

North Texas Wood Carvers Guild

President: Al Smith
Vice President: Mike Chambers
Treasurer: Ron Reeves
2012 Show Chair: Doug Sandling

Next Meeting: June 9, 2011

Monthly meetings at the Heights Recreational Center located at the SW corner of Arapaho and Floyd Rd in Richardson (711 W. Arapaho Road). Meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

Website: ntxwoodcarverguild.com

Input for the NTWCG Newsletter must get to the Editor by the Monday of the week before the meeting. We will print information on items you might want to sell, instruction you may be giving at your studio or at group seminars, or other information that may be of interest to our membership. Input should be in writing via US mail or electronic via email. You may also contact the editor for input/comments at: Jennifer Laughlin, 18909 Lloyd Circle #1318, Dallas, Tx 75252, ph. (361)894-5744, or email me at: jenniferstithem@yahoo.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT: AL SMITH

I would like all of us to join in thanking Jen Laughlin for picking up the Newsletter duty. As a relative new woodcarver who has really embraced woodcarving to a point of teaching a class and bringing new woodcarvers to the club. Don't let the funny hats fool you this young lady can carve and is on her way to being great.

I can't tell you how proud I am with the response to the carving of angels and crosses. Paul thank you for having the monthly project be angels it gave a boost to the project. I am still looking for a place to pass out the angels and crosses so if you know of an organization where they would be joyfully accepted please let me know. As of the end of our last meeting we had a total of 38 angels and crosses. WOW! What a fantastic start; lets don't letup.

I asked you to bring patterns of your favorite carvings for the new updated pattern book, however, I didn't give you a date where we would like to have all of them collected; that will be our July meeting (July 14th). Some of you have already started gathering patterns. I know each of you have a favorite pattern or two or more. Please clean them up so they will copy nice and don't forget to put your name on the bottom of each pattern. We need to keep this book going especially for the new carvers and to remember those who came before us and took the time to create this book for us. Doug Sandling has again stepped up to being our Show Chairman and I thank him for not only running a great show last year but his willingness to do it again this year. THANKS DOUG! He told me after the show that he had some thoughts on how to have a better show next year. I am asking each of you to put your thinking cap on and bring forth those ideas that will help our show be better. Give these ideas to either Doug or me; but remember we all have a responsibility to help our show to be a super success next year.

**After all your hopes and dreams have come and gone,
 and our children and others sift through all we've left behind.
 May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
 become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.
 Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
 may the fire of our devotion light their way.**

God Bless Al Smith

MARCH MEETING MINUTES:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Al Smith.

Attendance: Mike Chambers, Bev Chambers, Doug Sandling, Al Smith, David Borg, Ron Reeves, Bernice Reeves, Don Smith, Ray North, Paul DeMars, Roy Wood, Dean Walden, Stan Kirtley, and Jennifer Laughlin.

Raffle: We raffled off two pieces of wood and the winners were Bev Chambers and David Borg! Congratulations!

Old Business

- Pattern Book - We are re-making the pattern book, please bring any patterns that you would like to donate to the book to the next meeting, if unable to come to the meeting please email them to Al Smith (althetease@verison.net)
- Angels and Crosses - We are carving Crosses and Angels for local senior centers. Please bring completed carvings to next meeting or if unable to come to meeting talk to Al Smith (althetease@verison.net) to arrange delivery or pick-up. We have had a wonderful turnout, lets not let up on the project!

New Business

- Treasurer's Report - Dues are Due, if you have not yet paid them please see Ron Reeves to take care of them!
- Rockler Woodworking and Hardware stores in Arlington and Richardson had a craft day and wanted the carvers to come do demonstrations – May 21st, 2011 9AM – 5PM
- Antique Marketplace in DeSoto wants to have a Whittling Contest. If anyone is interested contact Stan Kirtley (stankirtley@yahoo.com) so that he may let Antique Marketplace know so the whittling contest can be set up.

UPCOMING MEETING PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The current schedule is:

June 2011	Dean Walden	December 2012	Christmas Party
July 2011	Roy Wood	January 2012	<i>Open</i>
August 2011	<i>Open</i>	February 2012	<i>Open</i>
September 2011	<i>Open</i>	March 2012	<i>Open</i>
October 2011	Jennifer Laughlin	April 2012	<i>Open</i>
November 2012	Bob McIver	May 2012	<i>Open</i>

June Project: Cowboy Boot led by Dean Walden

Special Congratulations to Ray and Judy North who celebrated their 50th anniversary on the 27 of May!

WOOD CARVING EVENTS:

Jun 17-18: Tulsa, Oklahoma - Wonderful World of Wood. For more information go to www.eowca.com, contact Bill and Doris Payne 918-251-8734, cell: 918-408-3481, or email: wndcrver@cox.net.

Oct 3-9: Kerrville, Texas - Texas Woodcarving Guild Fall Extravaganza. For more information contact Bill Bang at 830-367-3304 or see www.texaswoodcarversguild.com Setup: 15th; Judging 16th; Show 17-18; Class Registration & Setup 18th; Classes 19-25

Oct 16 – Oct 20: Branson, Missouri - 12th Annual Woodcarving Rendezvous II. For more information see site www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminarii.htm

Oct ?? - Nov ? : Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - 45th Annual Artistry in Wood. For more information go to <http://www.okcarver.org/artistry.htm> or contact John Luton at (405) 517-8733 or joshluton@cox.net

Nov 12-13: Tyler, Texas – Wooden Wonderland sponsored by the East Texas Woodcarvers the annual 2 day woodcarving show & sale. For more information go to etexwoodcarvers.com/ or email Lorrie Thomas at Justfort@aol.com

Nov 19-21: Amarillo, Texas – Artistry in Wood Show. For more information go to www.gswoodcarvers.com, contact Ginger Webster at (806)352-2417 or email Ginger.Webster@anb.com

Jan ??: Pharr, Texas - Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers Show.

Feb ??: Aransas Pass, Texas – Coastal Bend Woodcarvers Club's 2nd annual woodcarving show and seminars. For more information go to www.carvingshow.philroets.com or contact Philip Roets at 361-758-0906, or email: philip@philroets.com.

Mar ??: Grapevine, Texas – 37th Annual Rhapsody in Wood show by the North Texas Wood Carvers Guild. For more information go to ntxwoodcarverguild.com or contact Paul Wellborn at 972-758-8616 or email paulw@ntxwoodcarverguild.com.

Apr 22-28: New Braunfels, Texas - Texas Woodcarving Guild Spring Classes. For more information contact Bill Bang at 830-367-3304 or see www.texaswoodcarversguild.com Pre-registration & Setup: 17th; Classes 23-28.

May 7-8: Mountain Home, Arkansas – 32th Annual North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club Show & Sale. For more information go to www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org/annualshow.html or contact Dick Dulaney at 870-424-3976 or email 76rd@centurytel.net.

If anyone knows of any changes to the above shows or would like to add shows please contact Jennifer Laughlin at (361)894-5744 or jennifersthem@yahoo.com