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Newsletter of the Central Texas Woodcarvers Association

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Gail Lynn..... '09

Joe Hill..... '08

Next meeting  
Thursday, November 10 7:00 PM  
at the Austin Woodcraft store



Dwight Vance

Texas  
Woodcarvers  
Guild

Spring Extravaganza  
April 23-28, 2012

New Braunfels

Make plans to  
attend

## Monthly Meeting Notes

Clarence called the meeting to order. New member Steven Van Gee and world famous instructor Rick Jensen were recognized and spoke briefly. Rick taught a

cottonwood bark carving class hosted by Diann Small October 14 -16.

Jim Roby reported our treasury has \$2195.16. We recently paid \$100 to renew our web site hosting fee for the next year.

Members shared brief reports about the TWG event in Kerrville. Attendance was down at this is last event in Kerrville. The TWG spring classes will be April 23 – 28 in the New Braunfels, TX Civic Center. TWG has firm contracts for the next three years for their two annual events in New Braunfels with an option for the next two years when the rates can increase up to 10%. This venue is very highly regarded by all the TWG board who have seen it. The civic center is big enough to hold all classes and vendors in one hall. The fall show will also be in the same hall. The civic center is on the “main drag” for New Braunfels and the show and sale should attract more potential customers.

\$28 per night camping rates have been negotiated with the Hill Country RV resort. 50 spaces have been reserved near the activity center where night classes and other events will be held. Dwight Vance indicated campsites seem to be going fast. The RV Park has 23 reasonably priced cottages available.

Joe Hill visited the Kerrville event and appears to be recovering well from his bypass surgery but is not back to work yet. Jake Heugel was also at Kerrville and is doing fine.

Johnny Dunlap reported on a rock carving competition and demonstration field trip a few members attended in Florence. Members, especially Fred McLeroy, were able to practice with tools and stone provided for those interested. Jerry Marshall has done some stone carvings. Now other club members have expressed interest in trying their hand at stone carving. Fred said he was looking for gouges if anyone wants to donate theirs. Limestone may be soft but I would not recommend you loan Fred your favorite wood carving tools.

John Engler will be teaching a relief carving class at Diann Small's house December 8, 9, and 10. He may stay over on the 11th if enough people want to paint.

Good wishes to Diann for a successful knee surgery November 2.

We had a wide variety of carvings displayed for show and tell.

Dwight Vance completed three very nice pieces. His black capped chickadee was fantastic with a habitat to match. Leaves and grass in the habitat were out of copper, the lichen was from a plastic milk bottle hammered with a ball peen hammer. The dirt was done with Bondo. It was a very realistic representation. His buffalo solder was excellent painted in acrylic. His large mountain man bust was from a Mark Gargac roughout. It was finished with different colors mixed with linseed oil, very nice.

Harvey Beauchemin brought his apache bust that was very realistic as his carvings usually are. It was very well carved and excellently finished. He shared a bit of Apache history with us.

Fred McLeroy shared two of his carvings. One was a large bust of Jesus with a beard. It was nicely done and very realistic. He also displayed a stylized armadillo in cedar showing off the excellent wood coloration.

Woody Hiebert displayed an nice killdeer done as part of project in Kerrville. And also a nativity scene carved on a basswood egg done with Wanda Riechert in Houston. That was a lot of detail on a small surface.

Dan Gillen did a similar egg nativity with Wanda in Kerrville during two evening classes.

Clarence Born showed his relief carved tulip crisply carved and brightly painted.

Diann Small shared her jumping deer with habitat. A very nice realistic carving and habitat. She won a third place ribbon in the Kerrville competition and had to turn away requests for purchase because it is intended as a present for her grandson.

Johnny Dunlap carved a gift piece for his Grandson who prefers sports over piano. The piece shows a boy practicing piano but with sports paraphernalia strewn all about, very apropos for a gift to his grandson.

Jim Roby brought his P51 fighter plane relief carving done in John Engler's class in Kerrville. Very realistic and well executed.

Jim Mischel showed his "Yule pup" and very nice pie server.

Rick Jensen displayed a sample of his cottonwood bark carving. It was a house, tree, and habitat all carved out of cottonwood bark. It served as a very nice example for those planning to attend his class at Diann's starting the next day.

Bob Immel did not attend our meeting but his bicycle carved out of maple with life-like moving parts including pedals that drove the rear wheel via a chain with links individually carved and assembled. The photo I have does not do it justice because it was a sight to behold. It won a third place ribbon in Kerrville.

I am sorry but I forgot who is in charge of calling Gail Lynn to remind her the day of the next meeting?

We need to get these note takers to our meetings so I don't have to remember what went on in the meetings. My apologies for things that I missed or got wrong.

Good luck to Shirley Newman for a fast and painless recovery from her hip surgery. As you can see things fall apart a bit when you are gone. Please hurry back.

Regards, Dan



Dwight  
Vance



Diann Small



Jim Roby



Clarence Born



Jim Mischel



Dwight  
Vance



Bob Immel



Johnny Dunlap



Woody Hiebert



Harvey  
Beauchemin



Fred McLeroy



Woody Hiebert



Dan Gillen



Jim Mischel



Rick Jensen  
Example  
For  
Class



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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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