



Meeting Place: **Carmel Presbyterian Church**
 (Cathcart Center beside playground),
 corner of Sharonview and Carmel Road)
We meet & carve every Tuesday night!

October, 2010

Helen Gibson Workshop

On September 10, 11, and 12, a group of ambitious carvers met at Grace United Methodist Church for a weekend workshop with Helen Gibson. Helen is the Resident Artist at the John C. Campbell Folk School, and for those new to the group, has been coming to share her expertise with us for a number of years now. This year, we had 13 participants at all levels of skill carving an assortment of animals and

Human figures. Each carver chooses his or her project, then receives one on one instruction from Helen. The atmosphere is relaxed and fun, and by the end of the weekend, most projects are well on their way. What a great way to spend a weekend and enhance our carving skills! Our thanks go to Helen Gibson for a most enjoyable time. We look forward to doing this again next year.

Ann Davis



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NEW MEMBERS IN CWC – SEPTEMBER, 2010

Welcome to three new members to the Charlotte Woodcarver's Club. Jean Kauffman, along with Betty and Stan Witzel joined the club in September, 2010. They already have carving equipment/supplies and are taking Bill's Scotty Dog seminar.

President's Corner

The Club has sent a Contribution to John Hammond's Church in his memory.

Nancy Murray

We are please to report that Vern Parrish continues to improve after his knee surgery.

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

WOODCARVING CLASSES HELD IN SEPTEMBER, 2010

Two woodcarving classes were held in September, 2010 for Charlotte Woodcarvers:

On September 11, 12 and 13, Helen Gibson taught woodcarvers to carve Biblical characters. Ann Davis, as always, was the sponsor and coordinator of this activity. Twelve CWC members participated. We hope to have Helen come back again in 2011 – so stay in contact with Ann for dates. Thanks Ann.

On September 28, Bill Dominick instructed club members in carving a Scotty Dog. Nineteen members, including five new members (2010) attended. Everyone had a great time with a lot of chips flying. Project was completed during the following meeting. Thanks Bill for cutting blanks for this and providing the instruction. Rock Boyle won the door prize of a Lee Dukes carving. Pictures show this activity.

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS WEEKLY CARVING. Tuesdays, 5:15pm -7:30pm. 2048 Carmel Road. Same location. These dates are October 5, 12, 19 and 26.

OCTOBER 23-24 - 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.

OCTOBER 30 - 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.

OCTOBER 8-31 - 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.

OCTOBER 19 - CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING INSTRUCTION. Fun carving project. Art Heisler, will lead instruction in carving “**Jimney Cricket**” – one of

SEPTEMBER, 2010 – Bill Dominick’s Class



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.

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 COMPETITION. 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 COMPETITION. 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 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!)

DECEMBER, 2010.

1. **CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING MEETINGS.** Tuesdays, 5:15pm-7:30pm. December 7, 14* and 28. Note: No meeting on December 21.
2. ***SPECIAL: DECEMBER 14, 2010. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. 5:00-7:30PM IN THE BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE CATHCART CENTER WHERE WE NORMALLY CARVE. BRING CARVINGS YOU HAVE CARVED IN 2010 FOR SHOW AND TELL. PARTY IS POT-LUCK. MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAMES START WITH "A TO M" ARE REQUESTED TO BRING SANDWICHES OR FINGER FOODS. MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH "N TO Z" ARE REQUESTED TO BRING DESSERTS, COOKIES OR CAKES. ENOUGH FOR YOU AND ONE MORE. QUESTIONS? CALL NANCY MURRAY AT 704-334-1997. BRING THE SPOUSES OR WHATEVER. DRINKS, PLATES, CUPS, ETC WILL BE PROVIDED. ALSO, PLEASE BRING FOOD ARTICLES SUCH AS CAKE MIX, SPAGETTI SAUCE, JELLY OR PRESERVES, SOUP, ETC. (NON-PARISHABLE FOODS) FOR LOAVES AND FISHES.**

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.

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 RIVERS continues to recuperate and is doing better. He is at Mecklenburg Rehab on Sam Porter Road. Jim would like visitors!

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.

