



# Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

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Meeting Place: **Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
(Cathcart Center beside playground),  
corner of Sharonview and Carmel Road)  
**We meet & carve every Tuesday night!**

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As Christmas approaches, I imagine all of you carvers are volunteering in Santa's workshop making little wooden toys or carving Santa figures for your friends. Well be sure to start finishing up your carvings to exhibit in the 2010 Showcase of Woodcarvings. February 20th is coming up fast and will be here before the paint dries. In the meantime a few other things are going on.

First of all let me say that we had a great turnout for the annual club Christmas party, and there were some great foods and snacks. It sure was good to see Lee Dukes! Jim Rivers tickled the ivories and provided some nice background music for us. A first for our party, but hopefully not the last time. Nancy reported that we had a contribution total of 53.7 pounds of food donated for Loaves and Fishes, which was greatly appreciated. A big thanks to Nancy for arranging everything for the party. It was a fun time.

When you are making out your Christmas list, be sure to request a gift certificate from one of the vendors that support our show each year. Then you can have fun picking out some new tools in February. Earl has been working hard on putting things together for the show and needs volunteers to find tables we can use that weekend. Nancy has already arranged for 12 from her church. Please check around and see if you can find a few tables at your church, business, or other organization that we could get permission to borrow that weekend. We will also need volunteers to help transport the tables on Friday, February 19th and the afternoon of Sunday, February 21st. We need at least 80 tables total. Earl will be asking for volunteers for other tasks soon. We should have posters for you to start putting up at the January club meeting.

We will have Desiree Hajny in Charlotte on January 8<sup>th</sup>

evening and all day on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for a carving seminar. The seminar will be held at home Bill Dominick. Desi will be guiding you through the carving of a rabbit. The maximum capacity is 12 carvers in the class. Desi charges a flat rate for the seminar, therefore the cost will be \$170 /person including the blank and food for lunches, based on 12 participants, If capacity is not reached we will prorate, but cost will not exceed \$200/person. Please contact **Bill Dominick (704-365-0930) ASAP** if you are interested. If the class is full, Bill will have a waiting list. This is a great chance to have face-to-face guidance from an expert carver. Don't let this one slip by!!!

Another class, we are looking into for Spring, would be in Charlotte with Peter Ortel. Ray Branch initiated talks with Peter recently and he is excited about the prospect of coming to teach a class here. If you are not familiar with Peter Ortel's work, he is an emeritus member of the Caricature Carvers of America and well known for being a great teacher. We need to know how many people are interested, so if you think that you would be interested please let me or Ray know. We need about 10 people to confirm a class. We are not looking for commitments right now, just interest level. You can check out Peter's work at the web address below:

<http://www.cca-carvers.org/bio-pages/ortel.html>

## WOOD FOR SALE

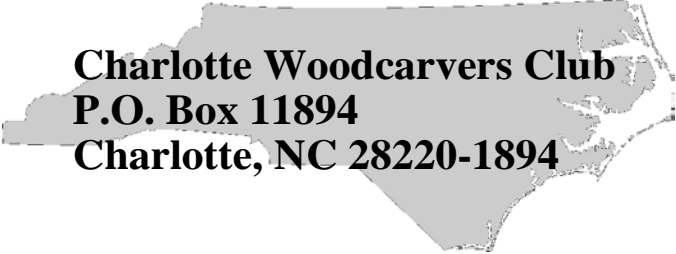
Northern Basswood, butternut, cottonwood bark, manzanita burls, aspen, diamond willow sticks, sassafras sticks and more. Jim Hart is a wood vendor and will be passing through Charlotte on his way from his home in Wisconsin to do several carving shows in Florida. He will have a truck and trailer full of wood to sell and will stop here on **Thursday, January 7th**. Rod Gatlin will host Jim at the offices of Software Express for this sale from 5:30 to 7:30 that evening. Come if you can make it and stock up on carving wood. Call Rod if you have questions or need directions at 704 574-6035.

Software Express is at 4128-A South Boulevard near the intersection of Scaleybark, less than a mile north of Woodlawn Road.

Well its time to be thinking about electing new officers for our club. Nancy is forming a nominating committee and will be looking for volunteers. If you would like to be considered for an office, please contact Nancy. The positions that need to be filled are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These are 1 year terms. There is 1 At-Large board position to be elected that will serve 3 years. Terrell Crowley and John Palmer will stay on to continue the 3-year positions they were previously elected to. The fiscal year for the club begins April 1st, so elections will be held at the March meeting.

That's about it for now. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Rod -

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