



Southwest Woodcarvers

"BRINGING CARVERS TOGETHER TO BRING CARVING TO YOU"



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010

From the Prez.

This is a slow month, must be the weather. I will not be here for the July meeting. Larry Finch (VP) will stand in. Thanks Larry.

The Gourd club, Old Pueblo Gourd Patch, is having a swap meet and sale on the last Monday of the month, July 26, 2010. It starts at 6 pm and runs to 8 pm. Woodcarvers are invited. They have a lot of things you can use in carving, and some of them are interested in some carving knives. Take a handful of tools you don't use much and see what you can find. Oh ya, it's at the

*Church of Christ
2848 N. Mountain Ave.
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Aug. 14 meeting will have a board meeting 8:00 am, in the restaurant.

We will see you all in August. Have a great month and be happy.

Chuck Trinko

CLUB MEETING, JUNE 12 TH, 2010

Meeting notes by Secretary Bob Sorensen

Meeting called to order @ 12:30 p.m. by President Chuck Trinko

Chuck welcomed guest Jason Munyon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have been invited to participate in the carving club competition at the Desert Woodcarvers Show in Mesa in February, 2011. This is a club event. The theme this year is *Charles Schulz Characters*. The parameters are:

a 6 sq. ft. carving scene with at least five characters, carved by a min. of five separate carvers from our club.

The finished carving is to be given to a worthy charity.

So put your thinking caps on and come up with a format for this. Should be fairly easy as Charles Schulz had a lot of good characters to choose from. Bring your ideas to the next meeting, make a sketch and let's have some fun doing this project!

- Chuck received a nice thank you note from the Fair coordinator. They appreciated the club's presence and activities. Thanks to all who participated!
- Six club members went to visit the carving club in Sierra Vista at the invitation of Gary Mims. They were well received and had an enjoyable time.

One of their members Earl Bradshaw presented Chuck with a nicely carved cane to be donated to the D.A.V. Chuck also received a nice letter from one of their members stating that he thought this visit was great as it gave a chance to share ideas on carving.

- Michalyn Erickson is taking orders for shirts, aprons, etc. and will be putting in an order shortly. Contact Michalyn if you are interested.

- George Korytko volunteered to take the Vacuum Cleaner home and return it at the next meeting. THANKS GEORGE!!
- Larry Finch will conduct the July meeting as Chuck will be on vacation. [How do you get a vacation when you are retired?]
- Chuck led a discussion on the controversy about the recently posted SWA by-laws and constitution. Explaining that the recent action taken by the SWA Board was simply to present the SWA by-laws as previously approved. The controversy centers on the wording of Life Time Membership, Honorary Members and Founding Members.

After much discussion Gary Mims offered to put together a paper to outline the changes and discussions of the by-laws that are in question. This will be presented at the next meeting, voted on and posted as per the SWA constitution format.

SHOW & TELL:

Craig Munyon showed his first completed carving, from a roughout and nicely painted.

Jack Yancick carved an Eagle Head from a piece of found wood. Jack was the only one to visualize an eagle head in this piece of wood. Good job.

Bob Sorensen showed his carving of a Sea Captain. To be presented in gratitude to a good friend. Carving was inspired by a carving of Doug Raines.

Chuck Hutler had two nice carvings. An Indian bust and a cane made from a piece of found wood. Obviously inspired by Jack Y. Lots of carving, inlays and add ons.

Jim Thompson finished a carving of a caricature frog started by the late Jack Naperilla. Nicely done.

Betty Ferrari showed her recently completed Humming Bird done in beads – a project that kept her out of Vince's hair for many a week. She also showed her woodburned and painted Dragon.

Lefty Snyder wowed us again with his woodburning of John Wayne set in a hand carved frame.

Joan Eerkes showed a woodburned gourd that she purchased from the Galapago Islands.

50/50 won by Gary Mims

Raffle contained many nice treasures knives, cutouts etc.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Doris Trinko announced that she heard that Audry Brown had taken a fall. No info on her condition.

Glad to see Chrystl Busby & Larry Finch back after their recent bouts with Surgeons.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

The Winner at Dog Obedience School



DID YOU KNOW?

Independence Day, commonly known as the *4th of July* commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress.

Although the Congress had **voted** in favor of independence from Great Britain on **July 2nd**, they did not actually complete the process until two days later.

That is why we celebrate Independence Day on July 4th.

SWA WHO'S WHO

This month's carver to be recognized by SWA is Gary Mims.

Gary joined our carving club in 1997. He drives all the way from Fort Huachchuca to attend and take part in our monthly meetings, seldom misses a meeting and was the newsletter editor for three years.

Gary was born in Kilgore, Texas on March 14, 1938 and grew up in Mineola, Texas (an east Texas town). He attended Texas Tech and earned a BS in Electrical Engineering.

After graduation, he joined the army and was assigned to Signal Communications. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. Stationed at Fort Huachchuca in 1979, he worked in the Communication Engineering Command. He retired after 16 years, in 1996.

Gary and his wife Lynn have been married for 50 years and have three sons.

We all know Gary for his extraordinary talent as a chip carver. He became interested in chip carving after seeing Wayne Barton on TV shortly after he retired. He bought Wayne's book on chip carving and has been "chipping" away ever since. Gary has to be recognized as one of the best chip carvers in Arizona (or anywhere else.) This is evidenced by the beautiful boxes he has chip carved!

Gary also has a side hobby of photography.



Hats off to Gary Mims for his many contributions, and the numerous chip carvers he has instructed and inspired.

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Lefty Snyder

John Wayne



Chuck Hutler

Indian Head



Chuck Hutler

Cane



Joan Eerkes

Woodburned Gourd

purchased from the Galapago Islands.



Jim Thompson

Frog - Started by

the late Jack Naperilla and completed by Jim.

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Bob Sorensen Sea Captain



Betty Ferrari Beaded Hummingbird
And Dragon



Craig Munyon First Completed Carving



Jack Yancick Eagle Head

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Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month starting at 9:00 am
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Board meetings are held four times a year, in February, May, August and November. The Board members will determine the exact days each month and they will be posted in the Newsletter. Any member can attend a Board meeting although they cannot vote.

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