everyone who helped. Now for next year we need to do even better, and remember we take Christmas ornaments or any type of carvings.

At the meeting Carolyn talked about our show next year, and us maybe expanding to 3 days with 2 days of classes and a one day show. Also the date we would have it was also discussed. We are thinking of having the show September 13(?), 14, 15, this will place it the weekend before the Guild show like this year. The dates are being checked on and there will be more on this in January. The reason for the "?" is if we go to 2 days of classes and if we can get the date also. This will give us a better opportunity for different instructors who only do 2 day classes. If you have someone or something in mind for classes please let us know, we need your input to make this work.

We will start work on the new and more portable club sign in January. I will have all the letters cut out and will have an example sign at the meeting. So if you have a favorite letter get with me before the mad rush begins.

We have a full slate of classes for next year (2012). If anyone wants to give an additional class or even a mini class please get with Pat Felder and he will see about getting you on the schedule.

The ever popular club elections were brought up and with lots of encouragement, a motion was made we keep our current slate of officers for next year (unless someone has the urge to run for one of the positions). We will have our elections in January. Current officers will run, with one exception. Our Librarian, Lin Swalley, is unable to serve next year. Thanks Lin, for your outstanding service, and for improving our catalog system with the addition of the Library Thing database. Thanks also to Terry Kirschke for assisting Lin. We need someone to take over the library. If you are interested, please see me.

2012 Club membership dues are due in January, if you have not already taken care of them. See the treasurer Bill Lewis to pay your dues.

LEFT CARVING: There was a carving left on the show and tell table; I have it and you can pick it up next meeting.

Remember our December meeting is our Christmas Party, so bring a covered dish and have fun. Also we will have our carving exchange; if you wish to

2012 Class Schedule

January—Open Carving

February—Chip Carving,
JoAn Brueggeman

March—knife making,
Mike Moeskau

April—Christmas Bark
Carving, Fred Carter

May—Joe Perkins

June—Fan Bird, Fred
Childers

July—Preston Smith

August—Leroy Miller

September—Club Show

October—Stylized Bird,
Terry Kirschke

November—Fred Strat-
ton

December—XMAS Party

President's Message (continued)

participate, bring a wrapped carving and be part of the fun.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Ronnie

Show and Tell



Helen Havemann carved the bunny on the left using the other bunny as a go by.



Sat Kartar SK carved the giant pinkie from cherry wood. He also carved the small objects.



Kenan Schultz carved the horse in the round from a rough out Berny gave him.

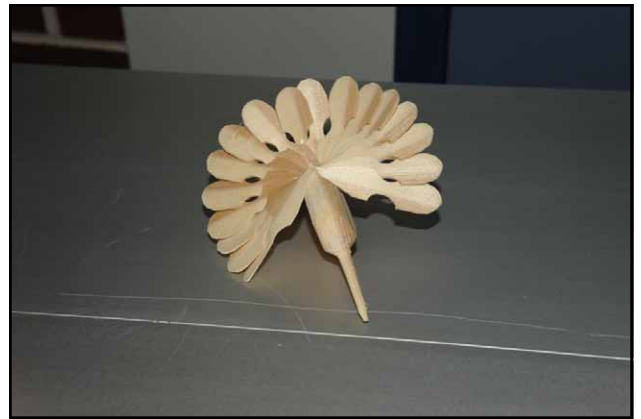


Elmo McCoy sculpted this clay bust of his 2nd granddaughter from memory. Now that he has found her photo, he will do it over. He carves using a clay model as a guide.





Fred Childers carved the fan bird. He will teach this class next year in June. The bird is from one piece of wood. They can be painted if you want, or left with a natural finish.



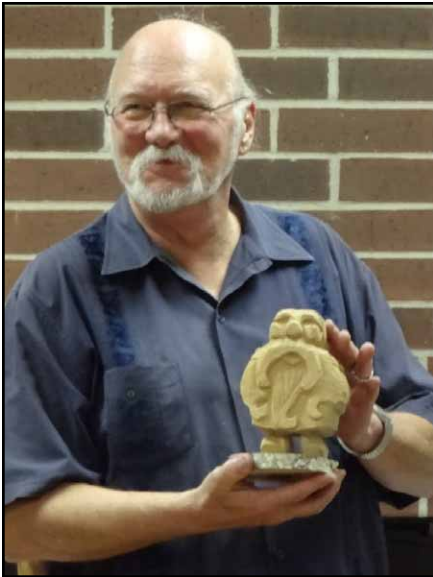
Dave Kissinger carved 3 additional hummingbirds after taking Donna Menke's class. He found that craft paints do not work as well as artist paints for hummingbirds. This is the 2nd eagle he has carved. He likes to repeat carvings from classes to make sure he has mastered the techniques.



Glenn Miller carved the gentleman from a Gary Batte rough out. He carved the bottle stopper Santa from a Dale Green rough out.



Shelley Key carved the Bachelor Farmer and his Wife in a Danny Reb class at Kerrville.



Charles Glass carved this Santa Claus from a picture his wife selected.



Carolyn Smith carved the Nativity Egg in Wanda Reichert's class. She carved the hummingbird relief in a Branson class with John Engler. She used Preston's Santa carvings (below) to paint in Pat Moore's painting class.



Preston Smith did several carvings in Branson: Hillbilly and his Wife with Harold Enlow, Nighttime Santa (has bedroom slippers) with Zinger, and the Gerald Sears rough out.



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The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

