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Next meeting  
Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 PM  
at the Austin Woodcraft Store



Jake  
Heugel



Clarence Born

## Monthly Meeting Notes

Clarence Born, President, called the meeting to order February 9, 2012, at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. He welcomed Mark Schweitzer, a Master Potter, who was visiting our group for the evening.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance in our Club account of \$2,406.22, noting that to date 30 members had paid their club dues for this year.

Clarence encouraged anyone in the club to sign up to provide the monthly blank of the month, bringing new ideas to our club members to carve.

2012 Blank of the Month  
Volunteers

March	Gail Lynn
April	Jake Heugel
May	Jim Mischel
June	Tom Sarff
July	Cruz Rendon
August	Lu Casaubon
September	Johnny Dunlap
October	Steve Echols
November	_____

Diann Small announced that the caricature carving class which was to have been led by Dallas Deege March 10 and 11, had been cancelled.

Johnny Dunlap recognized Lu Casaubon as the Club's outstanding carver of the month, presenting him with a blank which was partially carved, for him to complete. Also as a precautionary measure, Lu our resident doctor was given duck tape, band-aids, alcohol swabs etc.



for any emergencies that might arise while he was carving with sharp tools. This "delayed first blood" award acknowledged Lu's incident while carving after our January meeting. We all enjoyed the dubious award at Lu's expense.



Johnny also suggested that we consider meeting as a small group to carve at one of the local malls as a means of building membership in our club and interest in woodcarving. He will report further on this in the future.

Julius Van Tassell, the youngest member of our carving club, and his mother, Gabi, shared a project that is very dear to their hearts, "Threads of Love". Through this project, hand made blankets and other tiny items are prepared for premature babies in local hospitals. Parents of these preemies are given a memory box that contains various items to make this time less difficult for them. A suggested added touch to be placed in the box is a carved heart with a ribbon attached. As club members were interested in participating in this project, Gail Lynn agreed to bring heart blanks to the March meeting and all present can carve hearts to be given to Threads of Love. This is an ongoing project, so any style heart to be placed in these memory boxes will be greatly appreciated in the future as well. The Treads of Love website is <http://www.threadsoflovesa.org>

Moving on to Show and Tell, Harvey Beauchemin brought two very detailed carvings from Oberammergau, Germany, best known for The Passion Play which is presented there every 10 years. One of the carvings was of the Madonna and Child, and the other was a young couple. Not one of the tiny details was overlooked. They were beautiful.



Harvey also brought the dove ornament he had carved, which was the blank of the month in January. He had placed a small magnet on the back for mounting.

Tom Sarff brought two caricature donkeys, carved and painted in a typically amusing Sarff style. He will also teach these in a class during the Texas Woodcarving Guild's Spring Event in New Braunfels April 22-27.

Johnny Dunlap brought a caricature cowboy head, sporting a cowboy hat and a ring in one ear. This was mounted on a marble type base. He had also carved a longhorn antelope which he had woodburned to highlight the details.

Dottie Dunlap shared her impressive woodburned Holly King on a tapered piece of wood, blending the beard into the design in the wood. It was lovely.

Sue Sweeney had carved four heart pendants with a rose in the center of each one, from butternut. These will be given by her grandchildren to their teachers.

Jim Roby carved the dove ornament from the blank of the month in January. It is always interesting to note the interpretations of carvings fashioned from the same blank.

Clarence Born had carved a number of tiny people to go with our club's Santa's Workshop, as well as several other small carvings resembling Raggedy Ann and friends.

Jake Heugel brought his carved leopard in an action pose climbing a tree, mounted on a mesquite base. He also brought a deer from a Dee Gipson blank, which was carved, painted, and mounted on a cedar base.

Diann Small brought a relief carving which highlighted a corn stalk in one corner with a barn and country landscape in the background. This was carved in John Engler's

recent class attended by several of our club members.

Fred McLeroy had carved a bust of his father from Aspen. He had also sculpted a model go-by from clay which was fashioned after a photo of his father in his 1945 Army uniform.

Shirley Newman had carved and painted a small caricature Louisiana alligator.

Remember the Texas Woodcarvers Guild 2012 Spring Round-Up to be held April 23-27 in New Braunfels. It's not too late to sign up for classes.

Our next Monthly Meeting will be 7:00 p.m. March 8, 2012, at the Woodcraft Store in Austin. Please come prepared to carve hearts that evening for the Threads of Love project.

Shirley Newman  
Secretary





Jake Heugel



Fred McLeroy



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Clay model as basis for Carving



Dottie Dunlap



Oberammergau Carvings



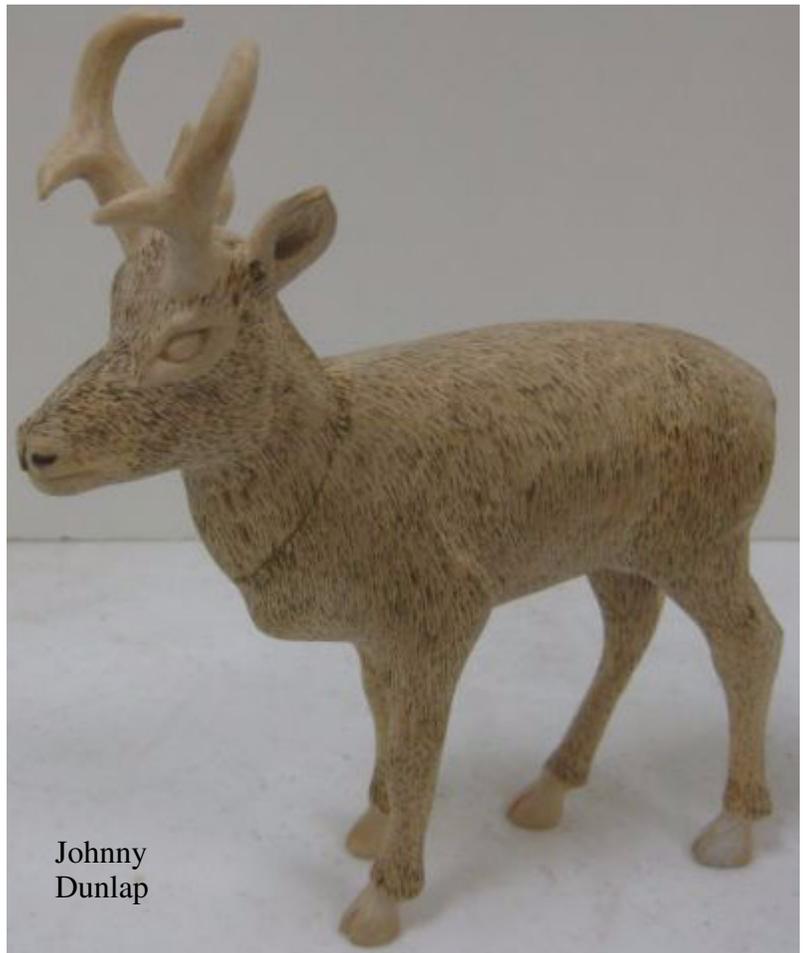
Diann Small



Tom Sarff



Johnny Dunlap



Johnny Dunlap



Harvey  
Beauchemin



Shirley  
Newman



Jim Roby



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## 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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