

# TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

## California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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## Our next Meeting

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

## From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

**Fair:** Hello TVC Carvers, as of this writing, we are well into the Alameda County Fair event. Our club members really have participated by demonstrating over 220 hours in the Hobby building for wood carving and holding the Soap Carving Competition event for the Kid's on Fridays. There was a lot of interest and conversation from the fair goers with our Demo Folks. The club members did well on their entries in woodcarving, fine art sculpture, and wood turning. Out of a total of 53 entries in wood carving, 34 were from TVC with 20 ribbons being awarded. First places in the categories were as follows: Joan Cousins – Pyrography, Joel Elliioff – Human Figure, realistic, Steve Gramberg – Ornamental and Relief, John Slade – Free Form, Cy Crosby – Animal realistic, and Paul Fackler – Woodturning. Lynette Crosby won the Theme Award for her carving of the Bremen Musicians and the club also received a first place for our club display. Good work to all that participated in this event!

**Picnic:** Please mark your calendars for our annual TVC picnic. A great THANK YOU to Ken Morgan and his wife Jeanne for hosting the event at their house on July 16th from 12 – 4pm. Ken's address is 694 Sylvaner Drive in Pleasanton. All members and their spouses/significant others are welcome. In order to get an idea of how many we need to plan for, please let me know by our next business meeting July 9th (925-443-5632)(email- [rjkehl@comcast.net](mailto:rjkehl@comcast.net)), if you plan to attend. The club will provide drinks and fixings for sandwiches. To help expand our menu, please bring the following associated with your last name letter: A to G – appetizer, H to M – Salad, and N to Z – Desert.

**Art under the Oaks:** The next upcoming TCV event is Art under the Oaks at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane in Livermore. We are participating in this event as guests of the nursery and the Livermore Art Association. We plan to have our TVC raffle prize ready to sell tickets in this event. See "Dates to Remember" below for more details.

**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.

**June 23 – July 10** Alameda County Fair. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Pick-up items after the Fair on Monday, July 11th at 10:00am.

**July 16** – Our TVC PICNIC – 12:00 – 4:00pm at the Morgans’, 694 Sylvaner Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. See “From the Pres” above for more details.

**July 23 – 24** Art under the Oaks. Bob Kehl has received an OK for the same venue from Alden Lane Nursery. We will have 5 – 8ft tables available for individual sales and demonstration of woodcarving. Some sharing of the tables may occur as needed. Set up for the tables is Friday July 22 after 12 noon or Saturday July 23rd before 10am. There is a gate near the building that will be open to aid in unloading your goodies. Parking will have to be off site, but the Nursery is providing free shuttle to and from parking. As mentioned before, The Nursery is presenting, in another building, a “garden exhibit”. Several of us are providing “gardeny” woodcarvings for display and sales in this exhibit. These items must be delivered to the Nursery for their set up by Monday, July 18th am. Please make sure you have your name attached and the item priced if you are going to sell. We plan to have our TVC raffle prize ready to sell tickets in this event.

**September 12 – 16:** Possible ‘fish’ class with *Mike Budesilich.*

**SEPTEMBER 17 – 18, 2011** OUR ANNUAL WOODCARVING SHOW; 10:00am – 4:00pm. Display tables are \$18.00 and Vendor tables are \$25.00. Table fee includes 2 FREE ENTRIES for judging. **New this year:** 4 ft half tables will be available for \$9.00 including 1 FREE ENTRY. Demonstrators welcome!

**September 19 – 20 – 21:** Possible class with Janet Cordell. We need 10 to 15 folks to commit to the class!!! contact *Ken Morgan.*

**November 4:** Class with *Debbie Edwards* at the Sawdust Shop in Sunnyvale. Leaping Lynx in the Snow, approximate cost of \$225.00 ... contact *Ken Morgan.*

**Wood Inventory**

**Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.**

Qty	Description	Price
3	1x8x10	\$4.25
1	1x10x12	\$6.50
3	2x6x12	\$8.00
3	2x7x12	\$9.00
3	3x5x12	\$9.50
3	3x7x12	\$13.50
3	4x6x12	\$17.50
2	4x8x12	\$23.50
3	1x12 barkwood	\$11.00
3	1x16 barkwood	\$12.00
2	3/8x6x12	\$2.50
1	3x9x17 butternut	\$23.00

**Dan Dresser has a large quantity of Redwood**



**We also have:**

Walnut, Sycamore and several others. Contact Ken Morgan.

## Member Highlights

Text & photo by Bob Kehl

Featured below is Lynette Crosby carving a realistic lion. Lynette was awarded a first place last year in the Alameda County Fair for this piece. It is a center piece in this year's TVC club display at the Fair. She also won this year's Theme award with her Bremen Musicians piece featuring a stacked rooster, on a cat, on a dog, on a donkey, following the Grimm's fairy tale. Lynette started carving shortly after retiring in 2001. She likes to power carve sculptures of most anything realistic. She indicated she "power carves because she does not like to have to sharpen tools." This task she "gives to Cy" her husband to do.



## Minutes

June 11, 2011 Business Meeting

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

**Meeting Opened:** Opened at 10:30 by *Bob Kehl, President*, at the Pleasanton Sr. Center

**Welcome new members:** *Demi Tanner, Jeff Tanner and Carlos Blea*

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes by *Joan Cousins* sent

via Email & printed in the newsletter. Accepted as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** by *Mike Pocha*. Report accepted as submitted..

### **President's Report:**

\*\*\* On June 7, 2011, our dear friend and Lifetime member, *Alex Glaros*, passed away, a card is being sent around for everyone to sign. Our hearts and prayers go out to Stamatia (Stamie), his wife of 63 years.

\*\*\* Set up of our Fair display case will be on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. The theme is "Farm Fresh Fun". *Joan* will make a small banner for the case. Demonstrators will receive free parking and entry tickets so get signed up now or on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\* The 2010 Sacramento Show was featured in Chip Chats and many of our member items were pictured. *Joan* asked if someone could/would take pictures of our Show entries and send them to Chip Chats.

### **CA Carving Guild (CCG):**

\*\*\* Bob says anyone having suggestions for CCG can give them to him and he will submit at the next meeting.

### **TVC 2011 SHOW, Sept 17 & 18:**

\*\*\* The VETS building will be open at 8:00am to 9:00am for Show Participants, the doors will open at 10:00 for the public.

\*\*\* We strongly encourage all judging entries be brought on Friday evening to Ken's shop. Some entries will also be accepted on Saturday morning from 8:00am – 9:00am.

\*\*\* *Jack Vincent* reports that our Insurance for the Show has been paid and we have the contract. Entry forms were passed out but the opportunity for folks to get a ½ table for \$9.00 needs to be added.

\*\*\* *Bob* will research a possible TVC Show ad via BTM pre-movie blurbs.

\*\*\* *Jack* will talk to newspaper reports about coming to the Shop on a Tuesday for a visit, photos and Show information.

\*\*\* There will be a whittling contest on both Sat and Sun with prizes of (1<sup>st</sup>) \$25.00, (2<sup>nd</sup>) \$15.00 and (3<sup>rd</sup>) \$5.00.

\*\*\* *Bob Kehl* will handle the Club table selling wood and talking about the CCG. He will also take care of the Cane table. *Lydia* suggested adding a display of the 'steps' taken to make the a cane and this could also be put on the Web Site.

\*\*\* *Bill* and *Lydia* bought Dry Erase boards to put at the entry doors. *Dan Dresser* will donate more if needed.

\*\*\* Still need People's Choice coordinator, *Carlos Blea* may be available but we could sure use someone else as well.

\*\*\* **Judging entries will be limited to 1 (one) per category with a maximum of 4 (four) per person. Each participant paying for a display table will receive 2 (two) FREE entries per full 8' table or 1 (one) FREE entry per half table (i.e. 4 feet).**

\*\*\* We welcome the *South Bay Turners* who will be participating at our Show this year. They will be judging their own turnings.

#### Veterans Memory Cane Projects:

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

\*\*\* If YOU, or someone you know, would like to donate to this valued service project contact *Mike Pocha*, TVC Treas.

#### Old Business:

\*\*\* *Dailey Splinterz* will be bringing wood to our Show and *Bob* has requested prices for various sizes of Bass.

\*\*\* Members can get Bass from the cabinet in the wood shop, write your name on the list and pay *Mike Pocha*.

\*\*\* *Livermore Heritage Guild* has asked if someone would carve a 5'-6' Totem, this would be a replica of the original one. *Bob Larsen* took many great reference pictures which he has turned over to the Club that you can use.

\*\*\* *Mike P.* says *Capitol Carvers* have their Library on line, is this something we would be interested in doing? We have hundreds of books in our Club library as well as a few patterns and "Go To's" available for loan to our TVC members.

\*\*\* *Lydia* says the Web Site is bringing inquiries as well as new members.

\*\*\* We have had no contact from *Huell Howser* regarding the Flag Pole event. *Joan* will try to contact.

#### New Business:

\*\*\* Our Club library is at *Ken's* shop. A volunteer is still needed to manage the data base, please contact *Ken* or *Bob*.

\*\*\* **TVC Annual Picnic**, Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at *Ken and Jeanne Morgan's*, 694 Sylvaner Dr, Pleasanton, Noon - 4:00. *Bob Kehl* volunteered to send out notices of the picnic, including who should bring what, and to receive RSVPs and compile everything, thus giving *Ken* and *Jeanne* one less thing to do.

Watch your mail and/or emails for the list and be sure to RSVP!

#### Carving Opportunities and Coming Events:

\*\*\* **June 23 - July 10: Alameda County Fair**, Pleasanton CA. Theme: "Farm Fresh Fun". Sign up for demos and to help with the kids Soap Carving. OK to deliver entries to the Gem & Mineral building June 17 from 1:00 - 5:00pm; June 18 from 8:30am - 8:30pm and June 19 from 8:30am - 5:00pm. Pick up on July 11 from 8:00am - 8:00pm. \*\*\* We will be filling our TVC display case Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and picking up items after the Show on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

\*\*\* **July 23 - 24: "Art Under the Oaks"**, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore CA. Theme: "Artistry in Wood". They will also have a separate area for "Garden" related items. Both venues include demonstrating and selling. Contact *Bob Kehl*.

\*\*\* **SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 2011 TVC ANNUAL WOODCARVING SHOW;** 10:00am - 4:00pm. Display tables are \$18.00 for an 8' or \$9.00 for a 4' and Vendor tables are \$25.00 per 8'. Full 8' table includes two (2) FREE judging ENTRIES, ½ table includes one (1) FREE judging ENTRY. Continuing demonstrators are greatly appreciated and NEW demonstrators are most welcome!

\*\*\* **September 12 - 16: Mike Budesilich** will do a "Fish" class at *Ken Morgan's* shop. Contact *Bob K.* or *Ken M.*

\*\*\* **September 12 & 14 & 16: Larry Synder** will do Pen Turning classes at the Sr. Center shop. Cost approx \$50.00 with a guarantee of two (2) completed pens. Contact *Bob Kehl*.

\*\*\* **September 19 - 20 - 21:** Possible class with *Janet Cordell*. We need 10 to 15 folks to commit to the class!!! Contact *Ken Morgan* if you are interested.

\*\*\* **November 4:** Class with *Debbie Edwards* at the Sawdust Shop in Sunnyvale. Leaping Lynx in the Snow, approximate cost of \$225.00 ... contact *Ken Morgan*.

#### Good of the Order:

\*\*\* Our thanks to *Dan Nunes* for his cash donation to the Clubs Treasury.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** *Carlos Blea* started whittling as a leader of the Boy Scouts and wants to carve Wood Spirits and (Eagle) canes. *Demi Tanner* wants to carve a Carousel Cat and *Jeff Tanner* is a wood turner.

**Monthly Drawing:** *Carlos Blea* (new member with lucky #13) was the winner of our monthly ticket drawing for a \$\$\$ gift certificate at the Woodcraft

Store in Dublin. You only have to *attend* your Club's business meetings 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! If we don't have enough in receipts for the gift certificates we buy them so there will always be a drawing at the meeting.

**Minutes:** Taken and transcribed by *Joan Cousins*, Secretary. Meeting closed 11:55 AM. (*Great clean up job folks.*)

## Good-of-the-Order

By Joan Cousins

**Alex Glaros:** On June 7th we lost one of our dearest and longest members. Alex Glaros was one of our "way back" 'Lifetime' members and did many really great carvings. He loved the wood and all the carvers and he was one of the kindest and softest spoken men I personally know. Even when he was not feeling well he managed to come to a few Tuesdays groups to carve a bit and visit and he also made it to several of the Business meetings. When things got too tough and he couldn't come anymore he still maintained a stiff upper lip until it was time for him to depart this Rough Old Earth and head for Softer Pastures. He leaves his dear wife Stamatie (Stamie) after 63 years of marriage ... just one more showing of what a great man he was. We will miss the smiling face of Alex but when we look up at the clouds I am sure we will see the twinkle in his eyes as he looks down at us. Happy carving Alex!

**Bob Larsen** went to emergency on Father's Day, had a CT scan on Tuesday, was diagnosed on Wednesday with urinary tract cancer, and had surgery Monday, June 27. They will receive the pathology report on Tuesday July 5 and are praying that the cancer was contained and is now gone. Susan says he is not in pain just unhappy about the catheter. ☺ We wish Bob and his family the best.

**On a lighter note**, we want to give our gratitude to Ethel Burgett-Hausman for a \$50.00 donation

to the Club. Ethel's husband, Lucky, was one of our original members and although Ethel was not a carver she was co-chair of our Show for many years and still remains a lifetime member.

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## Carving Tip

By Paul Fackler

These are 3-4 minute, on-line, teaching videos on how to use and apply finishes and covers 8 different topics. It does cater to the turner. However, these ideas just as easily could be applied to finishing carvings.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CraftSuppliesUSA>  
A - g/c/3D50C76302FF05F8

(If double clicking the above link doesn't work, copy it and paste into your web browser.)





Joel Ellioff working on a native american flute – photo by Bob Kehl



Sy Crosby working on horse head  
Photo by Bob Kehl



Our Blue Ribbon display at the Alameda County Fair  
Photo by Joan Cousins