

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!

September, 2010

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS **SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 CARVING PROJECT**

On Tuesday, September 21, 2010, the CWC will hold a special woodcarving project for all members. All who are interested can carve "Scotty Dogs" from 5:15pm to 7:30pm at our regular meeting. Blanks will be provided and a "Starter Kit" of knives, etc will be available for new carvers needing tools. Bill Dominick will be providing instruction for this session. One lucky carver will be the owner of a door prize at the end of the evening.

NEWS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, MISC.

All members are encouraged to give your comments, suggestions and ideas to officers of the club to improve the club for you. We are interested in your comments on the newsletter and encourage you to submit items for the newsletter. All items have to be submitted no later than the 8th of the month in order for distribution to members by the 15-17th of the month. Questions? Contact any officer of the club.

Storage cabinets have been provided by John Hammond to store patterns, blanks, wood, other miscellaneous items and possibly a small library for club members. This is now installed in the Storage Room of the Cathcart Center. Check with Nancy or Bill Dominick.

Don't forget that Earl Harding, Show Chairman for Showcase of Woodcarvers, will be asking for volunteers for the upcoming show in February, 2011 – six months away. This is an "all hands on deck" activity. National Show Publicity has been sent to Chip/Chats, Carving Illustrated, Carving Magazine and Waterfowl Carving Magazine for inclusion in their Holiday and Winter issues. South Charlotte Weekly is publishing notices on our weekly meetings.

Now that Jim Hart has delivered wood, carvers should have enough wood to carve several items for the February, 2011 Showcase. Time to get ready to win some ribbons. This is a great time for new carvers to begin exhibiting at our show.

CWC Officers/Contacts for 2010-2011

Nancy Murray - President
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Ann M Davis - Co-President
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Betsy Peace - Vice-President
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Earl Harding - Treasurer
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Patrick O'Connor - Secretary
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- Not a Board Member
- MAL – Member at Large.

CWC NEWS – ABOUT SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO'S WHO



TOM WOLFE

Tom Wolfe was recognized as the 2010 WoodCarver of the Year by WoodCarving Illustrated. In the fall 2010 issue of WI. Tom is a long time Charlotte Woodcarver Club Member who has strongly supported the club's annual shows over the years. Tom has a carving studio on Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina and teaches there from time to time. He is the record holding author of fifty three woodcarving books. As Woodcarving Illustrated says, "Tom has taught generations of carvers how to complete everything from caricatures to wood spirits and has influenced thousands of carvers." CWC member, Mitch Cartledge, a CCA member gave an inspiring testimony in WI regarding Tom's influence on his carving. Tom was elected to the Caricature Carvers of America in 1992 and continues to stay active in carving caricatures. Here in Charlotte, Tom always – like since the early 1980s - sponsors a carving competition on each of the two days of the show. Carvers are given a block of wood and have a couple of hours to "bring something out of that wood". Finished carvings are judged and awarded prizes. Over the years, Nancy, Tom's wife has been an integral part of the show accompanying Tom to Charlotte. Congratulations to you Tom from all of

us in the Charlotte Woodcarving Club. This honor is so well deserved! You have had a tremendous impact on so many woodcarvers and it is always a special honor for you to participate in the Charlotte show and we appreciate this so much. We assume that Tom will be at our Showcase of Woodcarvers – 2011 in February. New CWC members, stop by and meet Tom and get him to autograph your Tom Wolfe Woodcarving Books. Whittle in his competition and enjoy the company of some excellent carvers and rub shoulders with a true professional – both as an individual and as a carver.



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**2011 Show Theme**  
**"APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN LIFE"**



## Mark Akers

Mark resides in Lexington, South Carolina and currently carves as a hobby since he is employed full-time as an Assistant Supervisor for the Maintenance Division of Lexington County. His love of carving began more than twenty-five years ago when he attended a carving meeting in a small basement of a church in Alton, Illinois. At this meeting he was inspired with a love of carving that has never died. His first attempt at carving produced a three-legged (because he cut off the fourth leg) "Pluto" which he still has because he believes in remembering the journey that takes you from a starting point to where you are today. Often times when new carvers meet Mark and remark on his work, he will show them "Pluto" and remind them that learning to carve is an ever evolving adventure.

Mark's carvings consistently win awards at every competition he competes in including shows in Charlotte, Hickory, Piedmont and Statesville, North Carolina, as well as Johnson City, Tennessee. His two favorite shows are the Annual National Caricature Carvers Competition and the International Woodcarvers Congress. Mark has become well known in the carving world by winning a total of five CCA awards at various shows, and capturing the Tom Wolfe Award at Charlotte. His carvings have also been selected for Purchase Awards as well as his most prestigious award which was being named the Grand Prize Winner in the 2007 *Wood Carving Illustrated* Annual Santa Carving Competition. Mark was likewise honored to be the featured carver in the 2007 Holiday Issue of *Carving Magazine*.

He instructs both privately and in group class settings. He likes to compare teaching to competing in "whittling" contests. You never know what type of wood (student) you will get or what the subject

matter will turn out to be, but are always excited by the opportunity to advance skills and create something out of a block of wood. He enjoys sharing his techniques with beginner carvers as well as those who have advanced skills.

Mark has joined up with Carvingvideos.com to do instructional DVDs, currently they have done 4 that have been released and they will be releasing 3 more in the Summer of 2010.

Mark is a carver whose style has been greatly influenced by classes he has taken from Phil & Vicki Bishop, Harold Enlow, Gary Falin, Allen Goodman, Pete LeClair, Don Mertz, Jon Nelson, Ross Oar, Pete Ortel, Mike Shipley, and Tom Wolfe. He is a true believer that no matter what class you attend you can always come away with new information that can advance your carving style.

Mark can be reached for teaching seminars, judging and sale of his roughouts, DVDs and carvings at:

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Carving by Mark Akers



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UPCOMING SHOWS AND CWC ACTIVITIES
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.** Smokey Mountain School of Woodcarving. Townsend, TN. September 18-19, 2010. Keith Dalton. Check Website.
4. **CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION.** Carve a Scotty Dog. Bill Dominick will be leading instruction in carving a dog for all interested woodcarvers. Bill is an accomplished carver who has led instruction for the club members previously. Blanks will be provided and door prize available for one lucky carver. Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at our regular meeting at

the Cathcart Center behind Carmel Presbyterian Church. Come on out and demonstrate your skills.

OCTOBER, 2010

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. Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd. 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. Check their website.
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.

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING ACTIVITY.
NEW! October 9, 2010. Charlotte Woodcarver Club Woodcarving Demonstration for the public. South Regional Library. We will be carving from 10am to 2pm. We will have some of our carvings in the Library Showcase for the full month of September. By the time you read this, Betsy Peace, who is coordinating this activity will have contacted you to volunteer and provide a carving or two. Come and help if only for a couple of hours. Great time to showcase our club. Betsy's number is 704-542-7354 or you can see her on Tuesday evenings at our meeting. We need about 10 volunteers.

6. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Fun carving project. Art Heisler, will lead instruction in carving "Pluto" – one of the Disney characters. Art, A CWC member, was employed by Disney at one time and carves a variety of projects including civil war characters, chess sets, etc. Blank provided and maybe a door prize for a lucky winner.. Come on and join the fun. Regular meeting night on Tuesday, October 19, 2010.
7. FESTIVAL AT KINGS MOUNTAIN. NEW! Saturday, October 16, 2010. Calling for volunteers to carve and showcase our carvings at this Festival at Kings Mountain State Park. We carved there last year. Bill Robinson is coordinating. Call Bill and check times and sign up for this. We need 2-3 or more carvers. Great festival, good eating and in the out-doors. Bring the family and kids. Contact Bill at 704-552-2713 or wbrpawpaw@bellsouth.net.

in 1968. She, a former Miss South Carolina, was 22 and Strom was 66. Three years later, Strom fathered the first of four children with Mrs. Nancy More Thurmond. (Not sure what chitlins had to do with this, but seems worth a try!)

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.

NOVEMBER, 2010.

1. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING MEETINGS. Regular meeting nights on Tuesdays, 5:15pm 7:30pm. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Cathcart Center. November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Time to start carving your Christmas ornaments for the spouses.
2. WOODCARVING SHOW AND COMPETION. Piedmont Woodcarvers. Greenville, SC. November 13 and 14. Great show. Time for newer carvers to start competing at the novice level – or higher. Check their website.
3. WOODCARVING SHOW AND COMPETION. North Alabama Woodcarvers. Huntsville, Alabama. November 6 and 7. I am told that you can get molasses favored barbeque down there. Check their website.
4. **SPECIAL! 44TH ANNUAL CHITLIN' STRUT 2010. Saturday, November 27, 2010. Salley, South Carolina. This notice is offered as a special service to those woodcarvers who are used to "eating high on the hog." Chitlin's are also known as Chitterlings for the more sophisticated. And yes, there will be a 2010 Chitlin Strut Beauty Pageant. So go on down, eat some chitlins, whittle a bit – and give the club a presentation when you return. Check their website. US Senator Strom Thurmond attended this function for years and dined on those suckers and lived to about 100 years. He married Nancy Moore**

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.

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

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

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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 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.

**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.

