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JANUARY – A time to reflect on what just happened (Christmas), to be grateful of the New Year ahead and to bundle up as the North Alabama weather can be tricky. It's also a time to enjoy each other's company, carving, socializing and talking about all of the stuff we have to do in the next few months before the November carving Show. While January can be gloomy and cold, there is sunshine in every one of us. We just have to let it out and warm up someone every day.

OFFICERS COMMENTS

- **Outgoing President/Vice-President:**

Thank you for all of your support and help over the last few years. The members are what make NAWA what it is. All we did was stir the stick.

Tom and Sandy

- **Incoming President:**

First of all, I want to thank Tom and Sandy for their valuable and very much appreciated effort over the past few years. Their contribution and dedication to the club has made a difference in the growth and family atmosphere that the club enjoys. Secondly, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to allow me to represent you and work together with you to try to fill Tom's shoes. I know with your help, we will be successful. I am humbled with your talents.

It is my expectation that the club will not change much and we will continue to enjoy the things that we are all used to. There may be some ideas that bubble up that may be worth pursuing but we will let you know. For now, thank you, keep carving and if you have an idea or a suggestion, please let me know. There are always improvements to be made in any organization so share those with me.

Thank you,

Jose' Martin

- **Incoming Vice-President**

Hello from your newly elected vice president of the NAWA. I have only been a member for one year, but what a great year it has been for a new carver. I cannot overstate the appreciation I have for the immense talent of our members and their generous offer to teach us their craft. If you scan the internet for woodcarving opportunities you will find the cost to participate in various classes is not cheap. We have such a wonderful opportunity to learn from masters at the incredible cost of FREE. All we need is a willing attitude to learn. Aside from taking advantage of the classes made available to NAWA members, we share the pleasure of making new friends and getting to know our members in a cozy and comfortable environment.

I want to extend a huge welcome to our new NAWA members. It was a wonderful turnout on the January monthly meeting. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Happy Carving,

Mary Conrad

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

- **New Members** – We are proud to have a few new members and we would like to welcome you to our club. I hope you'll find our gatherings relaxing and friendly.
- January's NAWA Meeting was held on the 24th and was well attended. The main item discussed was the selection of new Officers.
- Our first set of classes is in progress.
- Our website is still in progress as Mary Ellen is doing a great job deciphering and updating our links and information.

○ **Please visit our website at: <http://nawawoodcarvers.com>**

NEW OFFICERS:

President: Jose' Martin
Vice-President: Mary Conrad
Show Chair-Person: Sandra Horn
Treasurer: Debbie Zachary
Secretary: Ellie Nelson
Training Coordinator: D. Boyd
Publicity/Advertizing: Dan Pritchett
Photographer: Don Millbranth
Newsletter Editor: Jose' martin



January Meeting

WHAT'S UP?

- Classes and gatherings are on-going.
 - Attendance at the COFFEE TREE CARV'N has been good at 6-11. Carvings in chip, caricature, bark houses, scene relief and tree ornaments are in progress. The coffee and food are great, carving improving. YA'LL COME ON DOWN!
 - Attendance at the DECATUR SATURDAY CARV'N has varied. 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!
 - Attendance at the SENIOR CENTER THURSDAY AFTERNOON CARV'N has been down to 5 regulars. Vocal entertainment (jokes and opinions) and conversation are interesting, coffee and cookies are good, carving improving. YA'LL COME ON DOWN!
 - 2013 CARVING CLASSES: Classes are small and enthusiastic. The schedule is below. Please, EVERYONE, give a "show and tell" in the FINISHING class and consider teaching a class next year.

2013 CLASS SCHEDULE: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

COMFORT BIRD	- D. BOYD	- JAN 08&15 JAN 10&17
CHAIN	- TOM HORN	- JAN 22&29 JAN 24&31
COWBOY BOOT	- LARRY NIX	- FEB 05&12 FEB 07&14
TURTLE	- DAN PRITCHARD	- FEB 19&26 FEB 21&26
BASIC CHIP	- JIM NELSON	- MAR 05&12 MAR 07&14
HOUND DOG	- JERRY KRESGE	- MAR 19&26 MAR 21&28
BASIC RELIEF	- JERRY KRESGE	- APR 02&09 APR 11&18



Tom teaching the “chain” technique.

WHAT’S COMING UP?

- New Ideas. Any new ideas to make the club more welcoming to new members or to some that have been around for years, please send Jose’ a note. We will listen and if possible, implement them.
- NAWA Membership DUES:
 - Club membership fees (\$14.00/year) will be accepted for 2012 (and even beyond if you’d like). To get in on this fantastic bargain, 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

- Next Meeting (sometime in late February) at:

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



Comments welcomed
THANK YOU.

Jose' Martin