

TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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Our next Meeting

Saturday April 9, 2011
10:30 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)
Pleasanton Senior Center

From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

We are back from our usual spring RV run to Pismo. Our park is at sea level and just 100 yds from the waves. It's probable you have all heard we were evacuated in the middle of the night because of the tsunami. We survived as did the park! We did spend the day at 200 ft elevation at the local Wall Mart. Lots of conversations with new friends in the official staging site set up by the local cities. As typical Californians, the first thing set up by the many RV'ers was tail gate parties.

Attached is the officer's first look at a TVC proposed budget for 2011. I have all the assumptions and comments in the context. Overall, items of the budget look OK with a lot of emphasis on wood sales, soap carving kits, and very definitely our dues. The officers have spent a great deal of time updating the roster and getting the dues in place. Be aware that the budget is a plan and can be adjusted as we go on this year. That being said please review the numbers and feed back any questions to us.

WOOD IS IN!! We now have a fresh store of Basswood in the TVC locker (see "Wood Inventory" below). As a new method for inventory control, I have a sign-out sheet in the cabinet. This should take care of running out of wood before we order again. Also, if you need a special size of Basswood, let Ken or me know. When you get your selection of wood, please print your name next to the size and date it. The size and price are on each piece. Pay Mike Pocha our treasurer the next time you see him.

Dan Dresser has a freshly cut batch of redwood. Let him know if you want any of it for projects. See "Wood Inventory" below.

We have a number of fun club activities to look forward to coming soon. I will add details as I receive them (see below). –Bob Kehl

**Dates to Remember
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

To join carvers on **Mondays in Manteca** contact Beatrice Machado.

To join carvers all day on **Mondays in San Jose** contact Jack Vincent.

April 10th - 16th. Oakhurst Rendezvous at Oakhurst. For more info on this event, see article in the Log or contact Larry Smith (559) 658-2405, email woodtat@sti.net.

Sat., April 16, 11:00-3:00. Forest Home Farm "Sheep Shearing Day" Info on their website: <http://www.srhf.org>

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June 23 – July 10 Alameda County Fair. The theme this year is “COME OUT AND Play.”

July 23 – 24 Art under the Oaks. Bob Kehl has received an ok for the same venue from Alden Lane Nursery. We will have around 5 or 6 tables for personal sales and demonstration. He is taking requests for tables for those of you wishing to demonstrate and/or sell at the event. You will be responsible to man your table and collect your own money. All sales are yours. The theme will be “Artistry in Wood”. We will be selling tickets for our Reef table raffle prize and Bob plans to be carving on the big bear. Alden Lane is considering a display of gardeny things featuring larger art pieces for sale. If you have something that might fit into this theme let Bob know and he will pass it on to them. Perhaps Ken’s big Owl or Dan’s Ducks/wine barrel framed pictures might fit?

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Wood Inventory

Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.

Qty	Description	Price
2	1x8x10	\$4.25
3	1x10x12	\$6.50
3	2x6x12	\$8.00
1	2x7x12	\$9.00
2	3x5x12	\$9.50
2	3x7x12	\$13.50
3	4x6x12	\$17.50
3	4x8x12	23.50
2	3/8x6x12	\$2.50

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We also have: Walnut, Sycamore and several others. Contact Ken Morgan. We will include a larger inventory in the future.

Member Highlights

Text & photo by Bob Kehl

Featured below is Mike Pocha carving his Santa With a flowing coat. The carving is from a Barbara Scoles rough out with some modifications. This project is more difficult to carve as the Santa's coat shows motion, as if there is a breeze flowing through the coat and ruffling the outer hem. To accomplish the movement affect in the coat, Mike had to add extra wood to the sculpture. Considerable work is necessary to thin down the extra wood in the coat to simulate material and the fur lined hem. Mike might enter the finished and painted piece in the Alameda County Fair in June, but it will ultimately become a part of his family's Christmas decorations collection.



Minutes

March 12, 2011 Business Meeting

Pre-Meeting Events: *General carving, sharing and camaraderie.*

Meeting Opened: Opened at 10:30 by *Ken Morgan, Vice President*, at the Pleasanton Sr. Center

Secretary's Report: Minutes by *Joan Cousins* sent via Email & printed in the newsletter, approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Report by *Mike Pocha*, approved as submitted. Deposits: \$761.06 includes \$180.00 in donations of which \$130.00 came from Fairlands School. Expenses: \$173.11. VETS Cane fund balance \$107.00. (Current general checking balance \$2487.26) The 2011 budget is still in progress. ***10 members still owe dues for 2011.***

Vice President's Report:

*** The Peddlers Shoppe would like to have more new items and they have requested that all old items from several years ago be removed and refurbishes for resale. The Shoppe adds 20% onto your price to cover their expenses and the remainder goes to assist Senior Citizens in need.

*** The membership list was reviewed as to those paid up and those who are delinquent, 10 members are unpaid. Joan has been making reminder phone calls.

*** Wood is available in the locker at the Sr. Center as well as at Ken's shop. Many available wood types just let Ken know the sizes you want and he will cut them.

CA Carving Guild (CCG): N/A

TVC 2011 SHOW, Sept 17 & 18:

*** *Jack Vincent* anticipates that all members that accepted "task positions" last year will fulfill those same tasks this year. IF you have any ideas, suggestions or changes contact *Jack* ASAP!

*** *Jack* will get Show Registration forms off to *Joanne Carroll* immediately so it can be posted in The Log.

*** *Rick Jensen* is changing the dates on our large Banner, *Jack* confirms this will be hung under the "Pleasanton" city sign.

*** *Ken Morgan* says we MUST get our shows Grand Prize Reef Table finished immediately so we

can begin selling raffle tickets. Everyone who committed to doing a carving please finish them and get them to *Ken* or *Bob* ... ASAP!

*** The glass table top is here for the Reef table and *Ken* is making laminated wood brackets to hold it on.

*** *Joan Cousins* suggests we raise our Display table fees to \$18.00 and Vendor table fees to \$25.00. Commercial vendors remain the same as Carving vendors for now. All tables are 8' long and would include 2 free judging entries. ACCEPTED!

*** Discussion regarding charging Admission ... we agreed to continue with FREE Admission and *sell more raffle tickets*.

*** *Ken Morgan* and *Mike Pocha* will work on a large display poster listing what donations are used for and where they go, i.e. supplies for Soap carving, Scout troops, Carving at schools, etc. We hope this will increase public awareness.

*** *Bill Bender* suggests it is not too soon to start making and gathering items to be sold at the "Welcome" table.

*** Discussion as to the items we have for sale at our "Country Store" table. We need more FRESH NEW items of perhaps a bit better quality in order to fulfill the wishes of the *general public* and make more money to help cover our Show costs. Do we want to sell Carving Kits at this table? *Rick J.* purchased a glove at Harbor Freight to see if it will work with kits.

*** *Lynette* suggests more folks sell items at their tables (become vendors) to again fulfill ongoing public requests.

*** *Bob Kehl* is still working out the details for a possible Cholula Hot Sauce carve-off at our Show. Cash prizes included.

*** Discussion in regards to doing a class in conjunction with our Show but may need to work on this for 2012. Also discussed were mini seminars at our Show, possibly adding to, or tweaking, the demos that are already being done.

*** *Ken Morgan* presented the possibility of having *Janet Cordell* give a 3 day carving class following our Show this year but we would need to have the commitment of 10 or more people to make it happen. Contact *Ken* ASAP!

*** Suggestion was made to have a class before the meeting, hoping the participants would stay on and attend our Show.

*** Members agreed it was worth talking to the *South Bay Turners* and invite them to join our Show.

*** *Dave Gregory* suggested carving panels for a wheel barrow for our 2012 Shows grand prize.

Along this line we could turn handles for garden tools, green men, etc. (These projects could also be used in the Garden part of Art Under the Oaks.) *Dave* will bring his wheel barrow to the next meeting to give us a better 'handle' on this project.

*** *Joan* placed our Show ad with Chip Chats, Wood Carving Illustrated and Carving magazine, 2 have confirmed.

*** Holding a Silent Auction was discussed but held over for further thought.

Veterans Memory Cane Projects:

*** *Bob* figured out a way to turn the long cane shaft by using 2 pieces of equipment back to back (money saver).

*** *John Peterson* delivered a cane to a Veteran in Livermore and another cane will also be presented to a **100 year old Veteran** in Fremont.

*** *Jack Vincent* has presented 3 more 'memory' canes to Veterans.

*** If YOU want to become part of this rewarding project contact *Bob Kehl*.

Old Business:

*** *Jack Vincent* says many types of trees were cut from a complex and the pieces were taken to a milling location. We can get some of this wood if we contact *CA Urban Lumber, Lumber division & Custom Milling, 4901 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez CA 94533, phone: 925-228-0924,*

Email: Bridings@jfcconstruction.com

*** School Carving Classes: 17 students at the Junction school with *Ken, Paul F, Mike P* and *Rick J.* They are carving an owl and a penguin followed with wood burning. *Ken* reports that soap carving classes were given at Fairlands School on Feb 28th. They were given in 4 sessions during the day to 120 kids. Fairlands donated \$130 to our club in return. The classes were given by *Ken, Mike P, Paul F* and *Bruce*.

RAISE IN DUES retroactive to January 1, 2011

Dues are due January 1st for the entire year. Unpaid memberships are delinquent on the last day of Feb.

New Business:

*** (These items are incorporated into their appropriate sections within the body of these minutes, mostly our Show.)

Carving Opportunities and Coming Events:

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Good of the Order: *** *Ron Richards* (Santa Clara Carvers) did a somewhat impromptu carving class at the Sr. Center wood shop and it was greatly received. We are hoping this may happen again when there is time for notice to be given to the entire membership. *Dave Gregory* suggests we reciprocate by giving some type of instruction classes for other clubs.

Monthly Drawing: *Jack Vincent* was the winner of our monthly ticket drawing for a \$\$\$ gift certificate at the Woodcraft Store in Dublin. You only have to attend the business meeting in order to be a winner ... see you next month?

NOTE: Turn in your Woodcraft receipts to Ken, 3% returned to us in the form of a gift certificate for monthly drawing!

Minutes: Taken and transcribed by *Joan Cousins*, Secretary. Meeting closed 12:00 noon. (*Be sure to clean up your stations before leaving.*)

Carving and Chatting at the Senior Center

Photos by Bob Kehl

