



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

June, 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



After so ably coordinating the publishing of the monthly newsletter for many years, Barbara Connors has resigned to handle other activities in

her life. I am sure that I represent all of the members of the club when I say, "Thanks for a job well done for so long, Barbara." We hope that you might be able to come down and carve with us – and, of course, we hope you will continue to participate at the shows. (WE NEED A REPLACEMENT FOR BARBARA – ANYONE WHO IS COMPUTER LITERATE AND FAMILIAR WITH WORD, PUBLISHING, ETC??)

Speaking of which: Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2012 is February 17-19, 2012. Less than 9 months to get your carvings for the show – and for the raffle. Show Theme: Tom Wolfe Carving Traditions. If you carve for the theme, winners can be either individual carvings from one of Tom Wolfe's books – or a collage or grouping, but if it is a collage or grouping then it must have a carving from one of Tom's books as part of the scene. Also, don't forget about the other thirty plus categories!

Spoons in June, Tom Wolfe in July, August (as well as other carvings for the show as carvers wish!!) and then we begin carving Christmas ornaments.

It has been exciting to see all the new members carving weekly with 30-40 carvers each Tuesday evening whittlin' away!

Ray Branch

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. June 7, 14, 21: Regular Tuesday evenings carving at Cathcart Center of Carmel Presbyterian. (Note: Spoon carving will be held by Rod Gatlin and John Palmer for two and maybe three of these sessions for those wanting to carve spoons.)
2. June 28: Pot Luck Picnic at Church Fellowship Hall at 5pm instead of the regular meeting. Party is pot-luck. Members whose names end in "A to M" are requested to bring sandwiches or finger foods. Members whose last name ends in "N to Z" are requested to bring desserts, cookies or cakes. Enough for you and one more.
Bring your carvings completed to date in 2011 (sign in for opportunities to win door prizes at picnic – no judging will occur). Bring canned foods for Loaves and Fishes (boxed goods as spaghetti, pasta, sauces, pancake mix, syrup). Ask Nancy for any details and note the May newsletter.
3. June 18: Woodcarving and soap carving at the Matthews Farmers Market. 8am to noon. Come out and join Judy Leftwich for this tradition of carving for Matthews.
4. July 5, 12, 19, 26: Regular Tuesday evening carving. Beginning to carve the Tom Wolfe carvings as well as other categories for the show as carvers wish. This will continue into the fall.
5. July 7, 14, 21, and 28: Thursdays. 9am to 1pm or so. Demo carving at St. Matthews Catholic Church for Senior Program. Need 2-3 volunteers each Thursday for this. Let Ray know if you can do this.
6. SPECIAL ACTIVITY. Charlotte Woodcarvers Club has declined the invitation to carve at the Matthews Alive Festival on September 3, 4, 5 due to other commitments by members. This should be considered again next year for the broad exposure it gives the club - but it is a lot of work.
7. September 9th – 11th Helen Gibson will be in town giving her carving class. Please contact Ann Davis if you are interested

(the class is currently fully booked, but Ann is keeping a wait list).

SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS 2012

1. Showcase of Woodcarvings - 2012 Theme: Tom Wolfe Carving Traditions as noted in May, 2011 newsletter.
2. Negotiations are ongoing with Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation for the Marion Diehl Center. A review of other options at Elon Center and Berewick Center have been rejected as not suitable for the show as they are remote and not easily located by participants and visitors. Additionally, St Matthews Catholic Gym is a non-starter due to availability for the entire weekend.
3. 2012 Brochure for the show has been reviewed and revised by a committee of Vern Parrish, Bill Dominick, Judy Leftwich, Rod Gatlin and Stan Lahr. Board will review, approve and proceed to print brochures for early distribution.
4. National magazine publicity will be in summer editions of 'Carving Magazine', 'Woodcarving Illustrated' and 'Chips and Chats'.
5. Clint Sites is working on our website with Kim Rosser. We should have details of the show on www.charlottewoodcarversclub.com by the end of June.
6. New carvers and old carvers: We need carvers to enter carvings in the show this year. As many as you can. We are particularly excited that we should have numerous carvings in the novice category – an area which did not have many carvings in the 2011 show.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. Terrell Crowley and his wife attended the Greenville, Tennessee Woodcarving Show on May 21 and 22. Terrell won 1st,



2nd, and 3rd place ribbons for those categories in which he exhibited. Congratulations Terrell.



2. Chuck Riddle demo carved for the Heritage Days at Albemarle, NC elementary school on June 1, 2011. Teacher and Heritage Day Coordinator gives a "big thanks to the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club and to Chuck specifically" for carving for this event.

3. Art Heisler with the new Charlotte Woodcarvers Club sign which Art carved for the club.



Thanks for all the work, Art.

4. Picture of Betsy Peace demo carving at the Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Leisure and Learn Program in May, 2011.



Bob Slaughter, Ray Branch and Art Heisler carving at the Davie Center for Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation's Leisure and Learn Program.



It was a Great day and considerable interest in carving by attendees. Ray made a presentation on the Charlotte Woodcarving Club.

5. **THE WOODMAN COMETH!** Jim Hart will come to the Cathcart Center on Saturday, August 6 from 3pm to 6pm to sell us wood – all kinds. Give Jim a yell and let him know what you want. He will have Diamond Willow, Butternut, Northern Basswood among other woods. He will custom cut if you desire. An Email Notice was sent to all club members recently.
6. **Friendship Cane Blocks** – both Basswood and Butternut – are ready for carving. We will carve the first one and turn into Art who will finish the cane (we need the carved blocks by late August). We will give it to Bill Dominick as a contribution to Carmel Presbyterian Church. We have enough blocks for an additional two canes for the Club Show in February, 2012. This will be a fundraiser for the club. It takes 11 blocks to make up a Cane and we have 22 more left at the club storage. Ask for one and begin a fun project. Thanks to Art Heisler and Rock Boyle for cutting the blanks.
7. The Club Membership list will be out in June, 2011. (whew)
8. **Great Smokey Mountain Wood Carving Festival** October 1st - 2nd, Townsend Tenn. Show and competition sponsored by Great Smokey Mountain Carving Supplies.
9. **Davidson County Wood Carvers show** – September 16th-18th in Lexington N.C. This will be at the same time as the Lexington Barbecue Festival.
10. **Our Summer picnic** will be held in the fellowship hall at the church on June 28th at 5:00. If your last name starts with A-M please bring finger foods such as sandwiches, deviled eggs or Chicken nuggets; N-Z please bring desserts such as cakes, cookies, candy or whatever your specialty might be. Also a gift of food for Loaves and Fishes such as jelly or cake mix or cookie mix, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles - Bill Robinson and I both work at pantries and we will divide the food. Bring your spouse, friends and children. Bring enough food for you and your guest. If there are any questions, call me (Nancy) at 704 334-1997. Also bring your carvings you have done since the show and we will have them on display.

From the Editor:

*** That really isn't a picture of the Club President's (Ray) desk (workbench). I have absolutely no clue what his desk or workbench looks like. Just an extremely messy one I found on the web. But just look at all the wood there is!

We're trying a few new things with the Newsletter this month (whether you can tell or not) and being new to this – comments and suggestions are welcomed.

BUT – to save what little is left of my mind – please send them to me csites@bellsouth.net rather than dropping them on me at the meetings. I want to be able to refer to them while typing away!

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 Tom Kavanagh (803-746-5422) and the Membership Chairman is John Palmer (704 553-2994). If there are questions about your membership status - contact John or Tom.

**VENDORS SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL
SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS**

1. Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Supply, Townsend, Tn.
Phone 865-448-6350
Website: www.woodcarvers.com.
2. REL Knives. Ralph Long. Kernersville, NC.
Phone: 336-595-4563.
Email at reldpl@embarqmail.com.
3. Little Mountain Carving Supply, Front Royal, Virginia
Phone 800-752-7573. Website: lilmtn@centurylink.net
4. Bob Bart Knives, Jamestown, NC.
Phone 336-292-3263.
Email: bbarts@triad.rr.com.
5. Allen Goodman Knives
Email: Agoodman3646@charter.net.
6. John Dunkle Woodcarving Knives, Archibold, Ohio
Phone: 415-494-5948
7. Boxes N Such, LTD. Berlin, Ohio.
Phone: 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.