

Newsletter



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Club News

The August 1st meeting was attended by 26 members with the main topic being the upcoming Fresno Fair.

The Big Fresno Fair is coming up in about two months (Wed. Oct. 7 to

newsletter.

Something new we're trying this year will be a daily raffle for one year club memberships. We will also do a Fair long raffle for a carving.

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts the

fair. You can see the various different categories in which you could enter by going to the Fair's web site at <http://www.fresnofair.com>. Put your cursor on "Entertainment & Exhibits" and then click on "Competitive Exhibits." Then pick your category.

For woodcarving, the category you'll want to find is under "Home Arts." More specifically, in Miscellaneous Crafts, Division 863—Woodcrafts. The most applicable being under Carving. Either #5 - Plaque, relief, detailing, or #6 - Wood Sculpture. But DON'T WAIT. The deadline for submitting an entry is only about a month away and is fast approaching. Of course we'd love to see your items in other areas

Mary George has volunteered to call people who haven't shown up to a meeting in a while to see how they're doing. If you know of a member that needs contact let Mary know (661-7860).



Sun. Oct. 18). Greg Essman, heading up the project brought us up to date on a few items.

Because the Fine Woodworkers will not have a booth at this years Fair, we will have the entire corner that the two of us shared last year. The size of the area will allow us to have (and fill) six cases with member's carvings. We will also be able to have the backs of the cases up against the wall, preventing any unauthorized access to them. We want you to be able to show your work off to the entire county. So get your carvings ready and will be announcing exactly how and when in next months

carving contest has been pushed back one hour. It will now start at 3:00 and go until 5:00. It will still be held on the same day, Oct. 10th. There are still open slots for the contest if you'd like to enter.

We are working on a banner for the club to use at the fair (or other events). Mitch Freeman has offered to make the banner for us at a reduced rate. The banner will be 22" by 6' and can be used either as a regular banner or a table skirt.

We would like to encourage ALL Fresno County members to enter their handy work in the

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

☞ *Next Meeting will be held on July 4, 10:00 am*

Location:

*1745 N Cornelia
Fresno, CA*

*Between Olive and McKinley
About 3 miles West of Hwy 99*

☞ *Weekly carving sessions every Saturday (10 to Noon) at Bert Frazier's (see address above) for learning, teaching, or just plain carving.*

☞ *The Big Fresno Fair will be October 7th—18th*

☞ *Soap carving class for rehabbing Vets, August 22nd at 9:30 at the Veterans Rehab Center. Contact Don (291-3739) or Greg (903-8927) to help.*

Show & Tell

We had four members show their works at the August 1st meeting.

Lloyd Moore brought in a couple of items. His squirrels were made of



Lloyd's Walking Stick & Squirrels

redwood which he said is fun to carve. It gives you a good excuse for the mistakes you make. Redwood will weather outside well as it won't decay.

His walking stick looked wonderful with its Peregrine Falcon head. He used a natural curve in the stick for a better hand hold and it worked well.



Wally's Bearded Man

Wally Infeld showed his bearded man from Bud's

class. It looks like Wally is doing a wonderful job with what's being taught by Bud.

Clarence Mattos had an interesting collection of multicolored faces displayed in an egg carton along with a couple of birds. The Robin and Eastern Blue Bird were made of Redwood but sprayed with polyurethane before carving to help the wood from chipping. The birds



Clarence' Birds and Faces

feet were made by Clarence out of wire and looked exceptionally realistic.

Dennis Fairchild had another fascinating bowl to present. This one was made out of the "wood from hell" or as some may be more familiar with, a structural chipboard wood beam. The beam



Dennis' Bowl

was originally 8" by 18". Dennis can verify that the bowl contains exactly 9027 pieces in it. The beam

wasn't made exclusively from wood. It also contained iron flakes and crushed turquoise with epoxy mixed in. The bowl has seven coats of wipe on poly as its finish.

Fund Raising Raffle

The raffle brought in \$38 dollars and provided more items to keep people busy.

Thank you to everyone that participated in this month's raffle.

And a special thanks to those that work hard to set it up. From selling tickets to setting up the table. From calling the numbers (even if they aren't the "right"

ones) to making sure everyone heard it and checked their tickets. It couldn't happen without their help!



The table of possibilities.