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NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

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November's Show & Tell Table

A Word from the Editor

by David Loeffler



Elections are coming up. The list of nominees is on page 3.

We are planning a holiday party for the January meeting. **JoAnn Cage** is heading up the planning effort. If you would like to help please contact her. (MarJoCage@aol.com)

Sue Sweeney has already gotten people to commit to doing the blanks next year. See page 3 for the complete list.

We have quite a bit of stuff for sale this month. Need a scroll saw, a joiner or a big carousel size horse to carve? See page 3.

As we draw near to the end of the year it is time to return all those things you may have *borrowed*. **Gary Roberts** lent a knife to a new member back in March - he would like back. If you find a tool with someone else's name on it, please get it back to them. **THANKS.**

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

<http://www.onr.com/ctwa/newsletters>

10% Member Discount at Woodcraft

This is reminder to pay your dues for 2003. Membership card will get you 10% discount on all non-power tool items anytime at Woodcraft.

Membership form is on the back of the newsletter.



Holiday Party - see page 2.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 7 PM at St. Barnabas Church.

Doors open at 6:30. If you need directions call one of the officers or visit the club website.



Holiday Party

Jo Cage

Holiday Party will be held on **January 14, 2003**, at 6:30PM. Meat and drink is furnished by the club. This year if your last name begins with

- A through E.....bring a salad
- F through P.....bring a vegetable
- Q through Z.....bring a dessert

We will still have a Show and Tell time, a Raffle and a Door Prize. Bring your significant other.

Most of all we'll have

Lots of Fun



REESE's PIECES for the NOVICE

By Bob Reese



I just came up with an idea. Why throw out all your old empty plastic egg cartons! You can use them to put your paints in when painting your products. When you are through painting, just throw the carton away. No messy cleanups. You can even use the top of the carton to place your brushes in or other items. They are also great to keep small sanding disks and small items while you are at your Power Carving bench. Just don't close the top and turn upside down or you will have a mess.

Wanted

Your E-Mail Address

If you would like e-mail notification of CTWA events and on-line newsletter please send me your e-mail address.

Send to:

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Nov & Dec Blank of the Month

Jim Brinkman and Bob Hrehor



Carving as Relaxation Therapy

by Tom Sarff



Every one tells me they carve because it is so relaxing and it calms their nerves. I have found that carving has many moments of frustration. Why is it?

- The hand I just carved has 3 fingers?
- The right eye is never the same size as the left eye?
- The leg always breaks off?
- As I sand, more scratches and dents appear in the carving?
- The nostrils are never the same size?
- When I try to fix the nostril's size, I break the nose off?
- I always drop a little screw into a 2-week accumulation of wood chips under the table?
- I get a glob of white paint on the end of the nose while highlighting the eyes of a painted carving?
- My V tool is always dull?
- I never have a gouge of the right size.
- If I have a gouge of the right size, it tears the wood while making a critical cut?
- That perfectly white, feather light basswood I bought for \$5.00 a board foot carves like Post Oak?
- When separating an arm from a body, the arm AND the body end up being to small?
- Dark Red paint always runs up the V tool marks in Santa's nicely painted white beard?
- My favorite knife always has at least 2 big nicks in it 15 minutes after I sharpen it?
- The knife in my hand is (1) to small, (2) to big, (3) to short, (4) to long or (5) to wide, to make the next cut?
- When I get something ready to paint tomorrow, fuzzy wazzys grow overnight?
- Gouges poke holes in cowboy hats at night while I sleep?
- The light is so bad I can't see what I'm carving?
- Wood chips crawl all over the house while my wife is not looking, and I only got a cup of coffee?
- When laying out a pattern on a piece of wood, the wood is always 1/4 inch too small?
- I never have the shade of paint I need?

- The wood chips sticking to my clothes are invisible, until I go in the house, where my wife sees them?
- A dropped knife always lands on the point?
- The grain always runs the wrong way?
- A tube of Crazy Glue is dried out when ever I need some?
- When I'm truly inspired, my wife has a honey do that can't wait?
- The eye lid always chips out when I make the final cut on a perfectly carved eye?
- Jim's paint jobs; Jake's animals, Joann's pins, and every thing in Chip Chats are so much better than mine are?

I should find some other truly relaxing hobby, but the wonderful friends I meet carving make up for a few frustrations!!

Secretary's Notes

by John Thompson



Larry Crooks will be bringing a signup sheet for Debby Edward's class to the December meeting. The cost is approximately \$125. Please see Larry at the meeting for more details.

Nominations for 2003 CTWA Officers

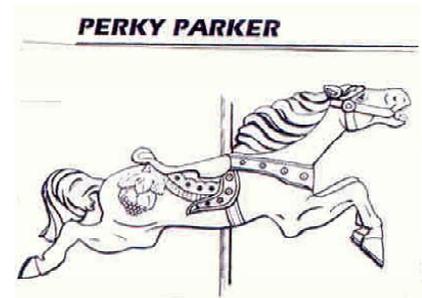
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2003 Blank of the Month Contributors

January.....Party
 February Jake Heugal
 March..... Chas Chapot
 April..... John Thompson
 May.....Jere Elliott
 June.....Gail Lynn
 July.....Ed Roberts
 August..... Marvin Joseph
 September..... Diann Small
 October..... Ed Jones
 November..... Bob Reese
 December Tom Sarff

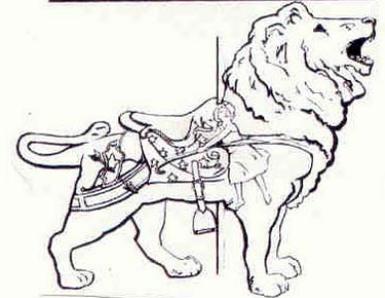
For Sale

Two carousel carving kits.



Parker Jumper on carving stand on rollers. Original cost \$960. Approx. 48" tall x 60" length. Will take \$750

DENTZEL LION



Dentzel Lion has been roughed out but lots of carving left to do. Original cost \$1095. Approx. 36" tall x 45" long. Will take \$750

Ed Jones (512)244.9300
 Milton@austin.rr.com



16" Scroll Saw made by American Machine & Tool. Uses pin and non-pin blades. Dust blower and hold down arm are missing. Price: \$75.00
 Jere Elliott (512)345-2369
jereelliott@netzero.net

Sears, 4 1/8th inch Joiner/Planer - w/metal stand and pushers Excellent condition - little use. \$75.00

Wiley W. Bell (512)258-6399

State Carving Events

Jan 17-18. Rio Grande Valley Woodcarver's 17th Annual Woodcarving Show, MCALLEN, TEXAS. (McAllen Civic Center, 1300 S. 10th St.) 10am-4pm. \$2 donation. Wanda Marsh as judge. Contact Dorothy Chapapas, (959) 581-2448.

Jan 20-26. Rio Grande Valley Woodcarver's Rally on the Rio & 4th Annual Woodcarving Carving Seminar. MERCEDES, TEXAS (Mercedes Livestock Show Grounds).

Contact: Elaine Craft, Rt. 1 Box 2640, Mission, TX 78572, etcraft@hotmail.com or Maxine Blanchard, 9401 N. 10th 2-30, McAllen, TX 78504, maxvee@aol.com or <http://www.iidbs.com/riogrand>

Feb 14-15. Chip-O-Tex Wood Carvers Show, HARLINGEN, TEXAS (Casa de Amistad Fair Park Blvd.) 9am-5pm. Contact fulltimer@aol.com (860) 456-2009.

Feb 17-20. Tree City Woodcarvers 2003 Seminar, UVALDE, TEXAS. Contact: Paul McLeod (830) 278-9571, email uaacoffice@swtjc.cc.tx.us or visit <http://www.uvaldeaac.org>.

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.

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