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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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Next meeting
Thursday, September 8 7:00 PM
at the Austin Woodcraft store



Example Chipmunk
carved from August
Blank of the month
By Cruz Rendon

Monthly Meeting Notes

At the request of our CTWA President, Clarence Born, Gail Lynn presided at the meeting of our club Thursday night, August 11, 2011 at the Woodcraft Store in Austin.

Gail welcomed two visitors who expressed interest in our club, and plan to join. Steve Echols, who moved here from

Plano, has been carving for about four years. As well as carving Santas, he is carving pine knots. We hope to learn more about pine knot carving in the future. Shawn Graham specializes in chip carving, and we are encouraging both Shawn and Steve to share their work at future show and tell times.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our club account of \$2,125.16. Jim also stated that he had reserved a club table for the Texas Woodcarving Guild Fall Show in Kerrville, October 7 and 8.

Jim Mischel agreed to teach a class on carving small dogs from basswood and other miscellaneous types of wood, at the conclusion of our September monthly meeting.

Diann Small shared that there is still room for a couple of carvers in Rick Jensen's 3-day bark carving class to be held for members of our club October 14-17.

Moving to the show and tell table, Johnny Dunlap brought an automated man which had been carved by Jake Heugel, who was unable to attend. Johnny wanted to animate his carving of a man playing a piano. Jake produced this automated carving as a demonstration for Johnny. When connected to its power source, the man nodded his head, raised and lowered his arms, and gently taps one foot. Amazing work Jake!

Johnny and Dottie also brought a sea horse which was given to them, and had been carved in Belize. The wood was two toned which added to its finish. They also brought a piece of the same wood, uncarved, which was quite heavy. It is always interesting to see carvings from other places.

Buddy Streetman had completed carving his polar bear which he had bleached white. It was a very detailed carving and most realistic.

Jim Mischel had carved a tree house from a piece of willow wood. He had also carved two small dogs which he will demonstrate how to

carve at our meeting in September. Jim will carve most any type of wood which adds to the interest of his work.

Russell Schwausch had carved three spoons, one from mesquite with a lovely finish to the wood, and two from basswood, one of which he had given a finishing coat. He also brought a small highly sanded and polished piece of mesquite which revealed the beauty of that wood.

Following the raffle, folks were given an opportunity to try their hand at carving a caricature chipmunk blank provided by Cruz Rendon. The blank came with step by step instructions, and several go-bys were available also to direct the carvers.

The next meeting of our club will be Thursday, September 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodcraft Store in Austin.

Shirley Newman
CTWA Secretary



Animation Demo by Jake Heugel



Carvings by
Russell Schwausch





Belize carving
Presented by
Johnny Dunlap



Blank of the month
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Jim Mischel



Jim Mischel

Something to ponder

**To the world you may one person,
but to one person you may be the world**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

Annual membership is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young people under 18 years of age. This membership includes a monthly e-mail newsletter. An additional \$12.00 per year is collected if you desire a hardcopy of the monthly newsletter mailed to you. During the year, new adult members dues are prorated at \$1.00 per month.

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