

# Newsletter



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## Club News

29 members attended the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The discussion material was a bit light this month, but that left more room for the Show & Tell and socializing.

The ship project (Olivette) is moving right along. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the hull has been separated from the masts and the deck houses have been removed. The hull is having a good going over to remove the thick layer of paint that was added in the 30's and it is being readied for paint and varnish.

The Home Improvement Show was in progress at the time of the meeting and again this year, Jim gave away some entrance tickets at the meeting.

The next big event for us will be the Fresno Fair in October.

Ronnie Hill showed how to get a leather sheath to form fit around your knife. Soak the leather in water for about 20 minutes, carefully wrap the knife in some sort of thin plastic, insert the wrapped knife in the sheath, and allow to completely dry. The sheath will shrink slightly around the knife and stay in the shape of your knife.

Clovis High School doesn't have the turning supports needed to be able to turn the cane shafts for the Veteran's Eagle Head Canes Project we're working on. They cost about \$25 each and they are looking for donations of the

supports.

April 10<sup>th</sup> is the start of the carving class Don Cathey will be teaching. It's six weeks long. The projects will be, a three link chain, a mini gator, a hound dog, a turtle, a face, and a styled heron spoon. To set in on a class for one project will cost \$5 to cover cutout cost. The cost for the entire class is as follows:

Members with their own knife — \$10

Non-members with their own knife — \$20

Non-members without a knife — \$45

So planning to take the class? E-mail Don at [dcathey.11@juno.com](mailto:dcathey.11@juno.com) or call him at 355-4134 and let him know what you are going to take the class.

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

☛ *Next Meeting* will be held on April 3, 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.*

# Membership Roster

With this newsletter you should be receiving a current membership roster. This should include all members that are up to date with their dues. Please look to see that your name is included. If it isn't that could mean that this will be you last newsletter, (or that we've made a mistake), so please take the time to check with us and correct the error.

Speaking of errors, we would be grateful if you would also look to see that all your information is accurate. Especially e-mail addresses. There are still a few that keep rejecting any messages.

In addition, if you know of anyone that should be on the list but isn't, then we want to know that too.

Now if you're wanting to always have an updated roster to look at, I would recommend joining our online group site. Any ongoing updates will be posted there and are accessed only by those that have joined (and those are limited to members only). The address is: [ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FresnoWoodcarvers> ].

And it should go without saying, (but I will anyway), that the roster is to be used for woodcarving related uses only.



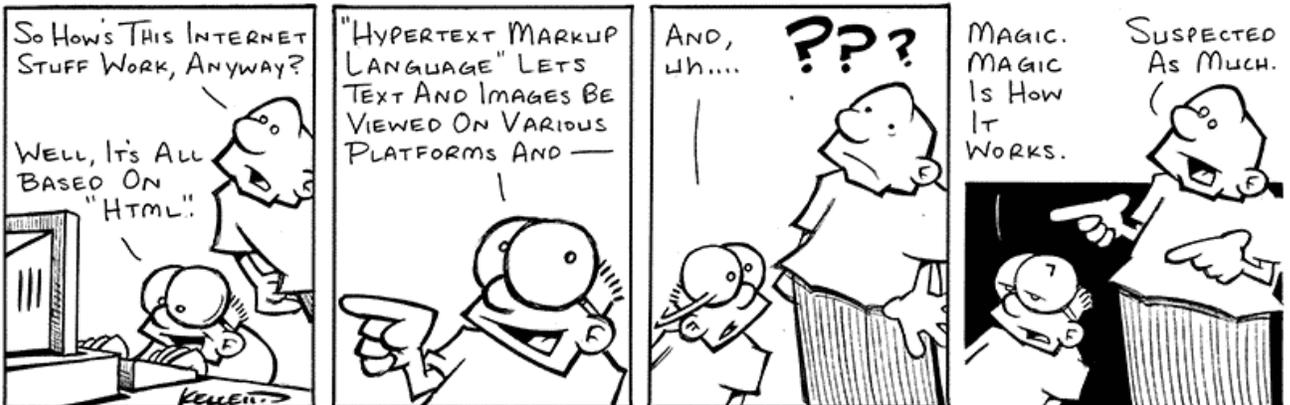
# Redwood

Lola Nelson is passing along a inquiry she received.

Hi,  
 We just had a 50 plus foot tall Sequoia Redwood cut down in the front yard and had it cut into approximately 4 foot lengths from about 10 inches across up to 30 inches across at the base of the tree. We were hoping to find someone who might be interested in using the beautiful wood for crafts etc. and if we could get some money for the wood that would help us offset the cost of having the tree cut down. If you know anyone who is interested please pass this on via my email or call me.

Thank you,  
 Marilyn Scott  
 559-237-3901  
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 Fresno

Anyone interested can contact Marilyn directly.



## Show & Tell

Five members brought in carvings to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**Ed Hunt** had a Cougar relief carving. He will be adding a waterfall effect to



*Ed's Cougar*

the bottom of the piece, probably using epoxy to do it. It's made from basswood and he'll use oil to finish it.



**Roy Smith** brought in his Polar Bear. Roy calls it his Polar Bear "decoy."



*Roy's Polar Bear*

However, he made the decoy especially small because he didn't want to attract too many of them. The bear is made of redwood and the base with some scrap wood he had laying around.



**Stan Betts**, showed several of his carvings. The first was a totem he made in 1977 at Camp Chawanakee. Stan called it a "doodle-otem." Lance Leitch reintroduced Stan to carving and he had his first project he did with Lance, a



*Stan's Carvings*

chain. In addition to the multitude of carvings Stan showed, there were numerous golf ball carvings that Bud Sanders helped him with. He also showed a couple of gas pumps and a bicycle that he made from a golf balls.



**Wally Imfeld** had a small mouse on a block of cheese.

He used black beads for the eyes and the whiskers he added with epoxy.



*Wally's Mouse*



**Lloyd Moore** showed a collection of avocado pits that he carved heads from. The pit is carved after it's been dried for about one week. The key is to not cut into the seed when cutting open the avocado. You want to carefully peel off the membrane from the seed. It will want to naturally split along its center line with some help. He also brought in a couple if fish carvings. One was a Salmon mounted on a board and the other one was a Blue Gill.



*Lloyd's Fish & Pit Heads*



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## NEWSLETTER

Barry Walzberg—Editor



## Joining Us Online

I've gotten some requests to spell out how to join our online group. I'll try to spell it out here.

Go to the web page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FresnoWoodcarvers>

Above the Club Logo is a button that reads "Join This Group!". Click on that button and there will be a space on the right to sign in to Yahoo®. If you have a Yahoo ID (and this may include a Yahoo, ATT, or SBC Global e-mail account) simply enter that along with your password and your done.

If you don't have a Yahoo ID, then look at the bottom of the box where you would enter your ID. It says "Don't have a Yahoo! ID? Signing up is easy." Click on the

words "Sign Up."

All of the information requested on this page is necessary. So fill out all the boxes and click "Create My Account."

Now you have an account and should see a congratulations page. Click on "Continue." You'll now be on the Yahoo Homepage.

Unfortunately, you'll need to go back to the Woodcarvers Group page and click on "Join This Group!" again.

This time you'll see a page that gives you some options for how you'll be seen in the Group and how you'll receive messages if you chose to be e-mailed posts. I would recommend changing you're e-mail if you

had to create a Yahoo account to one that you'd prefer. And also add a comment with your name if it's not obvious from your e-mail address so membership can be verified. When done click on the "Join" button.

An e-mail will be sent and as soon as possible the account will be approved. Once approved, you'll have full access to the Group site. Now it's time to look around, post, upload or download a file or two.

Any problems, let me know. You can also find help from Yahoo at:

<http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/edit/>

Have fun!

