

the Cutting Edge

January
2004

Volume 15
Issue 1

Newsletter of the Central Texas Wood Carvers Association

CTWA Officers 2004

President

Buddy Streetman..... 453-4087

Vice President

Bob Reese..... 515-5600

Secretary

Shirley Newman..... 259-2325

Treasurer

Gail Lynn..... 835-6643

Blank Master

Sue Sweeney..... 454-0520

Librarian

David Hickey..... 258-2310

Raffle Master

Tom Sarff..... 282-4100

Sharpening Master

Bill Buckler..... 255-9507

Tape Master

Larry Crook..... 834-8011

Newsletter

David Loeffler..... 335-7354

e-mail: loeffler@onr.com

Advisory Board

Jim Roby..... `02

John Thompson..... `01

Jake Heugel..... `00

Diann Small..... `99

Debbe Edwards Class

January 23-25

Arranged by **John Thompson**

So far 9 people have signed up for the class and the majority want the buffalo head. John will have the sign up sheet at the January party would like to finalize arrangements. If you have any questions and can not make the meeting, please give John a call. His cell phone number is (512)680-3591.

December Show and Tell



Tom Sarff

Norm Hein

Editor's Notes

by David Loeffler

Happy New Year all. I am breaking with tradition and publishing a newsletter in January instead of sending out postcards for the Holiday Party. By the way, the party is on Jan 13th, our normally scheduled meeting time (see page 2). Very big thanks to **Jo Cage** for organizing it again this year. **John Thompson** has organized another Debbe Edwards class (see page 1). Election results are in and congratulations new officers and to **Diann Small** for stepping in on the advisory board.

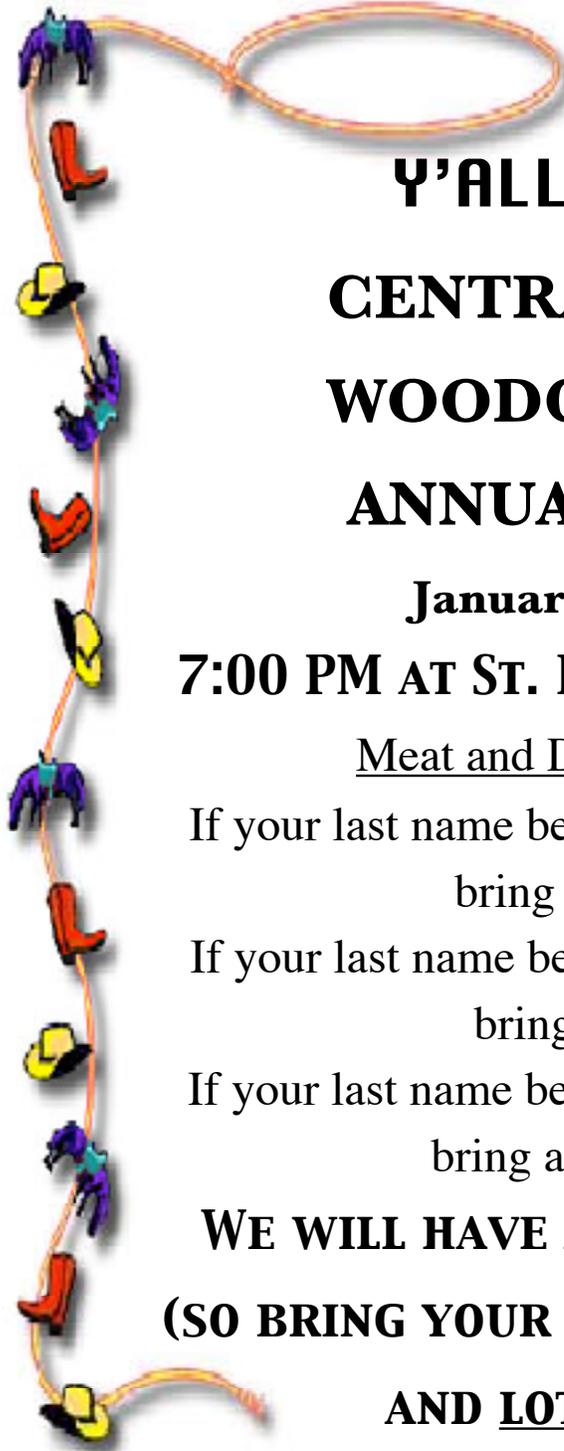
If you would like e-mail reminders of the meetings and are not getting them now please send me, loeffler@onr.com, your e-mail address.

Remember to renew your membership. An application form is on page 4.

Color version of this newsletter is on our web site www.onr.com/ctwa

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, Jan 13th 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 (<http://www.onr.com/ctwa>)



**Y'ALL COME!
CENTRAL TEXAS
WOODCARVERS'
ANNUAL PARTY**

January 13, 2004

7:00 PM AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

Meat and Drink Provided

If your last name begins with **A** through **E**,
bring a **dessert**

If your last name begins with **F** through **N**,
bring a **salad**

If your last name begins with **O** through **Z**,
bring a **vegetable**

**WE WILL HAVE A RAFFLE, A SHOW
(SO BRING YOUR FAVORITE CARVING)
AND LOTS OF FUN!**

REESE's PIECES for the NOVICE

By **Bob Reese**

After you have completed the painting of your cowboy or animal carving, mix 1/2 capful of oil paint...burnt sierra or burnt umber with a pint of boiled linseed oil. Saturate copiously the entire carving and wait about 30 minutes and wipe off. I do this 2-3 times for each carving. It fills in the dry wood and gives a waxed glow to the carving and makes it look more professional. Watch out for your soaked oil rags. They are combustible. I get my wife to wash them when I am through.

Secretary's Notes

by **Shirley Newman**

December 9, 2003 Meeting

This was it ... our last monthly meeting of 2003! And a good group of enthusiastic wood carvers was present to carve, and of course to spin a few yarns.

Time for election of officers for 2004, and **Buddy Streetman** opened the floor for nominees in addition to the four on the slate. As there were no new nominees, **Jake Heugel** moved that the four named individuals be elected for the coming year. The motion was seconded and carried by club member vote. Officers for 2004 are as follows:

- Buddy Streetman**, President
- Bob Reese**, Vice President
- Shirley Newman**, Secretary
- Gail Lynn**, Treasurer

In addition, the following individuals have agreed to continue in their respective capacities next year:

- Sue Sweeney**, Blank Master
- David Hickey**, Librarian
- Tom Sarff**, Raffle Master
- Bill Buckler**, Sharpening Master
- Larry Crook**, Tape Master

Diann Small was added to the Advisory Board, replacing **Ronnie Reed** who is no longer a member of our club. Diann joins **Jim Roby**, **John Thompson**, and **Jake Heugel** on the Board.

Our thanks to all of you who agreed to serve in these areas of responsibility ... 2004 promises to be a great year!

Our annual *Holiday Party* will be held at St. Barnabas Tuesday night, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. **Jo Cage** and her elves have once again agreed to coordinate the event. Meat will be provided by the club, and those attending the party will be asked to bring side dishes, designated by where your last name falls in the following schedule:

- A - E Dessert
- F - N Salad
- O - Z Vegetables

This has worked very well in past years, and we always have an abundance of delicious food to enjoy. Hope you plan to be present.

The show and tell table once again provided an array of work reflecting the talents of our carvers. **Tom Sarff**

shared three caricature horses which will go to family members at Christmas, and also a Santa head ornament and Santa pin which were our blanks of the month to carve later in the evening.

Norm Hein had carved a caricature Preacher which was finished in a blend of acrylic paint and acrylic floor wax which was quite appealing. **Buddy Streetman** had carved a tiny pair of shoes, complete with shoe laces, which reflected some delicate carving.

Jeremy Cuba brought his bunch of grapes carved from a wooden egg, using the tool and technique from a class his Grandma attended while in Fredericksburg in the Spring. He mixed his paints and came up with the perfect color for the grapes. When painting his work, Jeremy prefers a wash which also shows the carving cuts.

Jake Heugel's bob cat was from a Rossiter roughout which was realistically carved, and then mounted on a Philippine mahogany base.

Jim Roby brought his Big Horn Elk which won first place in the Austin competition and was sent on to Nationals. When he received it back, it was damaged and he had to recarve several parts, resulting once again in an impressive work of art. He also brought his deer head which he had power carved from one piece of wood. Amazing.

Following the raffle, chips flew as Santa ornaments began to take shape from the blanks brought by **Tom Sarff**.

In closing, on behalf of our Club, I want to express our unanimous vote of appreciation to **David Loeffler** for the wonderful job he does each month as Editor of our newsletter, *The Cutting Edge*. David not only makes certain the newsletter is mailed to our homes in a timely manner, but also places it on our Web Site so we can view it in color. Thanks so much, David, for the impressive newsletter you turn out each month ... you're the greatest!!!

Remember the *Holiday Party* on January 13th, 2004. I'll see you then.

December Show and Tell



Jake Heugel **Jim Roby** **Jim Roby**
Buddy Streetman **Jeremy Cuba**

Texas Carving Events

January 16-17. 18th Annual Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers Show, McAllen, TX (McAllen Civic Center, 1300 S. 10th St.) Fri. and Sat. 10am-4pm. \$2 donation, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Show Judge: Desiree Hajny. Maxine Blanchard, (656)687-2533, 9401 N. 10th 2-30, McAllen, TX 78504, MaxVee@aol.com, www.iidbs.com/riogrand.

January 19-26. Rally On The Rio - 5th Annual Woodcarving Seminar features a variety of carving classes. Visit www.iidbs.com/riogrand for class information, details or an application. Questions can be directed to **Elaine Craft**, etcraft@hotmail.com, RR1 Box 2640, Mission TX 78572.

February 16-19. Tree City 2004 Woodcarving Seminar, UVALDE, TX (Uvalde Activity Center, 250 E. Main). Instructors: John Engler, Callas Deege, Jon Nelson, Ronnie Reed, Lem Smith, Mary Jo Smith, Johnney Stevens and Bill Taylor. For registration brochure, contact Paul McLeod at Uvalde Activity Center, 250 E. Main, Uvalde, TX 78801 or email uaacoffice@swtjc.cc.tx.us.

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 _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Mail to Gail Lynn, 11906 Rickem Cove, Austin, TX 78758
gaillynn@austin.rr.com

