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Next meeting
Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 PM
at the Austin Woodcraft Store

Harvey
Beauchemin



Clarence
Born



Monthly Meeting Notes

Clarence Born, CTWA President, called the monthly meeting of our club to order Thursday evening, January 12, 2012. The first meeting of the new year was well attended.

Clarence welcomed first time visitors. Robert Galusha, both a visitor and new member, from Arizona, spoke to our group regarding his new business which includes classes in all types of woodworking. His business is located at 12010 Hwy. 290 West, Suite 170, in Austin. He invited those interested in what he has to offer to visit his location, and upcoming Open House.

Also visiting Thursday evening were Chris Kirby, and his two sons, Christopher and Bridger, both of whom are home schooled, and interested in learning woodcarving as part of their Cub Scout program. They chose our club as a source of introducing them to this craft. We encouraged them to visit our weekly Wednesday morning carving sessions at the Hancock Recreation Center where they can receive more hands-on guidance.

It was also very good to have Marvin Joseph back with us after an extended illness. We missed you, Marvin.

Jim Roby, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,238.16 in our club account, noting that he still must reimburse a part of the expense of our 2011 Christmas Party from this amount.

Clarence added that the 2012 Christmas Party will be held at the Springhill Restaurant in Pflugerville which has a larger meeting place to accommodate our group. We will learn more about this as we near that time.

Diann Small reminded the group that Dallas Deege will be with us March 10 and 11 to lead a class in caricature carving. A few openings for the class remain. Cost will be \$80 plus the roughout.

As we did not have a raffle, we went directly to the show and tell table.

Johnny Dunlap brought a very large and detailed carving of an Indian bust which he had stained and painted.

Harvey Beauchemin brought a carving of a World War One pilot, carved in realistic detail, with a highly sanded, natural finish.

Diann Small presented a small stylized guitar with the fret board morphing into a treble clef figure. It was delicately carved and beautifully finished.

Fred McLeroy brought a change of pace to our carving table, as he had carved, from Indiana Limestone, a head of Christ. As Fred is especially interested in Renaissance sculptures, he said this was inspired by a work done by Michelangelo. Woodcarving tools were laid aside as he moved on to gouges and other tools appropriate for carving stone. A very impressive work.

Jim Mischel has set a goal to carve 100 small stylized birds each one from a different wood variety. He shared two of his most recent carvings, one from a post oak in his back yard, and the other from Apricot wood. He has already carved some 30 plus birds, and will welcome any unusual wood to continue his work.

And last, but not least (although the carvings were very tiny), Clarence Born continues to add carvings to our Club's "Santa's Workshop" which goes on display each Christmas at the Round Rock Library. His newest additions include tiny pirate ships, very tiny stick horses at a hitching post, and little vehicles. This display never fails to delight children and adults alike during the month of December.

Diann Small provided the blank of the month which was a dove ornament. Carving and conversation followed our meeting.

Shirley Newman
Secretary



Fred
McLeroy



Clarence Born



Clarence Born





Jim Mischel

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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