

Newsletter



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Club News

We had 38 members at the May 1st meeting with 16 that were taking the carving class, here's what was discussed.



The end of this year will bring elections for our officers once again. A change was offered to try to open up the elections to all members.

In the past, those that attended the November and December meetings were the only ones that had the opportunity to be nominated or vote. Now, we will start nominations in October through email, regular mail, and our Group web page. The voting, not having ever been by secret ballot, will also be opened to similar methods with only one vote per member counting.

The details have yet

to be worked out completely and when they are we will let everyone know.

Be thinking about whether you'd like to run for an office or who you'd like to nominate. Also, if you have any thoughts about the new methods let Jim or Barry know.



Carving Kit Box and Contents



The Oakhurst Rendezvous went very well. There were approximately 75 attendees that came from San Diego on one end to Oregon on the other.

With the event being described as 7 days of fun and 5 days of carving it was well worth the price.



Jack Lloyd brought in a beginner's carving kit that the Tri-Valley Woodcarvers are selling. It includes a bar of soap, patterns, and wooden tools among its contents. Tri-Valley sold them for \$8. He suggested it might be something we could also make up and sell.



Eagle Head Cane Update – 30 plus heads are done. Don Lenz got a commitment from Kastner Intermediate School to turn 15 shafts with Chuck Smith turning 15 and Dennis Fairchild doing 20. The canes will probably be presented near the end of June.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

☞ *Next Meeting* will be held on June 5, 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.*

Pictures



WHEN I FIRST DRANK COFFEE IN COLLEGE, I THOUGHT IT TASTED **TERRIBLE**.

BUT OVER THE YEARS, I'VE REALLY COME TO LIKE THE TASTE.

AND WHEN MY DOCTOR TELLS ME TO CUT DOWN ON CAFFEINE, WHAT DO I DO....?

THAT'S LIKE WANTING TO TAKE AN ASPIRIN SOLELY FOR THE BOLD, RICH ASPIRIN TASTE.

THIS IS A DRINK GONE WRONG.



Show & Tell

Six members brought in carvings to the May 1st meeting.



Bert Frasier showed a wonderfully painted dahlia horse and a couple of carved golf balls.



Bert's Dahlia Horse & Golf Balls



Ronnie Hill held up a bark carving that he started at the Oakhurst



Ronnie & his Bark Carving

Rendezvous. He used Cottonwood bark.



Dennis' Bowl

Dennis Fairchild brought in an attractive bowl made from plywood that he had glued together. It doesn't do much, but it got the wood out of his garage.



Lloyd Moore had a life size carving of a Chipmunk. He uses it for a staff head and carved the "rock" it's sitting on to be bigger than the chipmunk to protect if the staff is dropped.



Roy Smith displayed a Green Man he carved from Basswood. He used a light wash of acrylic



Roy's Green Man

paint and hit it with some Scotch Brite to give it highlights. Then he finished it with Polyurethane.



Jack Lloyd brought in a week's worth of carving. At one day plus a piece, his Scandinavian Flat Plane carvings gave him the beginnings of an Old World village. Flat Plane carving consists of no rounding. Only straight cuts.



Jack's Scan. Flat Plane Carvings



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Demonstration News



like to see something in particular, OR if there is something you would like to demonstrate yourself, please contact our President Jim Hickey.

One other thing was brought up during the meeting. The potential of demonstrations that might be done at our upcoming meetings. There



The raffle took in \$40 in ticket sales this month.

were a few subjects brought up as possibilities. These were: Wood burning, Flat plane carving, Golf ball carving, and Decorative knife blade covers. If anyone has any other suggestions or would

For next months meeting, Dennis Fairchild will be demonstrating wood burning. So if this is something you're interested in, make sure not to miss this meeting.

