

LAKE RAY HUBBARD WOOD CARVERS CLUB



February 2012 News Letter

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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, I'm counting my first meeting as President a success since no one threw a knife at me either during the instruction time or the meeting. I hope you all enjoyed carving the Owl as much as I enjoyed instructing it. I donated the money collected for the owl cutouts to purchase basswood for the club. We now have the following available for future projects:

Basswood: 2 7/8 x 10 ½ x 5'; Butternut: (2) 2 ¾ x 7/ ¾ x 43; Walnut: 1 ½ x 8 x 42 & 1 ¾ x 9 x 47; Balsa: 3 x 3 ½ x 3'. Instructors should let me know if you need some of this or if you need it cut to smaller dimensions for your project.

I want to thank Tom Caster for volunteering to let us use part of his table at the Grapevine show to display the club sign and any carvings you would like to show. Feel free to bring anything you would like to display or sell to the February meeting and I'll see about getting it to the table. I think it is important as a local club that we have a presence at the largest show in the area.

We had a great discussion around the group and community projects. I think the decision for the club to carve a nativity scene and friendship staff will be great fun. Bill Wagoner will be in charge of coordinating the nativity scene and Bernie Gajdica will handle the staff project. They'll also work with the members to decide how to determine who gets the pieces at the end. Suggestions ranged from a silent auction at the Christmas party to giving the staff to a veterans' group.

It was also decided that we should carve pocket angles/ornaments for some worthy group(s). These will be carved by members on their own and collected at the monthly meetings as they are completed. Dean Walden, Dick Guerrera, and Jean Caster (by group decision) will look into appropriate places such as hospitals, senior living center, etc. to give them to.

Bernie suggested that we look into purchasing vests for members to wear with the club name/logo and their name on them. I'll look on the internet and see what I can find. As he indicated, we have quite a bit of money in the bank so I'd be interested in learning if anyone has ideas on items we could purchase for club use such as books, study sticks, etc. We just need to save enough to cover the costs of the Christmas Party. I'm using a little bit of it to purchase additional basswood for instructors to use.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Tom

SHOW AND TELL: Thanks to all who brought their carvings in. I know you all have done more carving than that over the last 3 months. Bring them out and share them with us.

SNACK VOLUNTEER: Dean Walden

DOOR PRIZE WINNER LAST MONTH (AND HOST FOR THIS MONTH): Dean Walden

2012 INSTRUCTOR LIST

January – Tom Noller; February – Bernie Gajdica; March – Bernie Gajdica; April – Dean Walden; May – Bob Case; June Bill Wagoner; July - Bob Gaines; August – Charley Garrison; September – Gary Gaulden; October – Vince Hale

ITEMS OF INTEREST

I've missed this section with the last couple of newsletters due to all the other activity (that's my story and I'm sticking to it). Here is a web site that's kind of eclectic but has some interesting stuff. See what you can find: www.WoodBeeCarver.com

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FEBRUARY 25th MEETING?

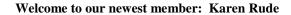
Bernie is going to show us how to make a bolo tie with a Santa on it. He asked that we bring the pictures below with us to use as we carve so I've put them on a separate sheet so they are larger. Please print them out and bring them with you.







GREAT TURN OUT. Had all except 2 members present.







Hard at work. Who would have expected a rock would be that hard to carve?



Club Assets:

Wood

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Study Sticks

(2) Indian Head by Harold Enlow

Books

Woodcarving Illustrated book on wood carving

Miscellaneous

- (3) notebooks with old club newsletters and pictures
- (4) Notebooks of patterns