



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

**March, 2011**

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**CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS**  
**MARCH, 2011 NEWSLETTER**

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

First of all, I would like to thank club members who worked so tirelessly in 2010 to promote the art of woodcarving generally and to promote the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club locally. Many of you spent a lot of time to ensure success last year. This included participating at many many carve-ins at Libraries, Recreation and Parks Centers, Festivals, Gardens, etc – all of which culminated in “getting the word” out about our activities. The highlight, of course, was the ShowCase of Woodcarvings – 2011 at which Lee Dukes was honored as the show was dedicated to Lee for all

his tireless work for the Club over the years. Thank you Earl Harding for the tremendous work you did, along with many others to bring this about. While the carvings exhibited this year were slightly under 400 and less than last year, the quality was outstanding. A special feature of Jim Watson being our featured carver was great and it was good to see so many “old timers” re-unite again. Great fun. Our own Bill Dominick won Best of Show Theme with a molasses manufacturing operation depicting “Appalachian Mountain Life”.

Again, thanks for all the work by each of you. Also, I thank Betsy Peace and Ann Davis for agreeing to serve on the Board again as well as new Board members, John Palmer, Tom Kavanagh, Betty Witzel, Clint Sites and Art Heisler. I look forward to working with you all in 2011.

Ray Branch

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2011**

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## SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS – 2010.

The Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2011 was held at the Marion Diehl Center on Tyvola Road on February 18-20, 2010. This Showcase was dedicated to Lee Duker, the founding father of the the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club in the early 1980s. Bill Dominick presented an award to Lee on behalf of the club and our appreciation for all that Lee has done over the years for the benefit of the club. Also, a bust of Lee was carved by Art Heisler and presented to Lee at that time.

The show was well attended with perhaps a thousand visitors visiting the show over the two day period. Show entries were from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, West Virginia and Tennessee. The quality was excellent and as Tom Wolfe stated in the Charlotte Observer, "This Charlotte show is one of the best on the Eastern Seaboard." The numbers of carvings was down slightly at just under 400 carvings with about 70 carvers participating. Tom Wolfe, as always, was a highlight with his carving competition each of the two days. Also, Jim Watson, a professional carver from Concord, and a previous president of the club was our featured carver. His geese in a cornfield attracted a lot of attention in the open category. Winners of awards were as follows:

Best of Show: Billy Reynolds

Best of Show Theme: Bill Dominick

Best of Open: Billy Reynolds

Best of Caricature: Vern Parrish

Best of Youth: Abe Loven

Best of Novice: Michael Galovic

Best of Intermediate: John Wood



Our Most Esteemed Founder – Lee Duker



Jim Watson's Award Winning Carving

## Scenes from the Showcase



Lee Duker, Jim Watson & Ken Buker



Billy Reynolds' Awesome Best In Show Winner



Congratulations to Bill Dominick!



Bill Dominick shares with Lee his "Mini Me Lee"

### WELCOME TO ALL NEW CARVERS

**Twenty eight new carvers** signed up for club membership including 14 at the Show and 14 more prior to the beginning of eight weekly sessions of woodcarver instruction which began on March 8, 2011. New Carvers are: Casey Angle, Chuck Davis, Phillip Brooks, Bob Windt, Bob Warner, Corey DelGiudicz, Donald Pyle, Sachiko Day, RC Day, Steve Sanford, Ryan Sanford, Neil Zyp, Bob Slaughter, Joseph Bomba, Todd Brewer, Bob Beach, Kathleen O'Neil Pike, Eileen O'Neil, Aryn Leach, Laura Park-Leach, Jennifer Floyd, Jason Floyd, (Carter and Greyson Floyd), Bill Woolard, Nathan Woolard, Harry Lawrence, Shelila Davis, Joe Davis and Ed Griffin. (\*Ed Griffin and Joseph Bomba are old members taking the course.) Included in this group were five youth and seven lady carvers. Twenty two of these new members began carving an Owl at our weekly meeting on March 8, 2011. The

course is being taught by Vern Parrish and Bill Dominick with assistance from other club members. Welcome to each of you and Happy Carving. We look forward to getting to know you and carve with you.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND SHOWS

1. March 15, 22, 29. Open carving at Cathcart Center.
2. March 19, 2011. Carve in at South Regional Library. 10am-2pm. Come on out carvers and carve, bring some carvings. We have display at library.
3. April 2, 2011. Saturday. Locust, NC Spring Festival. Carve from 9:30am to 6pm. Opportunity to sell carvings. Promote woodcarving as an art.
4. April 5, 12, 19, 26. Tuesdays. Carving at Cathcart Center. Instruction continues for new carvers.
5. May 21, 22, 2011. Woodcarving Show. Evergreene Woodcarvers held in conjunction with the Iris Festival in Greenville, Tennessee. Go to [www.evergreenewoodcarvers.com](http://www.evergreenewoodcarvers.com) for details. Also Ray has info. Great show and opportunity to show off your skills.
6. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Open carving at Cathcart Center. Possibility for demonstration of spoon carving and finishing during May.

### TOOLS AND WOODCARVING SUPPLIES FOR SALE

If carvers have any knives, gouges, tools, wood, etc for sale, let me know with details and price and your contact and it will be advertised in future newsletter. Please no [www.e.harmony.com](http://www.e.harmony.com) ads. Nor junk cars or used clothing. Only carving supplies.

### SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS - 2012

Show is only eleven months away. We will select a show theme by April. Carvers need to begin carving for the show – and for the raffle. Now. Any interest in doing a Friendship Cane for the raffle next year??

### THE WOODMAN COMMETH!

Jim Hart of Wisconsin will be coming to the club on August 8, 2011 to bring that wonderful Northern Basswood and Butternut for sale to members. Think about your needs and let us know by May or June.

### CWC NEEDS

We need someone to write the newsletter monthly. Hopefully with photo skills as well, but not necessary. Also, someone who will take on the responsibility of Publicity. We will even give you a title – whatever you need. Contact one of the officers.

## CWC ACTIVITIES AND NOTES OF INTEREST

1. 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
2. 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.

### 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.

### 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, 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.



Vern Parrish instructs class

**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.