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HOUSTON AREA WOODCARVERS

Newsletter October 2008

2008 Show Cancelled

This year's show has been cancelled. Instead we will have a regular meeting with two classes to choose from.

This Month's Classes

Woodburning Fur & Feathers

with Carolyn Smith. There will be two projects to choose from: a dog, and a bird. There may be time to do both. Tools needed: a variable heat woodburner. There will be several woodburners available to borrow.

Son of a Bird

fan carving once again, with Pete Reitinger. We wanted a frightening project for Halloween, and we couldn't think of anything scarier. Tools recommended: 1" #3 gouge, 1/4" or larger veiner or v-tool, and a drawknife. There will be tools available to borrow. Wood will be provided. The cost of the class is \$5, and all proceeds will be donated to the Wanda Marsh fund (refer to story on p. 3).



Woodburning dog and bird projects.



The fan carved bird is back.

President's Note

I hope that everyone we were not able to get in touch with weathered the storm alright. I know that it is not easy to ask for help, but it is fun and fulfilling to help others. If anyone needs anything, or if you know someone in need, please give our club a chance to help.

It was with great regret that this year's show was cancelled. Because of post-hurricane logistical problems and low participation it was unreasonable to have a show this month. Rather than postpone the show, it was cancelled so that we can start working on next year's show. All money received for this year's show will be refunded.

Class Schedule

Leatherwork w/ Fred Stratton	Nov. 15, 2008
Christmas Party	Dec. 20
TBD w/ Carl Holdridge	Jan. 17, 2009
Bark Carving w/ Mike Moescau	Feb. 21
TBD w/ Herb Teesdale	Mar. 21
TBD	Apr. 18
TBD	May 16

October Meeting Agenda

- 2009 HAWC Show
- Classes for next year
- Charity Ornament Sale
- 2009 Texas Woodcarvers Guild Show
- Wanda Marsh fund
- Club Officers

Charity Ornament Sale

The ornament sale is off to a good start. At the Texas Woodcarvers Guild show in Kerrville we sold 23 ornaments and raised \$260. But...we still need more ornaments, and more venues to sell them.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed ornaments. If anyone has more, please bring them in. If you have some unfinished ornaments and you would like some help finishing them, please bring them to a meeting. Bring ornaments to the October and November meetings. The more the better.



Ornaments for sale at the Texas Woodcarvers Guild show in Kerrville

If you would like to buy some ornaments, they will be on sale at the October,

November and December meetings. If you can sell some ornaments for the club, or if you know of a good setting to sell them, please tell Pete Reittinger at the meeting, call him at 281-395-5735, or send him an e-mail at HAWCmail@yahoo.com

Classes for 2009

Pete Reittinger is scheduling classes for next year. He needs to know three things. Who wants to teach a class? What type of classes do we want? What type of classes will we support?

A great way to learn how to carve is to teach it. If you have a project that you would like to share with the club, please tell Pete at the meeting, call him at 281-395-5735, or send him an email at HAWCmail@yahoo.com.

Do we want classes that are more advanced? More difficult projects would most likely not be completed in one meeting. We can have multi-day, or multi-meeting classes. We could have classes that will get you started on a project that you can finish on your own. Do you want to learn knife making, golf ball carving, sculpting, or scrimshaw? Tell me what you want.

Lastly, bigger projects have bigger price tags. If we invite outside carvers to teach, then we have to commit to support them.

Club Officers for 2009

As we enter the final quarter of this year it is time to start thinking about club duties for next year. This club will need a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, show chairpersons, librarian, webmaster, and tool sharpener. If one of these positions is of interest to you, now is the time to talk to the person currently filling it. Offer your help, learn what's involved, and possibly get some valuable on the job training.

The only difficulty in any of these jobs is starting from scratch.

A list of club officers can be found on the back of this newsletter. There is no reason why we can't have more than one person in most positions, it would only make the work easier. Also, if there is some job you would like to do for the club that is not covered in the existing offices, a position can be created for you.

If this interests you please contact a club officer.

Raffle & Sale to Benefit Wanda Marsh



Wanda Marsh teaching HAWC members to power carve realistic flowers.

Wanda Marsh has been a long time member and friend of the Houston Area Woodcarvers. Widely known for her realistic carvings of flowers, she has taught classes for the Houston Area Woodcarvers and the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. She has also been teaching weekly classes at The Old Texas Woodcarver Shop for years, until recently, when she was diagnosed with lung cancer. She has undergone radiation and chemotherapy, but while she was recovering at home she fell and broke both of her shoulders.

On her behalf the club is raffling off a Helvie carving knife (\$40 dollar value). The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing



Win this Helvie knife

will take place at the December Christmas party (need not be present to win). We are also selling wood. 1.5" X 1.5" X 6" basswood blocks for \$2, and 1.5" X 1.5" X 12" butternut blocks for \$5. All proceeds will be sent in a Christmas card to Wanda.



Butternut and Basswood blocks for sale

Texas Woodcarvers Guild Fall 2008 Show

The Houston Area Woodcarvers Club had a table at the 2008 Texas State Championship Show in Kerrville, Sept. 27&28. There were ten club tables and a total of 72 tables at the show. Our club will have a table at the next show, Oct. 17&18, 2009. This is a chance for all of our members to enter carvings in next year's show. There are novice and intermediate competitions as well as the open competitions.

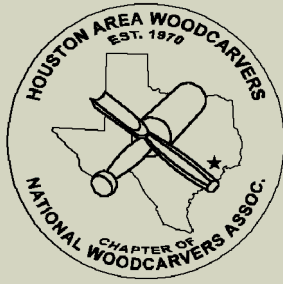
As you can tell from the dates above, next year's show has been moved back three weeks. This means October will not be a good month for the 2009 HAWC show.



The HAWC table at the 2008 Texas State Championship show with member Lorraine Lewis. All tables along this wall are club tables.



Club member Shelley Key also had a table at the show. There were 72 tables in the show this year.



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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.

Check out our website!
houstonareawoodcarvers.com

Annual Christmas Party December 20th



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.



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.