

# 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!**

June, 2010

## Wood Carving Seminar in Copenhagen, Denmark

Charlotte Wood Carving Member, **Ray Branch** was recently invited to provide a woodcarving seminar for the Art Class of the Copenhagen International School. The seminar was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Four art students, including Ray's granddaughter - **Kate O'Brien** - and two art professors attended. The seminar lasted for one and one half hours and covered the basics of woodcarving, focusing on safety, various types of woods, carving techniques and methodologies and tools. A demo carving of a caricature was done. Several sample carvings along with basswood was left with the class instructors.

## Wood Will be "On It's Way".....

The Wood that we have ordered from Jim Hart will be at our August 31 Tuesday night meeting at Carmel Presbyterian Church at 5:15.

## Charlotte Woodcarvers Club Member Featured at Waterworks Visual Arts Center

**Rick Sorensen**, a member of the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club who has shown his pieces at annual Showcase, will be featured at the Waterworks Visual Arts Center in Salisbury from June 4 through August 24. Rick's carvings of stylized birds and wood spirits will fill the Woodson and Osborne Galleries at the Waterworks. An open reception for the display will be held at the Visual Arts Center June 11 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Rick's wood sculptures have appeared in regional wood carving shows and juried art shows, such as the Cabarrus Art Guild Annual Show in Concord and the Dimensions Art Shows in Winston-Salem. His stylized wood carving of a heron sculpted from walnut driftwood was the 2008 winner of the stylized category. Rick's carvings are currently carried by the Crossnore Gallery in Crossnore, NC.

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## Free Woodcarving Demonstration was Given

The Charlotte Woodcarvers held a free woodcarving demonstration for the public at the Matthews Branch Library on June 12, 2010 from 10 am to 1 pm. **Betsy Peace** handled the planning and publicity for this event. Approximately twenty five visitors including several youth observed woodcarving by six club members. Several expressed an interest in visiting our club meetings to learn more about our activities. Several carvings were displayed in the Community Room of the library as well as tools and carving magazines. Member carvings had been displayed for several weeks at the front area of the library and **Ms. Laura Highfill**, Manager of the Library indicated that there had been considerable interest by library patrons with a large number of club brochures being distributed. Thanks to Betsy for her coordination of this activity and the wonderful cooperation of Ms. Highfill and her library staff for all their cooperation to make this a success."

## Smoky Mountain Woodcarving Festival.

**August 21 and 22, 2010.**

First Annual Woodcarving Show and Competition in Townsend, Tennessee. Sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Association and Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Supply. Contact **Mac Proffitt** at [mac@woodcarvers.com](mailto:mac@woodcarvers.com) or call 800-541-5994.

## Helen Gibson Workshop

is coming in September. Details to follow later.

**Reflections From our Newer Members.....**

*I started woodcarving because my 11 year old son, Abraham, was interested. He did some whittling in scouts and wanted to continue. I had to "tag along" as the adult. He took a class but it was difficult to continue because of his other activities in school. We then saw woodcarving at the South Regional Library. They met on Tuesdays, which worked out. Abe was excited and everyone has been very helpful in teaching us.*

**Dean Loven**

*Age: Indeterminate  
Hobbies: Making little chips of wood out of big chunks.  
Intelligence: Questionable  
I've Been carving: A few months (since the fall show).  
Why?: The people seemed interesting & it's a way for my wife to get me out of the house. Besides, I get to (at least try to) make beautiful things.*

**Clinton Sites**

*I became interested in carving at about age 10 when I saw what carvers could do with wood. I then took a class at Woodcraft. When we saw the Woodcarving Club at the South Charlotte Library, I took the opportunity to join.*

**Abe Loven**

*I started carving January, 2010. Have been working with model railroad for 50 years and have been active doing fine woodworking. I enjoy doing scroll saw work. I always wanted to learn to carve characatures.*

**Carl Baumgart, Age 72**