



NORTH ALABAMA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION

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Madison County Land Trust site in South
East Huntsville

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MARCH - The cold weather seems to be passing by but the showers remain all in time to start seeing the beautiful things nature has in store for us in the Spring. Let's enjoy it as it's a time of birth and beauty.

COMMENTS

- **President's corner:**

- *Classes are continuing to go well as well as the gatherings.*
- *The field trip to gather wood was not only productive but we had a lot of fun. We appreciate Gene Strickland for putting this together and helping us. We do have some extra sticks that can be carved as walking canes or anything else. The purpose is to carve/make walking canes to donate to the Land Trust of North Alabama in their upcoming benefit auction. If you would like a stick or two or would like to join us again for another field trip, let me know by e-mail (martin.jose210@gmail.com). We will be scheduling another one soon based on interest.*
- *The push to participate in Panoply was not supported as we did not have enough members to volunteer. We will try again next year.*
- *I've contacted the Auburn University to see if they were interested in donating wood from the poisoned Oak Trees from Toomer's Corner. The thought was that we could volunteer to carve a momentum for them on behalf of the NAWA Club. The University told me that they are working with a small number of licensed companies to create keepsakes that the Auburn Family can purchase. I thought the idea, if allowed, would have been a nice gesture on behalf of the NAWA Club members.*
- *Keep the ideas coming. We and our community will benefit from them.*

Jose' Martin

2013 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
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Photographer: Don Millbranth
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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?

- Classes are continuing.
- Our website continues to look great as Mary Ellen is busy updating it and keeping it a beautiful and active link to the general public. It looks very professional and detailed.

Please visit (press ctrl and click) our website:

<http://nawawoodcarvers.org>

- We provided a goodwill gesture (wood carving) to the Coffee Tree owners for their continuing support of the club members.
- Held a field trip to the Madison County Land Trust in SE Huntsville to collect sticks and other fallen wood to carve.
- The March meeting was held on the 21st and was well attended. Following are the minutes:

NAWA Meeting Minutes **March 21, 2013**

6:30 p.m. 34 members in attendance.

Beginners Carving Class - "Hound Dog" presented by Jerry Kresge

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mary Conrad - Vice president

Announcements: Jose' Martin on behalf of the Club carved a cottonwood bark motive of the Coffee Tree and presented it to the Coffee Tree owner. She was very appreciative.

New Business:

1. A new "For Sale Column" will be added to the monthly newsletter. This will be for members only, for carving related items. Please submit items to Jose' by the Sunday after the monthly meeting.
2. Panoply will be held April 26-28. Contact Jose' if you are interested in helping with a booth for our Club.
3. Gene Strickland announced that the Land Trust is holding an auction on September 21st and was wondering if the Club would like to participate in it. A motion was made by Sandra Horn and seconded by Tom Horn to participate. The motion passed. Gene will talk to Dan Pritchett to have it publicized. Gene has access to Chittam Wood for walking sticks.

Old Business:

1. There was discussion regarding charging for classes so people who sign up at the "Show" would be more likely to attend classes. The majority felt that we should not charge. One suggestion was made to start classes soon after the "Show" to keep people's interest.

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 – Norman Suhs, Dee Boyd, Bert Brewster and Phil Terry

The door prize raffle was held

7:45 Meeting adjourned

Ellie Nelson Secretary



Coffee Tree presentation



March Meeting

WHAT'S UP?

- Classes and gatherings are on-going.
 - **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 at 6-10. Carvings in chip, caricature, bark houses and tree ornaments are in progress. The coffee and food are great, carving 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 low but increasing. 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 consider teaching a class next year.

2013 CLASS SCHEDULE: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

COMFORT BIRD - D. BOYD -	COMPLETE
• CHAIN - TOM HORN -	COMPLETE
• COWBOY BOOT - LARRY NIX -	COMPLETE
• TURTLE - DAN PRITCHARD -	COMPLETE
• BASIC CHIP - JIM NELSON -	COMPLETE
• DOG - JERRY KRESGE -	COMPLETE
• BASIC RELIEF - JERRY KRESGE -	APR 02&09/APR 11&18
• FINISHING - VARIOUS -	APR 23&25

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 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** will be held **on March 18th** at:

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



Comments welcomed

THANK YOU.
Jose' Martin