

The



Club Newsletter



Happy New Year!!!

Hope that you and your families had a good one and are looking forward to another great year of woodcarving in 2014.

SHOWTIME! The show is upon us and we need a lot of volunteer efforts to make our show a success. We are all excited about the publicity we are getting.

To help our publicity efforts, we ask that you help us spread the word about the show. Get a flyer from our website or pick up a postcard during Tuesday class and spread the word in your neighborhood, favorite cafe, library or any other place you can think of.

We also need members to fill out the application form and turn it in. Once received, you will receive a number from Tom Kavanaugh, our Treasurer – along with a form to fill out listing the carvings you plan to enter into the show.

Harry

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy new year everyone, It is now, officially, the year 2014!!

There is a time when some of us stop making new year's resolutions. Mostly because we never actually get to do them. When it comes to carving, however, why not try and set some goals for the new year? Maybe you'd like to learn how to paint your carvings? maybe you want to try a new style of carving? maybe you want to carve more than you did last year?

Our Club officers and board members are always looking for new opportunities to bring new classes and activities to club members. They want to create an environment where all of us can be more engaged in carving. So stay tuned for all the activities coming up this year.

On another note, we start this year with more preparations for our Annual Show which promises to be a great one. We have well-known carvers attending our show and an awesome carving from the Caricature Carvers of America is going to be on display at the show. We ask that you consider volunteering to help us put together this event. Sign-up sheets will be available at our Tuesday meetings or you can also ask Rebecca Black- our show chairman- to sign you up.

We also would like to remind everyone to register your carvings early. Fill out that registration form and submit to our Treasurer. You might want to take this time to also renew your membership!

...and finally, we ask that you help us spread the word about the show. Go to our website and print a flyer or get a postcard at the Cathcart center and start placing these anywhere you can think of. If you like to do things digitally, we now have a [facebook page](#) that you can share with your friends.

Thanks,

Maria Senkel

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SPECIAL NOTICES/SUGGESTIONS

Charlotte Woodcarvers Polo Shirts



We are once again offering our club polo shirts for purchase. We need club members commitments and payments no later than January 28th meeting. This date will give us time to place the order and have the shirts by February's show.

The shirts will be dark blue with the club's embroidered logo. The shirts will cost \$20.00 each. We will take cash or checks (that are made out to the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club). Joe Davis will be handling the Polo shirt orders so all inquires and questions can be directed to him at his home phone, 704-568-5020 or by e-mail, mcpictjd@carolina.rr.com.

You will need to provide quantity and size.

We are now on facebook. Visit us and Click the 'Like' button.



Carver: Neil Zyp

GOOD-BYE 2013

2013 RECAP OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Professional Instructors Tom Gow, Desiree Hanjy, Pete LeClair, Mitch Cartledge and Helen Gibson taught seven classes to members.
- Twelve woodcarving classes were given by Charlotte Woodcarver instructors to members at our Spring Fling and Fall Extravaganza Carving sessions.
- Club members attended Woodcarving Shows in Dayton, Ohio; Lexington, NC; Statesville, NC; Raleigh, NC; Hickory, NC; Greenville, SC; Townsend, Tenn; Caloosa, Florida; Fort Meyers, Fla; Asheville, NC; and Wheeling, West Virginia.
- The club members carved a Noah's Ark for Carmel Presbyterian Church.
- Club members taught a new carvers class for eight weeks for our new members
- The Charlotte Woodcarvers participated in the Waxhaw Fall Treasures Festival and the Midland, NC Town Festival - demonstrating and promoting the club and the Showcase.
- Club members demonstrated woodcarving skills to 300 or so Carmel Middle Schoolers for their "Art Crawl"
- Charlotte Woodcarvers once again carved for five sessions for Parks and Recreation and we had a July Picnic and a Christmas Party.

And all of this was after the largest Showcase we have had in 15 years. Whew!! And now on to 2014!!



Carver: Jim Horn

SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS 2014



THE FULL MOON SALOON IS COMING TO OUR SHOW!!!

This year is going to be a special year at our annual show, we have five Caricature Carvers of America coming to our show to display and sell their carvings but also, a special display of the CCA's "Full Moon Saloon" - a CCA member carving 4-5 ft long by 2 ft high by 2 ft wide will be shown as well. Thanks to Ray Branch and 'Woodcraft' for making this happen.



SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS 2014

SHOW PUBLICITY

LARRY SPRINKLE SHOW

Our club received a lot of publicity last year when we were able to get on the Larry Sprinkle's show. We'll be able to do it all over again this year. We received a phone call from Larry and we are now on his calendar and ready for filming!!



WTVI - LOCAL PBS TV

WTVI, the local PBS TV station, hosts a weekly program named "Carolina Impact". They have agreed to host a story on the Charlotte Woodcarvers and our Showcase of Woodcarvings on "Carolina Impact" prior to the Showcase. We have been contacted by WTVI Producer John Branscum. He will be coming to our meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 to interview club members and film a segment for their show.

Please bring several carvings for display on Feb 4th. We will have two tiered display tables around the wall to show off club members carvings. We plan to have our Noah's Ark project on display for this session. Please come and plan to carve - and possibly be interviewed. He will want to see us carving. Also, please wear your Charlotte Woodcarvers polo shirts and caps. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE CLUB AS WTVI WILL HAVE THIS SEGMENT ON THE CLUB AND PROMOTE THE SHOWCASE.** This program will air on Thursday, February 20 - just before our Showcase. So please plan to participate and be a celebrity. WTVI will arrive at 4pm and plans to stay for 3 hours.

IN FOCUS

REDESIGN OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

We have re-designed our membership application brochure to include information about our two carving locations, Cathcart Center and Woodcraft in Matthews. As part of the redesign, we included a carving of Lee Duker, our founder, on the front page of the brochure. How cool is that!!



Carver: Neil McDaniel



Front Page of Our Brochure

With the new re-design, we also changed printers and paid about 42% less.



NEW CLASS...but already full :-{

Club member, Patrick O'Connor will be teaching a decoy carving class on March 18th. He announced it on the Tuesday meeting and people quickly signed up so this class is already full. A study cast will be given to people to take home and work on. Signees will have to have a knife or power tool plus a burning tool in order to detail the feathers.

CALENDARS

FOR SHOWS/COMPETITIONS

Year	Date	Activity	
2014	Jan 11-12	Florida Winter National Wood Art Expo & Competition. For Information: http://flwoodartexpo.com/index.html	Punta Gorda, FL
	Feb 21-23	Charlotte Woodcarvers "SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS". Click here for brochure Marion Diehl Recreation Center, 2219 Tyvola Road.	Charlotte, NC
	Mar 15th	NC Woodcarving Festival at the Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Raleigh	Raleigh, NC
	Apr 26-27	James River Woodcarvers Show Woodcraft of Richmond 9862 W Broad St, Glen Allen, VA 23060	
	May 17-18	Evergreene Woodcarvers Show	Greenville, TN
	June 7	Triad Woodcarvers Show Contact: Tim Trudgeon (more info coming)	Winston Salem, NC
	Aug 30-31	Oglebay Woodcarvers Guild in Wheeling	West Virginia, VA
	Oct 4-5	Smokey Mountain Woodcarvers Show	Townsend, TN
	Oct 24-25	Catawba Valley Woodcarvers	Hickory, NC
	Nov 1-2	Northern Alabama Woodcarvers Show	
	Nov 1-2	Western North Carolina Woodcarvers Show	Asheville, NC
	Nov 8-9	Dayton Woodcarvers "Artistry in Wood"	Dayton, Ohio

FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Year	Date	Activity	
2014	Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carving at Woodcraft 9:00-12:00am • Basic Woodcarving 3:00 - 5:00pm • Carving at Cathcart Center 3:00 - 7:30pm 	Woodcraft, Matthews Cathcart Ctr, Charlotte Cathcart Ctr, Charlotte
	Feb 4th	- WTVI - PBS is coming to the Cathcart center to film us. Bring your carvings.	
	Feb 28 - Mar 1	Desiree Hajny Animal Carving Class Bill Dominick's Home	Charlotte, NC
	Apr 11-13	Pete LeClair Caricature Carving Class at Woodcraft	Matthews, NC

Woodcarving**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**Location:** Cathcart Center, Carmel Presbyterian Church, 2049 Carmel Road**Carving at Woodcraft Store****Time:** Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**Location:** Windsor Square, Matthews, NC**Note:** Free coffee. Lots of carving and discussion of world issues. Good fellowship. Doughnuts sometimes. Woodcraft has published us in their monthly fliers and publicize our activities.

OFFICERS' CORNER

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

2013 - 2014

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are \$15 annually, payable on March 1. Make a check out to: Charlotte Woodcarvers Club, PO Box 11894, Charlotte, NC 28220 (Check or cash also accepted at a regular meeting). Provide your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address when you pay.

Club treasurer is Tom Kavanagh (803-746-5422) and the Membership Chairman is Neill Zyp (704-847-8377). If there are questions about your membership status, contact them.



ABOUT THE CLUB

The CWCC was founded in 1982 by Lee Dukes and eleven other carvers who wanted to have a local carving club here in Charlotte.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club has always been to promote the art of woodcarving to the general public.

ANNUAL SHOW

Our annual show started in 1983 and this year we celebrated our 30th annual show.

WEEKLY CARVING LOCATIONS

Cathcart Center in Charlotte, NC
Woodcraft in Matthews, NC

MEMBERSHIP

As of July 2013, we have a total of 138 active members.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

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CONTRIBUTE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Please send emails to: clubnewseditor@gmail.com. ****Deadline for submissions is the 10th of every month to make it into the respective monthly issue.****

If you would like to write a short article, we ask that it be strictly related to woodcarving. If you want to send Photos of carvings, they should be high resolution images with solid background if possible.

We'll make every effort to publish all submissions but we reserve the right to pick what makes it to the newsletter.