

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!

August, 2010

The Presidents Corner

While attendance at the weekly meetings has been down this summer which is fairly typical with vacations, reunions, extremely hot weather, etc, CWC members have been very active all summer providing seminars for the public at Morrison Regional Library, Mathews Branch Library and for the Mecklenburg Parks and Recreations Department. Seminars for Parks and Recreation has been given at Albemarle Road, William Davie Conference Center and Mallard Creek. Considerable interest has been shown and we anticipate new members from these sessions. The Marion Diehl Center has been secured for our 2011 Showcase of Carvings in the third week of February, 2011. Publicity will be in all National carving magazines by September. As the fall approaches, begin to get carvings ready for the 2011 Show. Don't forget AutumnFaire at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont on October 2-3, 2010. And carvers again, keep carving for the show in 2011. Any suggestions or questions to improve the club activities, please contact an officer with your comments.

HAPPY CARVING.
Nancy Murray, President, CWC

2011 Show Theme
"APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN LIFE"

CWC

Officers/Contacts for 2010-2011

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- Not a Board Member
- MAL – Member at Large.

The National Caricature Carving Competition

The Caricature Carvers of America is sponsoring the National Caricature Carving Competition for 2010 on August 27,28,29, 2010 at Converse, Indiana. The CCA also hosts a weekend of classes coinciding with the competition. This year's instructors will be Pete LeClair, Peter Ortel and Joe Schumacher. The Charlotte Woodcarver's own Mitch Cartledge was a first place winner at the 2009 national competition with a carving entitled, "Jake".

Caricature Carvers of America

The Caricature Carvers of America will hold a special exhibit and sale of 24 original CCA carvings in Branson, Missouri on Saturday evening, September 25, 2010. Mitch Cartledge, Tom Wolfe and David Boone have carvings for sale at this event. Check Carving Magazine Issue No. 31 and www.cca-carvers.org for sale details.

Charlotte Woodcarving Club Membership

Dues.

Membership dues are \$15 annually for club membership, payable on March 1 for one year. Make a check out to: Charlotte Woodcarvers Club, PO Box 11894, Charlotte, NC 28220. (or you can pay check or cash at a regular meeting). Provide name, address, phone number and e-mail address when you pay. Club treasurer is Earl Harding and Membership Chairman is Terrell Crowley. Questions about your membership status? Contact Earl or Terrell.

Nancy Wolfe - Medical Update

Hospice has been called for Nancy. She and her husband, Tom, are longtime CWC members. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Other Member Medical Updates

We're happy that John Hammond is feeling better and is carving again with us.

Vern Parrish is recuperating from his knee surgery and Stan Lahr is on the mend after his elbow surgery.

Helen Gibson Workshop

"Helen Gibson will be instructing Charlotte Woodcarvers in September, 2010 here in Charlotte. As always, Ann Davis has coordinated this activity for the club. The classes will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Woodlawn on September 10, 11, and 12. While the class is full at twelve students, Ann says that you can go on an alternate list should someone drop off. Thanks Ann for your efforts in this. Helen is a featured carver at the John C. Campbell School of the Arts and has instructed with Charlotte Woodcarvers several times over the years." Ann indicates that Helen usually brings a number of blanks with her for sale to those interested. Helen specializes in Nativity, Biblical characters."

Vern Parrish wishes to let CWC members know that he has not received the 2010 Drake Product Catalog and probably we will not be taking orders for those of you who want Drake Knives until September, 2010 dependent on the availability of the Drake Catalog. Watch the newsletter or contact Vern for updates.

"CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS"! It is only seven months until our Showcase of Woodcarvers Show – 2011. Each year we have 500-600 carvings from about 100 carvers. If each CWC member would submit just two carvings each for the show, we could have about 180-200 carvings from our own club participating. Lets keep chipping members! Of course, five each would be even better. And don't forget that we need carvings for the raffle – a huge fundraiser for us. Just one each? " For information, Earl is working diligently to obtain the Parks and Rec venue at Marion Diehl again and should have more details by August 1 or so. A massive campaign follows that and we are on our way. Keep carving! And begin to think of how you might volunteer at the show to assist Earl – he will be contacting you for your assistance."

UPCOMING SHOWS AND CWC ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER, 2010

AUGUST, 2010

1. Charlotte Woodcarvers Weekly Carving: Tuesdays, 5:15-7:30pm 2048 Carmel Road. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Cathcart Center. These dates are August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Please remember that Jim Hart will be with us on August 31 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Excellent wood supply – Northern Basswood, Diamond Willow sticks, Aspen, butternut and other woods. If you haven't given an order to Rod Gatlin, order now. If you don't order, come on over and get what is available – he will have plenty. And stay and carve with us.
2. WOODCARVING SHOW AND COMPETITION. Smokey Mountain Wood Carvers Supply. Townsend, Tn. August 21-22. Check website.
3. WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Smokey Mountain School of Woodcarving. Townsend, Tn. August 28-29. Mac Proffitt. Carving woodspirits- walking sticks. Check website.
4. WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Tom Wolfe and Mitch Cartledge. Instruction at Tom's Studio at Grandfather Mountain, NC. August 18-22, 2010. Three days with Tom and two days with Mitch. (Animals and Caricatures – I think!) They only had one or two open slots as of August 1. Information: Tom Wolfe at 828-766-2671 or Mitch Cartledge at 828-433-8111.

SEPTEMBER, 2010

1. Charlotte Woodcarvers Weekly Carving. Tuesdays, 5:15pm-7:30pm. 2048 Carmel Road. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Cathcart Center. These dates are September 7, 14, 21, 28.
2. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Helen Gibson of the John C. Campbell School will be instructing. September 11, 12, 13, 2010. Classes will be held at United Methodist Church on Woodlawn. Class is full – but check Ann Davis for opportunities if someone drops out. Blanks will be available for sale. Helen specializes in the Nativity and Biblical characters.
3. WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION - Smoky Mountain School of Woodcarving. Townsend, TN. September 18-19, 2010. Keith Dalton. www.woodcarvers.com/products.htm

1. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS WEEKLY CARVING. Tuesdays, 5:15pm -7:30pm. 2048 Carmel Road. Same location. These dates are October 5, 12, 19 and 26.
2. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS ACTIVITY. Autumn Faire. Two day show at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens at Belmont, NC. Great opportunity to showcase our carving skills and sell carvings. Contact Rod Gatlin at 704-529-1748 to volunteer and get more info. Great publicity for the club. And the spouse will love the flowers at this world class Botanical Garden.
3. WOODCARVING SHOW AND COMPETITION. Davidson County Woodcarvers. Lexington, NC October 23-24, 2010. Weekend of Lexington Barbeque Festival. Great barbeque and a great two day show.
4. WOODCARVING SHOW AND COMPETITION. Catawba Valley Woodcarvers. Hickory, NC. October 30. One day show. Great show. Note that Mark Akers, one of our Charlotte Woodcarver members is the featured carver at the Hickory show.
5. WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Smokey Mountain School of Woodcarving. Townsend, TN. Carving seminars on October 8-10, October 11-15, October 16-17, October 22-24, October 29-31. Pete LeClair is instructing in caricature carving on October 22-24 but class is filled. Check website for details.

The above schedules of activities, shows and instruction seminars are intended to provide timely information to all CWC carvers but particularly the new carvers in the club. We have several members who teach carving themselves and we will try to highlight these in future newsletters. If you are currently teaching, you are encouraged to let us know and let us publicize this for the club. Lets support the Davidson County and Catawba Valley Carvers at their show – they are big supporters of our February annual show here in Charlotte.

And don't forget – the Piedmont Woodcarvers Show in Greenville, SC on November 13-14. They are big Charlotte supporters as well.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – Bill Dominick will be instructing us in carving a Scotty Dog.

Are You Getting Ready for the Charlotte Show - February, 2011? Each member should have one or two carvings ready by now. And don't forget to carve something for the raffle. And remember that Earl Harding, the 2011 Show Chairman, is looking for committee volunteers. Earl needs a lot of help for this.

JIM HART RETURNS TO CHARLOTTE

In January of this year Jim Hart came through Charlotte and stopped at the offices of Software Express on South Boulevard to sell carving wood to our club members. Several of you came out for this event and the feedback on the quality of Jim's wood was excellent. Jim is returning to Charlotte on Tuesday August 31st and will be at our meeting place in The Cathcart Center behind Carmel Presbyterian Church. Plan to come out and see what Jim has to offer. Many of you have placed advance orders, so plan on picking those up, but Jim will also be bringing plenty of Northern Basswood, Diamond Willow sticks, Aspen, some Butternut, and other woods. He plans to be open for business by 5:30. Come on out and take a look, or just sit and carve with us for a while.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUTUMNFAIRE

AutumnFaire at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens will be October 2 and 3, 2010. Our club has been invited to exhibit at this event that is in it's 2nd year. Feel free to bring carvings that you would like to sell. The club has rented a tent for us, so we can stay out of the sun and heat. This is a Saturday and Sunday event, so we need volunteers to help man the tent and promote the club. If you have never visited Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, this is a excellent opportunity to see one of the finest gardens on the east coast, which includes a recently built greenhouse just for orchids. Hours are 9:00 to 3:00 both days. We will need help early on Saturday to set up and a little late on Sunday to break down. Of course we need people there during exhibit hours. Call Rod Gatlin to volunteer or get more information at 704-529-1748. Below is a description of the event from the organizers.

AutumnFaire is an outdoor art show featuring artists whose work uses or features plants, gardens and nature—in essence, a Nature Arts show and sale. Examples of the types of

artwork/items we are seeking include: basketry, gourd art, garden pottery, carved wood items, nature sculptures, quilts or other textile arts with a plant/floral motif, dried flowers, herbal soaps... and on and on!

Charlotte Woodcarvers Provide carving seminars of Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation

Charlotte Woodcarvers provided nine carving seminars at three Parks and Recreation this summer for their Life and Leisure Program Series. Approximately 350 to 400 people attended their Programs. The art of woodcarving was promoted as was the Charlotte Woodcarving Club activities. Approximately 25 to 30 showed an interest in pursuing carving as a hobby. A couple of people have already joined the club and we expect to see more visit with us and perhaps join as well. These seminars were given by John Palmer and Rod Gatlin at Albemarle Road on May 18 and 25; Vern Parrish and Ray Branch at William Davie Conference Center on June 20; Betsy Peace and Terrell Crowley at William Davie Conference Center on June 27 and Bill Robinson and Ray Branch at Mallard Creek on July 29, 2010. There is a possibility of two or three more sessions in October or November, 2010 and if so, Parks and Rec will contact the club for volunteers. Thanks Rod for facilitating this with Parks and Recreation.

VENDORS SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS

1. Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Supply. Townsend, Tn. 865-448-6350. Website: www.woodcarvers.com.
2. REL Knives. Ralph Long. Kernersville, NC. 336-595-4563. E-mail at reldpl@embarqmail.com.
3. Little Mountain Carving Supply. Front Royal, Virginia. 800-752-7573. Website: lilmtn@centurylink.net
4. Bob Bart Knives. Jamestown, NC. 336-292-3263. E-mail: bbarts@triad.rr.com.
5. Allen Goodman. Knives. Agoodman3646@charter.net.
6. John Dunkle. Woodcarving Knives. Archibold, Ohio 415-494-5948
7. Boxes N Such, LTD. Berlin, Ohio. Tel: 1-866-311-5686 or 440-237-7122. Boxes, wood, etc. (As they say, boxes and more for the discerning artisan and Craftsman.

In addition to the above vendors who offer carving supplies including some who provide knives at our annual Show, Woodcraft is a local vendor located in Matthews and provides carving supplies as well.