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Next Meeting Thursday August 9, 2007 7:00 PM  
Austin Woodcraft Store



Gary Roberts



August meeting  
deadline for  
returning your  
carvings for the  
Santa Workshop  
Project

Club President, Clarence Born, opened our July meeting Thursday, the 12th. He welcomed a visitor, Art Niedermeier, from Sun City. Art is a power carver who is interested in expanding his skills to whittlin' and wood carvin'. He came to the right place, and we hope to see him again in the months ahead.

Clarence reported that there is still room for a few more carvers in Steve Prescott's "Expressions" class which will be held October 12, 13 and 14. There is also some room in Debbie Edwards' "Horse Head" class to be held in February of next year.

Club patches are now available at a cost of \$2.00 for club members. They look great on caps, aprons, etc.

Diann Small announced that she has one eagle head cane kit available if anyone is interested in carving it for the Operation Cane project for veterans.

Johnny Dunlap brought us up-to-date on progress of the "Santa's Workshop" display the club is preparing for the TWG Fall Extravaganza in Fredericksburg in September. He asked that anyone carving items for the display bring their finished pieces to the Thursday night monthly meeting August 9th, after which time the display will be assembled. After the week in Fredericksburg, "Santa's Workshop" will be available for display at libraries, hospitals, perhaps the airport, and etc. Diann Small will be coordinating this effort, so suggestions for where we might place the display may be made to her.

Plans are in the making for our annual Holiday Party at the Optimist Club December 7th. It will be from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. We hope to have a table available for show and tell, and also perhaps a raffle of carvings or woodworking related items. Dottie Dunlap will coordinate the meal and as usual, the club will provide the meat and attendees will bring side dishes. A fun evening will be in store for all, so mark your calendars now!

Looking ahead to our upcoming monthly meetings, Gail Lynn will bring the blank of the month in August which will be a knife blade sheath. In September Diann Small will bring eagle head pin blanks. In October, Johnny and Dottie Dunlap will have some ornaments for us to wood burn. In November, Gary Roberts will give a demonstration on buffing and finishing bases to mount carvings on.

Moving on to show and tell, Newt LeBlanc brought a lovely piece of curved wood ideal for wood burning... and I believe Dottie Dunlap was elected to use her skills and artistry putting this piece of wood to good use.

Gary Roberts brought a beautiful and most realistic Steller's Jay carved from basswood. The bird was perched on a branch from his back yard, with tiny leaves carved from basswood, wood burned, and painted. Also in abundance were tiny acorns turned from mesquite with little caps Gary had roughed up with a pounce wheel on his lathe. The Steller's Jay is found in the mountains in New Mexico above the 6,000 foot level. The project was carved, painted, and mounted on a beautifully finished base.

Dottie Dunlap shared several wood burned items. One was a shallow relief of a lighthouse scene which was painted to enhance the piece. She had also wood burned a scene from a 1929 magazine of two little boys sitting beneath Grandma's window, enjoying the pie she had set out to cool. Grandma was above the boys looking out of the window "adoringly". Again, water colors brought the work to life. Dottie's third wood burning was entitled "Basking by the San Gabriel" and portrayed a lovely young woman by water's edge.

Bob Allen, Cruz Rendon, and Gary Roberts combined their talents to design and complete a scroll saw puzzle of a Longhorn. Looking closely one could see the word Longhorn incorporated into the cuts separating the puzzle pieces.

Newt LeBlanc had completed a great caricature from Steve Prescott's class of an old country doctor. The name on the doctor's black bag read "Beach M.D." Way to go, Newt.

Clarence Born had been busy creating some more tiny toys for Santa's Workshop including a little Mercedes, a baseball, glove and bat, stick horses, and even a plate of cookies for the working elves to enjoy.

Remember our next meeting Thursday night, 7:00 p.m., August 9th, at Woodcraft in Austin. And remember also to bring any finished carvings you wish to have included in our Santa's Workshop display as this will be the "last call" for items before it is assembled.

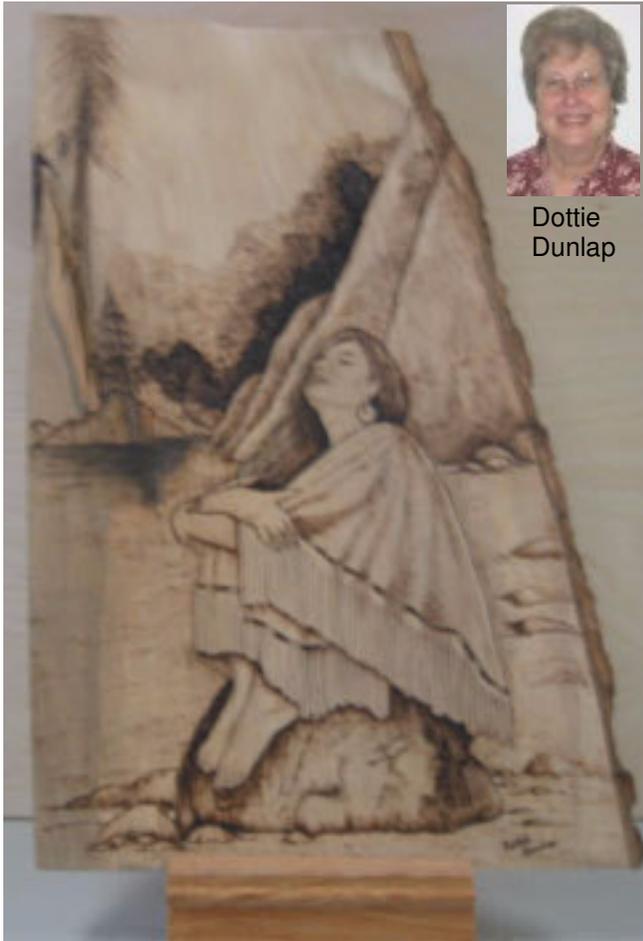
July CTWA Meeting Notes  
by Shirley Newman



Newt LeBlanc



Dottie Dunlap  
July Blank of the Month



Dottie Dunlap



Dottie Dunlap



Bob Allen  
Cruz Rendon  
Gary Roberts



Clarence Born



## 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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