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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

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A Word from the Editor

by David Loeffler

This is the third issue of the newsletter I have put out. I would like to thank Sue, Tom and John for their contributions this month. If you have an article or photo to contribute please send them to me. Anything that comes by the end of the month should make it into the newsletter in time for the meeting. If you have hints to share, woodcarving events, sources for wood or tools, etc., please send it my way.

As a friendly reminder, if you have not paid your dues please do so soon. I have included a membership form in this issue. Sorry I did not do it earlier - I am still learning.

Look up on my website (see link below) for pictures of members. This is the start of our new membership directory with photos. I would like to thank **Jo Comer** for taking the pictures.

I am always on the lookout for interesting woodcarving internet sites. Here is one to try:

<http://www.carvingpatterns.com/>

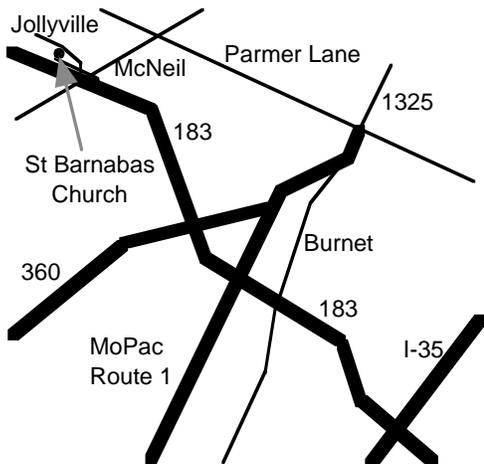
They have lots of patterns from relief to wooden spoons and even sharpening techniques. Check the bottom of this page for polishing knives with newspaper:

<http://www.carvingpatterns.com/sharpening.htm>

The electronic **color** version of this newsletter is available at my website:

<http://www.onr.com/user/loeffler/ctwa/index.html> .

The electronic version requires Adobe's Acrobat Reader (which is free). If you don't have Acrobat Reader there is a link on my web page to get it.



Next Meeting is at St. Barnabas Church on Tuesday April 9th at 7:00PM.

Directions: Go NW on 183 to the McNeil exit. Follow the frontage road thru the lights at McNeil and Jollyville and look for a big red brick bldg. on the right. Enter the Arbor Square parking lot. Enter the door (St. B's is 12871) take the elevator to the 2nd floor and go down to the hall to a large room on the right.

Regents School of Austin 5th Grade Colonial Day

by Sue Sweeney

Saturday morning, March 9, **Jake Heugel** and **Sue Sweeney** participated in Colonial Day at the home of Todd and Laura Knop on Flint Rock Road in Lakeway. Their home is situated on 20 acres with horses, chickens, turkeys and a large vegetable garden. The setting is rolling hills, stone house and barn (with walls one foot thick) stacked rock walls - the perfect place for a modern day Colonial Day.

Behada Raims, a mother of one of the students came by one Wednesday morning and asked for help with the wood carving station. Jake and Sue volunteered.

Other stations were cornhusk doll making, butter churning, corn bread baking, cake baking, visiting the chickens and seeing the baby chicks. Colonial games such as Hoop Rolling were also played. After lunch more games and the Virginia Reel was danced.

Jake and Sue were in the upper part of the barn, sitting on hay bales. They met with 6 groups with 6 to 8 children in each group. Jake explained some basics of woodcarving. Sue told how carvings could be made from twigs and found wood. As an example the "Three Minute Owl" was used. She gave each child one as they left the woodcarving station.



The children tried their hands at soap carving, with good results and much enjoyment. While the children carved, a question and answer session was led by one of the mothers. It covered who carved in colonial times, when and where. The children realized that many kitchen utensils, toys and even buttons were made of wood in that time. Other subjects covered were how colonials washed clothes, cooked, bathed, made their clothes and wigs!

The children also enjoyed seeing and handling some examples of Jake and Sue's woodcarvings.

Lunch was delicious corn chowder, warm cornbread with freshly churned butter and warm pound cake.

It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.



Blank of the Month

Herb Ferrero

A Star Ornament

Secretarys Notes

By **John Thompson**
March 12, 2002 Meeting

As we entered the meeting room we were asked to stand up against the wall to have our picture taken. (Some members seemed to be more familiar with this procedure than others but that's another story.) The pictures are for a Club Pictorial Directory so that you will be able to associate a face with a name. This is a wonderful idea and should be of help to everyone in the club.

Once you made it past the lineup and into the room the meeting was called to order by our president **Jim Roby**. There were no visitors or old business so we went straight to new business.

Diann Small announced that Faubion Middle School is looking for carvers to demonstrate their skill at the school on May 10, 2002 starting at 5:45 pm. The school is located on Cypress Creek Road just off of Hwy. 183. For more information contact Diane.

Jim Roby said that he had some green mesquite (good for turning) that he would be willing to give to anyone who came by to pick it up.

Tom Sarff brought several boxes of veneer that he sold for \$1.00 per sheet and the money would go to the club.

The blank of the month was a little curled up smiling snake supplied by **Ed Jones**.

We were happy to have **Tom Small** back with us. Tom looks great and proceeded to catch up on old new with club members. *Welcome Back Tom!*

Show and Tell

Norm Hein – A great Rex Branson Mountain Man Bust

Ed Jones had done four very unique carvings including a ball inside a spiral.

Buddy Streetman brought a female bust done in basswood that he did with Wally Lueth.

Tom Sarff had been busy with a Dave Stedson Horse, a Ronnie Reed beauty, a Short Texan (which looked like a hat with boots), and a Ronnie Reed Indian Bust.

Jake Huegel and **Jim Roby** brought Bookworms they had done from last month's blank.

Chas Chapot had a relief drawer front for a nightstand done in oak.

Marvin Joseph had a big horn sheep he carved from a Debbe Edwards blank.

I apologize for not having a list of the raffle winners.

Guess Who?

by Tom Sarff

Can you guess who this is? Tom will reveal at the meeting. The picture was taken September 27, 2001 at an undisclosed location.



[Editor comment] I guess it doesn't pay to sit in front of Tom when he has his camera.

Wanted

- How-to articles
- Show Reviews
- Class Critiques
- Tips

Send them to:
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Upcoming Events

April 9-20 16th Annual Texas Carving Rally, Oakdale Park, Glen Rose, TX Carving class April 8-12 and April 15-20, 2002. Contact Gail Fruehling, P.O.Box 548, Glen Rose, TX 76043 Ph: 254-897-2321 frueh@hcnews.com

April 13-14 Oakdale Park Spring Show & Sale. Glen Rose, TX. Contact Gail Fruehling, P.O.Box 548, Glen Rose TX 76043, Ph: 254-897-2321, frueh@hcnews.com

April 28-May 4 TWG Spring Roundup 2002. Fredericksburg, TX. Gillispie County Fair Ground. Contact Robert Miles, 7881 E. Goldenrod, Gardendal, TX 76093

Dues Due

Dear Members,

If you have already paid your dues, thank you very much, and go on to the next article.

If you have not paid your dues, please make a check out to CTWA (Central Texas Woodcarvers Association) for \$12.00, and send it to me at the following address:

Gail Lynn
11906 Rickem Cove
Austin, TX 78758

Your dues almost pay for the expense of mailing the newsletter (approximately \$800 in 2001) and donations to the church for the meeting room (\$25 per month, or \$300 for the year.) The rest of the money comes from raffles and blank sales at the meetings.

Our total expenses for 2001 were \$2500. Our current bank balance is \$1120.

Feel free to call me at 835-6643 or e-mail me at gaillynn@austin.rr.com if you have any questions.

That said, we always like to see you at the meetings.

Happy Carving
Gail Lynn

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual Membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. During the year, new adult members' dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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