

March, 2010

Carving Seminar at the Library

"The Charlotte Woodcarvers held a carving seminar from 9 am to noon on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at South Regional Library in Charlotte. Eleven carvers participated and brought several carvings along for show. Prior to the seminar, members had 35 carvings displayed in the library Showcase for the past four weeks. A strong interest was shown and approximately 30 persons visited and expressed an interest in carving with us. **Ms. Rhonda Pinkney**, Library Manger of Regional South estimated that 3000 people had viewed the Carving Showcase during this time. Information on the Club is now included in the Mecklenburg County Library System now and other libraries can request exhibition of our carvings and seminars at their branches. Participating carvers at Regional South for the seminar were: **Bill Dominick, Vern Parrish, Rod Gatlin, Bill Robinson, Judy Leftwich, Betsy Peace, Ann Davis, Rock Boyle, Ed Lysak and Ray Branch.** A good time was had by all attendees and a special thanks to Ms. Pinkney for all her cooperation in the success of this activity."

Ray Branch

Eagle Cane Project

The Charlotte Woodcarvers Club recently approved the "The Eagle Cane Project" as a program which our club supports. This is a national effort to provide Eagle Canes for members of the USA Military Services who have received any type of leg injury as a result of their service in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9-11. This is our club member's way of showing our respect, honor and appreciation to those who have sacrificed and served our country so well.

We, along with the Davidson County Woodcarvers, represent North Carolina in providing presentation canes for members of the armed services who have been injured and are from North Carolina. Requests are received from the National Eagle Cane Project and we carve canes and, hopefully, are able to make the presentations to these men/women.

Additional information on this program is available through: www.eaglecane.com. This provides the history of the program, photos of various canes, presentations and tutorials for carving these canes. Since the inception of this project in 2004 approximately 2500 canes, from wood carving organizations across the nation, has been presented to our injured martial.

Interesting Website – Check it out!

I have placed a link to your club page on my website. This is an effort to promote the art of woodcarving on my part.

I have a new site for wood carvers to share their talents. It is a community of woodcarvers.

Let your members know that they will be welcome there and we could use their input to help beginning carvers. It is a FREE site. Never a charge to become a member. Post your pictures free. Write articles and tutorials if you like.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Ed Pitts

<http://carvingsforyou.com>

Unique wood sculptures just for you

Death of Long-time Club Member

We were so sorry to learn of the death of **Bob Henderson**, long-time woodcarver and club member. Our heartfelt condolences go to his family. Please keep them in your prayers.

Nell McRae's Husband....

Scott, has been very ill and is currently hospitalized. Please keep the McRae family in your prayers.

Club Carving Seminars/Demonstrations

"The Charlotte Woodcarvers Club members is scheduled to provide Carving Seminars/Demonstrations as follows:

1. Saturday, May 1, 2010. 10am to 1pm. Morrison Regional Library.
2. Saturday, June 12, 2010. 10am to 1pm. Mathews Library.

Ray Branch and another member will provide the coordination for these programs. As before at South Regional, we hope to be exhibiting our carvings in the Library Showcase - hopefully about two weeks before these demonstrations. Again, we would like to have 8-12 carvers come and participate in these sessions. It is an excellent opportunity to "showcase" our Club and our activities. Eleven carvers have joined since our demonstration at South on March 13, 2010. We will have a sign-up sheet about two weeks prior to the demo."

Welcome New Members!

We extend a welcome to the ten new carvers who joined the Charlotte Woodcarver's Club in March, 2010. These new members are Burns Taylor, Harold Warren, Clinton Sites, Anwar Sinno, Donald Millsaps, Dean Loven, Abe Loven, Dan Gallagher, Dennis Constantine and Carl Baumgart. Each new carver began a "Eagle Head Cane" training session with the club in early March and progress is going well. They will be able to keep these carvings for themselves or to provide them to a Wounded Warrior later in the clubs program to provide Eagle Head Canes for injured veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. We welcome you to go to the Charlotte Woodcarver's website and provide a summary of yourself and interests.

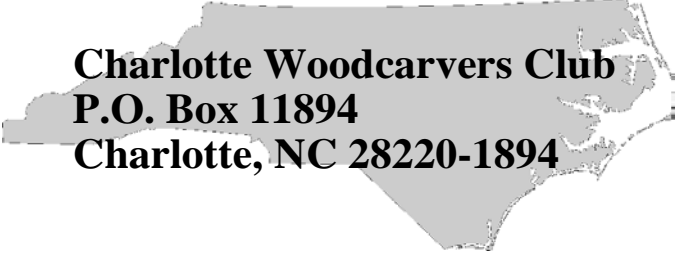
Beginner Workshops

The Charlotte Woodcarvers Club is partnering with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation in 2010 to provide beginner's carving workshops throughout the entire County for active retirees, empty nesters and boomers. Park and Rec's goal is to educate and provide information to interested citizens desiring to learn more about wood carving. Charlotte Woodcarvers will instruct in areas such as basic wood carving - how to get started; types of wood used, easy projects for beginners and equipment and supplies for new woodcarvers. Workshops will be held for approximately one hour at various locations throughout the County.

Partner up with another Charlotte Woodcarver member, pick a date or dates to participate and contact Rod Gatlin at 704-522-7638, Ext. 227 to let him schedule you on one of these workshops. This is an excellent opportunity to expose our club to the general public and create an interest for new members. Dates and locations are as follows:

Dates	Recreation Center Address Approx. Times
May 11,18,25	Albemarle Road 5027 N. Idlewild Road Charlotte, NC 28227 11:15-12 noon or 1:00pm-1:45pm
July 6,13,20	William Davie 4635 Pineville-Matthews Rd. 11:15-12 noon or Conference Center Charlotte, NC 28226 1:00pm-1:45pm
July 8,15,22,29	Mallard Creek 2530 Johnston-Oehler Rd. 11:15-12 noon or Charlotte, NC 28269 1:00pm-1:45pm
Oct. 12, 26	West Charlotte 2401 Kendall Drive 11:15-12 noon or Charlotte, NC 28216 1:00pm-1:45pm
Nov. TBA	TBA

Pick a carving partner, pick a date and time and coordinate with Rod.

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