

Newsletter



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Club News

The December 5th meeting was fairly short. With the room decked out with Christmas décor,



apparently the idea of lunch seemed more appealing than talking about carvings. These were the items discussed.

Last month the Chaffee Zoo expressed interest in having carvers come out to their *Zoo Lights* event. Jim, Bert and Donnie planned to be there on the 11th of December to carve. We'll look forward to hearing a full report on this at the

next meeting.

Also at the next meeting, Donnie

this endeavor. Roger and Del Dixon offered their assistance. Anyone else interested should see Don.

Bert talked about the small bears that we carved last year and gave to the children's hospital.

Don't forget about the upcoming Home Improvement Show in March out at the Fresno fairgrounds. It's held on March 5, 6, and 7. There will be a sign-up sheet when it gets closer to the event.

Cathy will be showing how to make eyes for animals.

Don Lenz has taken on the job of carving 30 more eagle heads for veterans. He is asking for help in

In Memoriam

Sadly, an old time member, **Bob Gaver**, 94, has died. The club use to meet in his shop on Saturdays until he and his wife moved to the small town of Fairplay Colorado.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Bob.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

☞ **Next Meeting** will be held on January 2, 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.*

☞ *Home Improvement Show on March 5, 6, and 7.*

Time For Some Comedy Jokes

Q: What's the best way to carve wood?

A: Whittle by whittle.

Q: What's brown and sticky?

A: A stick.

A woodworker had a neighbor that always borrowed his tools and never returned them, one day frustrated with this he phoned him. "Could I put my table saw and drill press in your garage?" he inquired.

"Sure," his neighbor replied, "But why?"

"Just to have all my tools in one place." he retorted.



My wife asked me what I was going to do today. I told her, "Nothing".

She said I did that yesterday.

I told her I wasn't done yet.

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to "clean up" the bird's vocabulary. Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot

yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hands, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed. Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior."

John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the turkey did?"



Raffle

December's Raffle saw some seasonal participation netting a total of \$80. Perhaps some were hoping for a Christmas gift for themselves thinking Santa might skip over those that are only on the *mostly* good list.



Show & Tell

Eight members showed off their work at the December 5th meeting.



Roy Smith had a nativity set he had carved for his wife.



Roy's Nativity Set



Lance Leitch had stylized horse standing on his hind legs mounted on an oak base.



Lance's Horse

Clarence Matos had shoe box full of Santas and tree ornaments.



Clarence's Santas



Lloyd had his chicken head which he had painted since last week.



Lloyd's Chicken



Lola had a pair of Elk heads mounted on walnut end for book ends with dutiful horns.



Dick Nelson showed a video of the Madera show & the Clovis show.



Don's Relief Carving

Don Lenz brought in his relief carving of his wife done from a picture.



Bud Sanders showed a Santa ornament.



Bud's Santa



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Editor's Notes

As some of you may know, your Newsletter Editor and Secretary is, in *real life*, Santa Claus. That's right. The red cheeked, cherry nosed, little round bellied, list checking man of the North Pole. (Okay, "little" may be a relative term here.)

Now the duties of Santa can vary from year to year, but from the end of November to Christmas Day it's always a very busy time no matter how you look at it. Unfortunately, for the Newsletter, this means that it is relegated to the bottom of the pile for a while. And unless someone would like to step in during December, (hint,



hint), this means a VERY delayed issue at the least. I apologize for that, but for this time of year, Santa takes priority for me.

This is also the end of my first year editing the Newsletter and I hope that everyone has enjoyed them. I would like to add some more member written articles in the future if some of you would like to submit

something. Between member articles and perhaps an assistant editor I think the issues can be timely and the content can be seemingly limitless.

So I would encourage any of you that would like to submit something or to become one of Santa's helpers (and thereby up your status on the good list) please contact me at a meeting, carving session, or by e-mail (BarryWalzberg@aol.com).



HAPPY NEW YEAR