



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

**February, 2011**

CWC Officers/Contacts for 2010-2011

- Nancy Murray - President  
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- Ann M Davis - Co-President  
704-523-6384
- Betsy Peace - Vice-President  
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- Earl Harding - Treasurer  
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- Patrick O'Connor - Secretary  
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- Terrell Crowley MAL- Membership  
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- Ray Branch - MAL - Publicity  
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- \*Barbara Connor - Newsletter Editor  
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- MAL - Member at Large.

home. He had been very active in the Charlotte Woodcarving Club as well as Piedmont Woodcarver's Club, Greenville, SC and Cape Fear Woodcarver's Club, Wilmington, NC.

**Some of Walter's Excellent Carvings**



**Our Friend & former Club Member, Walter Baker Jr.** 78, of Wilmington, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at

**CWC ACTIVITIES AND NOTES OF INTEREST**

1. Charlotte Girl Scout Troop Number 346, including Ms. Leslie Duffy and nine Girl Scouts visited our January 25 regular club

meeting to view carvers , their work and ask questions. This was in connection for their merit badge. On February 1, 2011, Betsy Peace, Nancy Murray and Ray Branch met with the Troop and provided instruction for the girls to carve a wooden dog pin as a project. Pictures are included in the newsletter.

2. February 1, 2011. Lauren Bailey, a Charlotte Observer Reporter, visited our regular club meeting, observed the carving activity and interviewed wood carvers for an upcoming article featuring the Charlotte Wood Carvers. Hopefully, they will cover the show as well.
3. Already, our members are attending Woodcarving Shows early in the year. Terrell Crowley attended the Ft. Meyers, Florida show in late January, 2011 and won a blue ribbon for his stylized "Cello Player" as well as two second place awards. Way to go Terrell.
4. Great publicity for the carving display at South Regional Library. We have had three carvers express an interest in carving with us as a result of this show. We put our carvings back on display at SRL on March 1 for a month – and, of course, we carve there on March 19, 2011
5. We are now getting carving books and patterns for our "woodcarving library". The library will be in our storage facility at the Cathcart Center. We need a "Librarian" to handle this. Develop procedures, handle sales, organize the patterns, checkout, etc.

#### FEBRUARY, 2011

1. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING MEETINGS. February 15 & 23.
2. Tom Wolfe will be back this year with his continuing highly popular woodcarving competition for any and all interested carvers.

#### MARCH, 2011.

1. New officers are elected and take charge for the 2011 year and 2012 Show.
2. Charlotte Woodcarving Meetings. Tuesdays from 5pm to 7:30pm at Carmel Presbyterian.
3. Woodcarving training for New Carvers. **Eight** consecutive Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, March 15. We expect to have 15-20 new carvers for this activity. (Note that we are promoting new memberships at the Show in February.) **March 8, 15, 22 and 29.**
4. Demonstration Carving for the public. South Regional Library, Rea Road. March 19, 2011. Four hours of demonstration carving and showcasing our carvings. This is a repeat of a session which we held there last year that was highly successful. We need 8-10 golfers with their knives and a carving to show and tell and carve. This is a new membership opportunity for the club.
5. Committee will begin review of show application including rules and prizes and categories, show theme for 2012. This is to be completed in June with show applications printed and on the website no later than August, 2011.
6. Possible seminar on coatings and finishes not confirmed yet.
7. 2012 Show Theme to be approved by end of March.

#### APRIL, 2011.

1. World Grits Festival. St. George, SC. April 8-10, 2011.
2. Regular woodcarving meetings on Tuesdays. 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
3. **New Members Woodcarving Training. April 5,12,19 and 26. At our regular meeting location. Vern Parrish, Bill Dominick, Art Heisler and Rod Gatlin will be instructors. Schedule will be at the show.**
4. Knife/gauge seminar – to be determined.

#### \*\*\*\*\*Attention All CWC Club Members\*\*\*\*\*

On January 18 we will have our monthly meeting. This is a very important meeting for members to attend. We will be doing the final planning for our annual Club Showcase of Woodcarvings which is a month away. Anyone who is available to help with set up on Friday, Feb. 18, may be needed as early as 10:00 that day. Saturday, we will need folks to show up as early as 7:00 to help the carvers check in, and 9:00 to help steward with the judges. Throughout the show we will need people to man the membership table and other miscellaneous duties. When the show ends, we will need members to help our carvers pick up their carvings.

**Nine Girl Scouts attended our meeting in January. Betsy Peace, Nancy and I instructed them in carving a pin for their project.**



**Lauren Bailey of the  
Charlotte Observer interviewing CWC club members on January 18, 2011**



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**President's Corner**

**The Lee Duker Award**

This award is to be presented to a woodcarver each year in honor of the "Founding Father of the Charlotte Woodcarving Club", Lee S. Duker.

Lee began carving as a youngster and, as he has stated, continued his hobby simply because "I enjoy it."

Aside from enjoying carving, Lee is very gifted at both carving and teaching the techniques. Lee retired in 1980 after being Director of the Charlotte

Mecklenburg Utilities for 28 years. This allowed him to carve full-time and teach numerous people how to carve. We are all very grateful for what he has shared with us.

Lee never sold his carvings. However, he has given away hundreds during his carving career. His influence on carving in the Southeast will last for many generations.

Thank you, Lee.

Nancy

**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.

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**2010 YEAR IN REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**  
**CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS CLUB**

2010 was an active year for Charlotte Woodcarvers and the following is a review of activities in which club members were involved during the past year. A lot was accomplished, and hopefully, this will bring into focus some of the kind of things we did and motivate members to be active in our 2011 programs.

In Summary, we:

1. Held weekly meetings every Tuesday evening from 5:15pm to 7:30 pm. Fifteen to twenty five members attended these sessions.
2. Showcase 2010 was held at the Marion Diehl Center on Tyvola Road the third week of February, 2010. Approximately 500 carvings were exhibited by 100 carvers from five Southeastern states. Over one thousand people attended this free show over a two day period.
3. Bill Dominick hosted a carving instruction seminar at his home for twelve carvers. The training was provided by Desiree Hagjny and was enjoyed by all carvers.
4. Two "in-house" carving instruction sessions over several weeks were held during at our Tuesday evening carve-ins at our regular meetings. Art Heisler taught us how to carve a "Jimmey Cricket" character from Disney. (Art worked for Disney – Orlando for many years and is extremely talented) and Bill Dominick taught us how to carve a Scotty Dog. Twenty to twenty five carvers attended these sessions.
5. Once again, carvers carved at the Mathews Farmers Market on Saturdays.
6. Charlotte Woodcarvers participated with the Parks and Recreation Department of Mecklenburg County to provide carving demonstrations at their facilities at Mallard Creek, Pineville, and Albemarle Road. Approximately 100 folks attended four sessions.
7. Carving demonstrations were held at Regional South Library (two times), Morrison Regional Library and Mathews Branch Library with about fifty or so people in attendance. Considerable publicity was gained from this and we are now in the "Library's system" to demonstrate in the future at no cost to the

club – even though the Library initiated a fee beginning in 2011 for the use of their community room.

8. Carving demonstrations were held at King's Mountain State Park in South Carolina during the year and was well attended. Bill Robinson spearheaded this activity.
9. The club was invited to participate in a weekend festival at the Daniel Stowe Gardens in Belmont, NC. We had a table and Charlotte Woodcarvers demonstrated on Saturday and Sunday. Excellent publicity for the club. Rod Gatlin coordinated this for the club.
10. The Charlotte Woodcarvers Website, and expanded Charlotte Woodcarvers Newsletter and weekly publicity of the club meetings resulted in several requests for assistance, offers for donations and requests for information on memberships during the year.
11. Charlotte Woodcarvers attended woodcarving shows in Lexington, NC; Greenville, Tennessee; Greenville, SC and Nwabers Nob, Tennessee. Additionally, Charlotte Woodcarvers participated as judges at the Lexington, NC and Greenville, SC shows.
12. Carvers took woodcarving instruction at Smoky Mountain Woodcarving Supplies, Tennessee and with Jim Watson in Concord, NC and Helen Gibson in Charlotte and Desiree Hanjny in Charlotte – in addition to in-house woodcarving sessions. Thanks Ann Davis and Bill Dominick (and Judy) for hosting Desiree and Helen.
13. Largely as a result of the increased publicity for the club by so many members participating and demonstrating their skills, the Club was able to attract 25 additional new members during 2010. Interestingly, 30 to 40 percent of our attendees on Tuesday evenings are new carvers.
14. Due to conflicts at the Community Center of Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bill and Judy Dominick graciously agreed to host our Christmas Party – 2010. A great time was had by all and we thank Bill and Judy once again. As always, at our annual Christmas Party, we collect food for Loaves and Fishes and this year 34 pounds of food was donated to them by our members.
15. Woodcarving training sessions will be held in January, 2011 for nine Girl Scouts to assist them in getting their craft badge in Scouting. We are hopeful that this will lead to more youth related activities in the future.

16. A tool sharpening seminar is to be held by Vern, Bill, Ray and Rock at our January 11, 2011 meeting. Great time to get those tools sharpened to cut down on knife and gouge purchases.

17. And , of course, the finale for the year is the 2011 Showcase of Carvings and it is anticipated to be another banner show with 500-600 carvings with about 100 carvers participating.

18. Whew!! It has been a very busy year but more work to be done to get ready for the show. We need a full turnout of members for this to be successful. As part of the show this year, we are promoting new members with a promise to provide 6-8 training sessions. We hope to generate enough interest through this promotion to gain 20 or so new members. Already members have volunteered to provide this training to the new folks. A big thanks for all who have been so heavily involved this year for the club.

VENDORS SUPPORTING  
THE ANNUAL  
SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS

1. Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Supply. Townsend, Tn. 865-448-6350. Website: [www.woodcarvers.com](http://www.woodcarvers.com).
2. REL Knives. Ralph Long. Kernersville, NC. 336-595-4563. E-mail at [reldpl@embarqmail.com](mailto:reldpl@embarqmail.com).
3. Little Mountain Carving Supply. Front Royal, Virginia. 800-752-7573. Website: [lilmtn@centurylink.net](mailto:lilmtn@centurylink.net)
4. Bob Bart Knives. Jamestown, NC. 336-292-3263. E-mail: [bbarts@triad.rr.com](mailto:bbarts@triad.rr.com).
5. Allen Goodman. Knives. [Agoodman3646@charter.net](mailto: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.

*Happy Carving in  
2011!!!!*