

TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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Our next Meeting

Saturday January 8, 2011
10:30 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)
Pleasanton Senior Center
**Agenda Items include: Possible dues increase and
Election of Officers**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every two years we elect new officers. Some candidates were nominated at the last meeting, but we need more nominations/volunteers. We still need a show co-chair among others. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let Ken or Bob know, and come to the next meeting. We need to make sure nominees are willing to run for the offices to which they are nominated. We will finalize the nominations and hold elections at our January 8th meeting.

POSSIBLE DUES INCREASE

We have reviewed the average overall expenses of the club for the past 9 years and find that a raise in dues may be necessary to offset rising costs. But we want “no new taxes without voter approval.” So come to the January 8th meeting and help us figure out what is right for our club.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Christmas Lunch/Party/Auction on December 11th at the Brass Door was a wonderful salute to our group camaraderie and a grand way to close out 2010. The food was most tasty and enjoyed by all but the 'fun' began with the bidding on all the amazing donations that everyone brought. There were books, burnings, carvings, wood, jewelry, chocolate, tools, and a plethora of other goodies which even included a Christmas floor mat and a snowman night light.

The 45 minutes of bidding brought much interest and excitement about all the pieces and prices and it became a comedy of quarters when some of the bids were determined by .25 cents at a time. Someone was overheard saying, "this is more fun than I have had in a long time". Our



Christmas luncheon is one of our big highlight of the year and this time was no different. Via the auction we actually made some extra money for the Club along with having a ton of fun.

It was really great to see so many of the spouses attend and so nice to visit with all of them. We had a couple of nice surprises during the event ... first Jan H. brought her sister whom we discovered is also a carver and turner ... second, Dave G. brought his lady friend, Doris, whom he introduced (with a sly smile) as his fiancee ... WOW!!! One never knows what will happen as the HO HO HO season comes upon us!



To be sure everyone went home with a gift Joan gifted each person with their choice of two handmade Origami Ornaments. In keeping with a "Green Earth" theme, all of the ornaments were made from pre-shared Christmas cards that are collected from anyone willing to donate to her instead of feeding them to the trash. The little river pebble in each ornament is the gift of an everlasting 'hug' from Nature (besides giving the light weight paper ornament a little ballast).

A big thanks to Ken once more for an excellent job of Auctioneering ... such patience with all of our questions and wanting to see things better and thanks to Jeanne for keeping such an accurate tally of all the many bids. Also many thanks to Bob K. for making all of these arrangements on such short notice and to Mike

for handling all the incoming funds. We had 28 folks attend this year and hope for even more in 2011.

Safe and Happy Holidays to each and every one.

My deep gratitude and Blessings to one and all
Joan
(Photos by Joan Cousins)

DROP—IN WOOD CARVING OPPORTUNITIES

Members and Non members are welcome.

- Tuesday 9:00am - 4:00pm.
Pleasanton Senior Center

- Drop-in/ learn to carve times
- Thursday nights 6:30-8:30pm
Pleasanton Senior Center
 - Thursday nights at the
Livermore
Community Center, 444 East
Avenue. Come join us anytime
from 6-8pm.

BUSINESS MEETINGS:

2nd Saturday morning of each month at
the Pleasanton Senior Center
9:00 – 9:30 carving/visiting;
9:30 – 10:15 film or special presentation;
10:15 – 10:30 short break;
10:30 – 12:00 Business meeting

TO JOIN CCG:

Send \$25.00 individual and \$40.00 for family with your name and address to:
California Carvers Guild
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27 Terrace Hill Dr.
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ANYONE NEED A VEST?

I have a Club vest with patch attached that is for sale. It belonged to Barney Smith and was given to me by Elva, his wife. The full proceeds would go to the club. Barney is simply the gift that keeps on giving.

I have attached pictures of the vest, it is one of the original ones made from the pattern we no longer have. It is in excellent condition, looks to be a man's large+? and is much longer than the 'walmart' style we have now. The cost for the vest with attached patch would be \$50.00 which would be a savings of \$6.00 to the buyer and they wouldn't have to attach the patch.

I will bring it to the January meeting.

Joan Cousins

