

# TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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## Our next Meeting

Saturday June 11, 2011  
10:30 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)  
Pleasanton Senior Center

## From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

Hello Carvers, it looks like the Alameda County Fair is coming up fast. The Fair dates and details are in this newsletter located in the “Dates to Remember” section. Please pay attention to the Friday, June 17th at 1pm: date that we put together the display case. You can turn in your entrees for judging at the same time. Since we like to show off our great diversity in carvings, please bring in several of your better carvings for the display. It only takes about 2 hours to set up the display and get “joint” approval from ourselves.

Those of you who plan to demo should look at the times and dates and send them to Paul Fackler. Paul is putting together a matrix to give to the Fair folks, so they can put the schedule in their ads. We need to be aware that there is only room to demo for 3 carvers at a time and that we should spread out our times, so we have someone there afternoons and evenings. We also should have the TVC raffle table on display and to sell tickets for our show.

This year, we have 3 Fridays for the soap carving event for the kids. The dates are 6/24, 7/1, and 7/8. This event is a lot of fun for both carvers and the kids. We will be hands on teaching, judging the results and handing out ribbons from 12 -2pm each day. Please let me know if you want to help with this event.

The TVC had great results in their carvings at the Sacramento Show. Nine carvings were entered for judging and 7 won blue ribbons. Mike Budesilich won Best of Show for his fish carving.

Take a look at the May/June issue of the National Woodcarvers Magazine “Chip Chats”. The article on the Sacramento 2010 show has featured several of our TVC carvers:

Gorden Moody – Eagle Cane, Joan Cousins – Mendenhall pyrography, Jim Quilici – caricature, Paul Fackler – Carved flower vase, Bob Kehl – “Cheeta”, & Ken Morgan – Carved spoon.

**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. Theme: “Farm Fresh Fun”. Sign up for demos and to help with the kids Soap Carving. Deliver carvings and burnings 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 17th at 1:00pm and picking up items after the Show on Monday, July 11th at 10:00am.

**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. Bob 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?

**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. 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
1	1x10x12	\$6.50
1	2x6x12	\$8.00
1	3x5x12	\$9.50
1	3x7x12	\$13.50
1	4x6x12	\$17.50
3	4x8x12	23.50
2	3/8x6x12	\$2.50

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



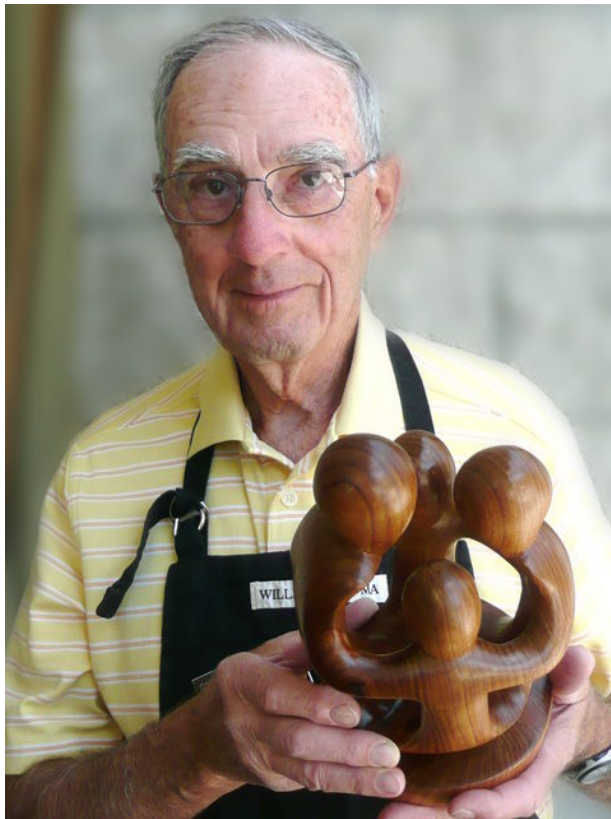
**We also have:**

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 here is Harry Rizzo with his version of a "Family". The sculpture is in the stylized format which focuses on the color and grain of the wood. Stylized sculptures only portray a hint of form the artist is showing and leave the interpretive features to the observer. The wood that Harry has used in the sculpture is Butternut. Harry has received numerous awards in woodcarving shows and at the Alameda County Fair for this type of sculpture.



## Minutes

May 14, 2011 Business Meeting

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

**Meeting Opened:** Opened at 10:35 by *Bob Kehl, President*, at the Pleasanton Sr. Center

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

**Treasurer's Report:** by *Mike Pocha*. Need almost \$3000.00 to cover our Show and we have \$2674.44 in the bank which includes \$685.00 deposit minus \$529.77 in expenses. We have received a total of \$330.00 donations from the schools plus \$250.00 from CCG for Show expenses. *Ken* and *Bob* sold wood from *Ken's* shop at the Sacramento show. Thanks to members who have donated. The separate VETS cane fund has a balance of \$121.00.

**President's Report:**

\*\*\* 14 TVC members were at the Sacramento Show, 9 carvings were submitted of which 7 won Blue ribbons. We sold lots of wood, approximately 10 soap kits and got \$14.00 in the VETS Cane donation jar. \*\*\* Cholula Hot Sauce contest: blocks of wood were numbered and sold for \$1.00 each. Members could take these blocks home, work on them, and return them for judging the next day. Three 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners each received \$175.00 and the next three each received \$100.00.

\*\*\* *Dave Boles* made some Hot Sauce pre-show practice blocks, cost is \$0.50 each to our members. Contact him to purchase yours.

\*\*\* Our Club is registered for a Display Case.

**CA Carving Guild (CCG):**

\*\*\* \$250.00 seed money received to help with Show expenses.

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

\*\*\* *Dave Boles* confirmed information for brochures for our 2011 Show.

\*\*\* *Joel Ellioff* confirmed with *Bob Dailey* of Dailey Splinterz, that he will be here with **Basswood** as well as **Tupelo, Butternut** and **Diamond Willow**.

\*\*\* Silent Auction (i.e. B/B table): items listed with minimum starting **Bid** price with a **Buy it Now** price for impatient buyers. *Steve Gramberg* volunteered to manage this table. **We need about 10 donated QUALITY wood related items.**

\*\*\* **Needed** ... members are asked to donate QUALITY items for the Country Store. This helps pay for the Show!!!

\*\*\* Water and soft drinks will be purchased by *Bill & Lydia*. *Steve* will manage the selling table for these drinks.

\*\*\* *Paul Fackler* will manage the Soap Carving table, contact him for further information.

\*\*\* *Bob Kehl* volunteered to work at the Club 'wood selling' table as well as the Soap Carving table.

\*\*\* Whittling contests will be on both Sat and Sun and managed by *Rick Jensen* and *Gordon Moody*.

\*\*\* Cane display ... No decision reached as to who will be in charge?

\*\*\* Welcome to **South Bay Turners** who will be joining us this year. They will use 3 tables and judge their own projects.

\*\*\* 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).

#### Veterans Memory Cane Projects:

\*\*\* Cholula Hot Sauce folks are donating \$12.00 for each cane shaft turned.

\*\*\* 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:

\*\*\* *Joan* sent a 'thank you' note to *Moe Klien*, Junction School, Livermore, for their \$200.00 donation. Another 'thank you' will be sent to *Carlye Mecozze*, Fairlands School, Pleasanton, for their \$130.00 donation.

\*\*\* If anyone wants more wood contact *Bob* or *Ken* for orders or cutting existing wood to size.

\*\*\* *Bill* and *Lydia* confirmed multiple items to be entered on the Web Site. Congratulations on their great job.

#### New Business:

\*\*\* *Dave Boles* made some Hot Sauce pre-show practice blocks, cost is \$0.50 each to our members. Contact *Dave* to purchase yours.

\*\*\* Our Club library is at *Ken's* shop. A volunteer is needed to manage the data base, please contact *Ken* or *Bob*. There are also patterns and "Go-To's" in the Library.

\*\*\* TVC Annual Picnic, June or July, *Ken* volunteered his home again and will let us know the exact dates available.

#### 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. Dead line to mail entry forms is May 16<sup>th</sup>, dead line for online entries is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost per entry is \$2.50. Deliver carvings and burnings 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.**

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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 2 FREE judging ENTRIES, ½ table includes 1 FREE judging ENTRY. *Continuing demonstrators are greatly appreciated and NEW demonstrators are most welcome!*

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#### Good of the Order:

\*\*\* See your Club Roster for all member contact information. New roster was included with the last newsletter.

**Monthly Drawing:** *Paul Hill* 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 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 11:55 A.M. (*Great clean up job folks.*)



**Mike Budesilich - Best of Show**  
Photo by Bob Kehl



Soap carving demo at Sacramento Show