



- The *People's Choice Carving Show*, held annually by the club at Foothills Mall to showcase club carvers, and give Mall visitors and carvers the opportunity to vote for their favorite carvings is to be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

All 27 tables have been purchased. The participating carvers are advised to read and understand the rules as written in last month's newsletter. Jack Erickson is show chairman and will answer any questions you may have.

- A big thank you was given to Peggy Taylor for her demonstration on Japanese Carving.

### **Show and Tell**

- Vern Preator: Blind Justice  
Walnut-Polyurethane  
Chuck Hutler: Rolling Pins  
Mixed Wood  
Phyllis Sickles: Indian Face Gourd  
Dan Williams: Native American  
Basswood-Wax  
Jim Katchur: Saw Whet Owls  
Basswood-Acrylic  
Christel Busby: Mother's Love  
Jelulong Wood

### **Health and Welfare Report**

Glen Greeley is recovering from an ear operation. Betty Finch has a tumor that is being treated with medication. We hope for a speedy recovery for them both.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm

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### **INTERESTING TRIVIA**

At the age of 26, Michelangelo began his sculpting of the monumental statue of *David* which he completed only seventeen months later!

An E-mail from Vern Preator's son-in-law, who has taken up photography as a hobby, included the following photo, along with an explanation of how it came about.

"I have been wondering why my hummingbird feeder has been going down so quickly. A few nights ago we were sitting out back, saw something flying around the feeder. It was too dark to see clearly, but I suspected a bat. I grabbed my camera and waited....."



"I did some research and I think it is a Lesser long-nosed bat - *nectarivores* who feed on cactus flowers primarily... unless they can get fast food from feeders!"

Submitted by Vern Preator

### **ASK THE DOCTOR:**

*Dear Doctor:*

*I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?*

Doctor :

*A heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it. Don't waste time on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up the heart does not make you live longer. That's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving faster. You want to live longer? Take a nap.*

## CARVING CLASS SCHEDULE

**November:** Facial features [male]  
Bob Sorensen

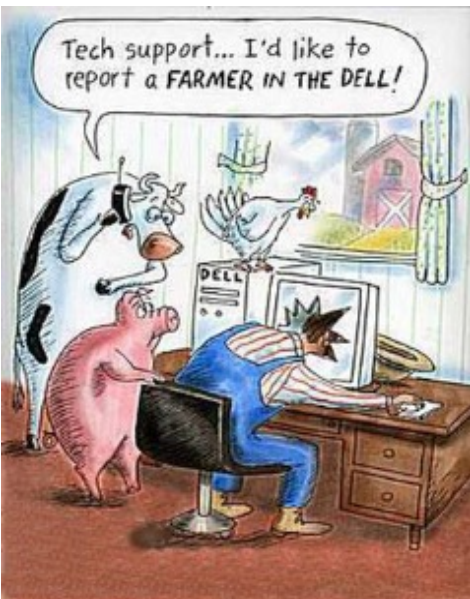
**December:** Christmas Party

**January:** Bolos  
Lefty Snyder

**February:** To be announced  
Jack Yancick

**March:** Gourds  
Our Gourd Ladies

## BADUMP-BUMP



## DID YOU KNOW

**It is illegal in the US to keep any part of a non-game bird without a proper permit.** This includes roadkill, found dead birds, skulls, feathers, and bird nests. The restrictions have something to do with protecting our health (from mites, Lyme disease ticks, and etc. that birds harbor), as well as protecting their nesting activities (some birds reuse nests), and protecting birds from people killing them, calling them road kill, and selling their bodies.

## SWA - WHO'S WHO

This month's carver grew up in the southwest and worked as a park ranger in many parks across the United States. Before retiring he served as the superintendent of the Grand Canyon National Park.

He started carving in 1977 when he served a tour of duty in the Ozark Country of Northern Arkansas. He began carving what he knew best - caricature carvings of working cowboys, hill folk and park rangers. Over time, his work became in demand from colleagues, as well as private collectors.

Our carver's love of the out of doors and wildlife also led him to take up wildlife carving, specializing in birds. He believes success is measured by the suggestion of a live bird ready to fly away. Frequently, his carvings take hundred of hours to complete.

Over his carving career, he has carved hundreds of caricatures and birds, and has been represented by galleries in Tucson, Tubac, Ventura, Austin and Santa Fe. He has won numerous awards at carving shows, and now confines his work to elected galleries and collector commissions.



Rob Arnberger and his wife, Vera, reside in Tucson, Arizona.

**SHOW AND TELL**  
**October 2009**



**Saw Whet Owl**  
**Jim Katchur**



**Native American**  
**Dan Williams**



**Gourd Indian Face**  
Phyllis Sickles



**Mother's Love**  
Christel Busby

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**Rolling Pin Carving**  
Chuck Hutler



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Chuck Hutler**



**Blind Justice  
Vern Preator**



## **SWA 2009 CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Catalina Room at the Voyager RV Park  
Cash Bar open at 11:00 am  
Dinner served at Noon

Dinner choices are: Beef Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu. All dinners include house salad, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, rolls and butter, regular and decaffeinated coffee. Dessert is an apple cobbler. Price of the meal is \$20.00 per person, which includes the tax and gratuity.

Please make your reservation no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
using the form below.

Make checks payable to SWA and give them to Gary at the November meeting

Or mail your reservation to:

Gary Slocum  
3411 S. Camino Seco #537  
Tucson, AZ 85730

Any questions, contact Bob Sorensen -- 520 834-7176

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Please print your name and check your dinner choice:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check: (\$20.00 per dinner)

## **21<sup>st</sup> Desert Woodcarving Show**

[www.desertwoodcarvingshow.com](http://www.desertwoodcarvingshow.com)

This year the show brochure and registration information may be found on the new internet web site.

The web site contains: Show dates and place (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2010 at Mesa Centennial Hall); entry forms; competition details; seminar and table information; raffle prizes and tickets. If you use the entry forms and/or raffle tickets from the web site you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a wood burner. **Note:** If you need hard copy information and entry forms, please contact:

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### **Category Changes this Year:**

The **Unrestricted Level** has been eliminated. These categories have been incorporated into the Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice levels of competition.

We are pleased to announce an **Open Level** of competition for more advanced carvers. Any carver may enter this level of competition; however all professional carvers, or carvers who have won 2 or more Best of Show at the **Advanced Level** must enter this level.

**Mail in entries are accepted for the Open level only.** Cash prizes will be awarded at the Open level only.

### **Judging Changes**

The judging of Open, Advanced and intermediate levels of competition will be by a 3-judge panel of invited experienced show judges.

The judging of Novice and Youth levels of competition will be by a 3-judge panel of local experienced advanced carvers.

**If you have any difficulty visiting the web site and/or have questions, please contact Jim or Dave.**

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Meetings are held on the second Saturday of  
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Board meetings are held four times a year, in  
February, May, August and November. The  
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meeting although they cannot vote.

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