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One of the signs of Spring
(or fall depending on how you look at it)

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APRIL – It seems like the weather can't make up its mind about turning hot or staying cold. Keep those sweaters handy. Soon enough it will be too hot to enjoy the outside. For now, let's enjoy it and look forward to more spring weather to come.

COMMENTS

- **President's corner:**

- *Classes are ending and the feedback is very positive. We will be thinking about possible future classes or demonstrations.*
- *Not much interest about another field trip to gather wood for the Land Trust of North Alabama in their upcoming benefit auction. If you would like to join us in another field trip, please let me know by e-mail (martin.jose210@gmail.com). We will schedule another one soon based on interest. Cathie Mayne from the North Alabama Land Trust will be at our next meeting to explain the auction and provide suggestions for us to carve.*
- *Keep the ideas coming. We and our community will benefit from them.*

Jose' Martin

2013 OFFICERS:

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FOR SALE:

2 Pfeil full size carving tools

Pfeil "Swiss Made" 6mm (1/4") #12 Sweep V-Parting Tool, Full Size - Original price \$40.49

and

Pfeil "Swiss Made" 3 mm (1/8") #9 Sweep Gouge , Full Size - Original price - \$34.69

Excellent condition - used only a few times - I find I prefer palm tools.

Price- \$30.00 for the pair.

Contact: Mary Ellen Millbranth-[256-883-4521](tel:256-883-4521) or minimeg@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

- Had good feedback on class instructors and gatherings.
- Mary Ellen is continuing to do a great job in updating and maintaining our website with pictures, links, news, etc. Please look at it.

<http://nawawoodcarvers.org>

- The April meeting was held on the 18th and was well attended. Following are the minutes:

NAWA Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2013

6:30 p.m. 25 members in attendance.

6:50 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mary Conrad - Vice president

Announcements: Tom & Sandra have wood for the walking stick project for the Land Trust auction.

New Business:

1. A new "For Sale Column" will be added to the monthly newsletter. This will be for members only, Carving related items only. Please submit items to Jose' by The Sunday following the monthly meeting.
2. Dee announced that there will be a class on Finishing carved projects next week on both Tuesday and Thursday (23 & 25th) Bring your projects and tell how they were finished.
3. The publicity chairman from the Land Trust will come to our May meeting to talk about the auction in Sept.
4. Dan Pritchett brought posters for the November Show, for members to review.

Show Report:

1. Winnie will collect ornaments again this year.
2. Contest for the most ornaments carved - Winner will receive a gift certificate.
3. We will have 3 trees and 3 wreaths to raffle off this year.
4. Judges for Competition will be: Jerry Sanderson, June Roth and Jay Brasher

Treasurers Report: Club Dues for 2013 are due.

Show and Tell – Gene Strickland, Phil Terry, Jim Nelson, Mike Whittier, Mary Conrad

The door prize raffle was held

7:15 Meeting adjourned



WHAT'S UP?

- Classes and finishing. We are thinking about future classes or gatherings at the church on Thursdays. I will let you know. Please give a BIG THANKS to D and our Instructors for their superb efforts.
 - **NOTICE:** Local carver Joseph Duane Vinson is now providing a tool sharpening service. Call or email Duane [256-724-2833](tel:256-724-2833), duanevin@gmail.com.
 - **COFFEE TREE CARV'N:** attendance continues to be good. Carvings in chip, caricature, and bark houses are in progress. The coffee and food are great, carving always improving. YA'LL COME ON DOWN!
 - **DECATUR SATURDAY CARV'N:** attendance has been good at 6-8. Native Americans, mountain men, Santa's and bark houses are dominant. This is the best available instruction on faces. Visit Gary's blog (<http://3crosseswoodcarving-garymc.blogspot.com/>) for eye and Santa tutorials, etc. Coffee and conversation are good, carving improving. YA'LL COME ON DOWN!
 - **SENIOR CENTER CARV'N:** attendance has been steady. Vocal entertainment (jokes and opinions) and conversation are interesting, coffee and cookies are good, carving improving. YA'LL COME ON DOWN!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

- New Ideas. Keep them up. Please send Jose' a note.
- Our Annual November Show will be on the 2nd-3rd. Mark that weekend on your calendars. Also start on the ornaments. This year we will have a prize for the member who donates the most ornaments.
- NAWA Membership DUES:
 - Club membership fees (\$14.00/year) will be accepted for 2013 (and even beyond if you'd like). Mail a check to the Club Treasurer (or pay by check or cash directly at any regular meeting). Provide name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address (1 or 2). Receipts are cheerfully given! The NAWA Treasurer's name and address is:

Debbie Zachary
109 Cassia Dr.
Toney, Al. 35773

- The Land Trust of North Alabama suggested a number of items that we could possibly carve for their auction:
 - Small serving bowls
 - Boxes
 - Coasters
 - Walking sticks!
 - Coffee scoops
 - Flower Earrings
 - Pendants

- **Next Meeting** will be held **on May 23rd** at:

Mt. View Baptist Church
1413 McClung Avenue SE,
Huntsville, Alabama 35801



Comments welcomed

THANK YOU.
Jose' Martin