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**SUNCOAST WOODCARVERS MEETING
MINUTES**

May 14, 2013

Seminole Recreation Center

President Bill Briggs opened the meeting held during Tuesday Workshop, obtained acceptance of the April minutes and read the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill described the changes to the Ft. Myers Show location and dates for 2014. New location is Punta Gorda, which is on the northern shore of Charlotte Harbor, with dates of January 11-12, 2014. As a result, our show dates will be January 18-19, 2014 to take advantage of the vendors who will be in the West Coast Central Florida area.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill emphasized the need for demonstrators for the 2014 Show and for Workshop sessions. Both members and non-member instructors will be considered.

He noted that blocks for the friendship cane are available. The long summer offers a great opportunity to get one or more carved without the deadline pressure of the annual Show.

Another subject was advertising for the Show. Mentioned were social media, not previously exploited, Channel 8 (NBC), and the Club Sign, a banner we have had for years.

Nick Stella made a request for new items for our display cabinet in the Rec. Center lobby.

JOE KANE'S TIPS

The main item relating to wood was the effects of the weather and actions that can be taken to improve the quality for carving. Normal moisture content is 10-12%. To maintain that level, the conditions of storage are important. Wood should not be stored uncovered in outside areas subject to direct sun or rain. Inside, ventilation is desirable; attic storage is great for drying, but not for storage.

SHOW AND TELL

Nick Stella displayed some chip carved boxes.



Bill Dewald displayed the evolution of a hummingbird.

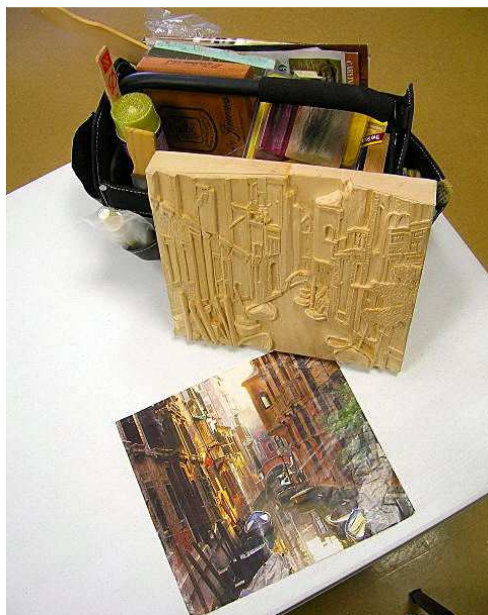


TAMPA AFFILIATE

Instructor Jack Simpson and Nancy Intini discussing the coloring on Jack's carved giraffe...



Nancy's carving relief of an Italian canal scene...



MISC. NOTES

Ron Singerman commented on the annual Florida Carving Roundup, noting that it was a great opportunity to be exposed to professional instruction at minimal cost and with easy access. Comments and suggestions regarding past and future Roundups should be directed to Jim O'Dea at jeodea@aol.com. For those interested in the 2014 Roundup, here is the web address: <http://webspace.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

A parting shot from Bill Briggs was that we all should wear nametags so that we all know who we are. Attendance was 24, high for this time of the year.

This is the last meeting of the Spring. Our next business meeting will be on September 10 at the morning Workshop.

Workshops occur every Tuesday throughout the year from 8:30-11:00 AM in the Craft Room at the Seminole Recreation Center, except when the Rec. Center is closed for holidays or special events.

If you have any changes in your contact information (street address, email address, or phone number), please call Bill Dewald at 727-595-7542 or send updates by email to: suncoast_woodcarvers@comcast.net

A variety of information is available from our Club Website at <http://suncoastwoodcarvers.com/index.htm> Contact Webmaster Richard Samay with comments or corrections via the link on the website.

May you all have a good and productive summer.

Bill Dewald, Secretary