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HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS

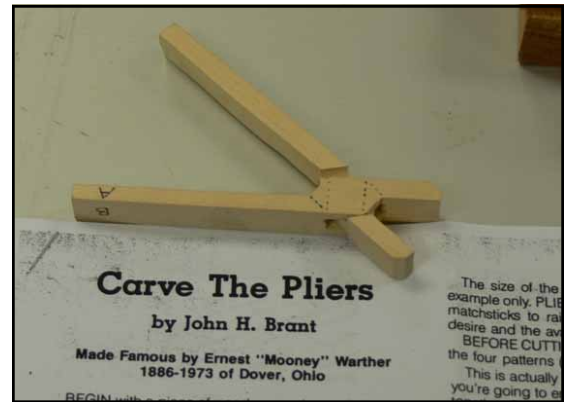
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May 15th Class: Carving Working Pliers with Bob Schearer

Is it possible to carve a working pair of pliers from a single piece of wood? Supposedly it can be done with ten cuts. Let Bob show you how. In the process you get practice making deep cuts and gauging their depth. You also learn patience. Requires a thin bladed knife such as an X-Acto, and there will be several available to use. Wood will be provided.



Charity Project Table



Would you like to help raise money for our sponsored charities without spending a dime? Just join us at the club charity project table organized by Lorraine Lewis. We provide the wood blanks free if you agree to carve and return them for our annual charity sale. Don't like to paint? Lorraine will get it painted. If you want to create your own project to give us, we will include it in the sale. Any decorative carving is accepted.



Friendship Stick Submissions Due

Ronnie Boston is still accepting carvings for the Friendship Sticks. One of the Friendship Sticks will go to the Texas Woodcarver's Guild (TWG) to auction off this Fall. The others will be displayed at our club table at the TWG show this October. There is still time to do a carvings for the Friendship Sticks. Please see Ronnie for blanks. He is designing and building our club table now. Think about carvings you would like to bring to Ronnie for possible display on the club table at Kerrville. They should not be too big or too fragile to travel.



President's Note: Get Ready for the Charity Auction

At June's meeting we will vote on this year's charities. The nominations so far:

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center <http://www.houston.va.gov/>,

Texas Children's Hospital <http://www.texaschildrens.org/default.aspx>,

and House of Amos <http://www.houseofamos.org/index>.

Everyone is encouraged to visit Lorraine at the next meeting and pick up a pattern. There are less than 5 months for carving before our show in October.

In July we will have a silent auction to get the fund raising started. Items to be sold include: Wecheer WE320 power carving system, knives, hand tools, wood, and much more. All proceeds from the auction go to this year's charities. Watch this space for more details. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the auction: Bob Tidmore, Mike Moeskau, Elmo McCoy, Tip Allen, Bob Clum, Fred Childers, and Lorraine Lewis.



Thank You and Welcome

A special thanks to Mike Moeskau for his class on knife making. He had the handles predrilled and the blades ready. All we had to do was insert the Murphy blades and epoxy them in place. Mike also had blocks of wood and patterns to use for carving wooden knife covers for our new knives.

Welcome back to Fred Childers after his recent motorcycle accident. Fred thanked everyone for the get well card. Welcome back John Zander; a former member who has rejoined the club. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Montgomery County Fair and the Woodworking Show this past month. Thanks from Helen Hatton to those who bought Charlie Hatton's tools; she appreciates it. On April 3, 2010 member and friend Joe Profota passed away. Joe joined the club in 1972, and achieved some notoriety for carving nativity scenes, one of which was displayed in the Governor's mansion. Even though his carving had slowed down lately, we are thankful that he was able to participate in the HAWC show this past Fall.

Show and Tell



John Zander brought in several items: a relief of Buddha, woodburning of a tiger, box out of 1 piece of wood, Celtic knots, silver bowl nestled in wood bowl, bronze and sterling silver bells, stone carvings and fused glass. John's primary interest is working with metal, but as you see, he is a talented artist in many areas.



Robert Tidwell showed his hound dog. He had fun doing this Herb Teesdale roughout carving. He used a Minwax stain.





Fred Carter showed his buffalo. Usually he does a plain base, but this one shows grass under the buffalo.



Jeff Teter showed his dog. He modified the Christmas dog roughout into his Irish Setter.



Jim Berry showed his duck, a male Lesser Scaup, that he started 12 years ago. This was a Dick Turpin computer course. It is basswood with acrylic paints. He re-painted it several times.





Berny Alvarez showed his scroll saw work that had some knife work on it. He put gold paint on the cross.



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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 77074.

- ***Calendar of Events:***

- **June 19, 2010:** Next Month's HAWC Meeting, Houston, TX
- **October 1-2, 2010:** HAWC Show & Classes, Houston, TX
- **October 7-15, 2010:** Texas Woodcarver's Guild, Kerrville, TX