



July, 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

ANNUAL PICNIC IS A SUCCESS

The Charlotte Woodcarvers Club held their annual picnic on June 28, 2011 from 5pm to 7:30pm at the Fellowship Hall of Carmel Presbyterian Church. Nancy Murray, Social Chairperson – as usual – did an outstanding job of coordinating this event. Thirty six members attended and with invited guests the attendance was sixty eight people. The ladies delivered quite a “spread” of food with Carole Heisler’s chicken salad receiving raves!

Approximately seventy five carvings by members was displayed – so we know that the 2011 show in February will be very interesting based on what was displayed at the picnic.

Bill Dominick spoke to the group about the club generally and Lee Dukes specifically and Lee’s impact on the club, which Lee founded in the early 1980s. Bill had a history of the club along with photos and stories to view. It was noted that the Dukes family designated the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club for memorial contributions in Lee’s honor for those interested. Afterwards, a drawing was held for the twelve door prizes – including six “Lee Dukes” carvings. The Brooks family won four carvings. Jason Floyd won a very special Lee Dukes carving of several workmen (maybe city utility workers).

Wonderful fellowship by all. It was good to see the turnout of new members as well as some of the older members who we had not seen in some time. We are all looking forward to the Christmas Party, Nancy. Great job.

Pictures are at the end of the Newsletter.

Ray Branch

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. August 17-21 Woodcarving Class with Tom Wolfe and Mitchell Cartledge. Grandfather's Mountain. Cost: \$375 for five day class. Call 828-433-8111 or mpcartledge@charter.net for more information.

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 or 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.charlottewoodcarvers.com by the end of July.
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.

To the members of the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

All of us are aware of the passing of the Club Founder – Mr. Lee Dukes. The Lee Dukes family very generously designated the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club as a recipient for Lee Dukes Memorial Contributions in Lee's honor.

We have many of his carvings of which 6 were given as door prizes at the Picnic on June 28.

SPECIAL NOTICES

1. **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.**
2. **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.**
3. **The Club Membership list will be out in July, 2011. (ahem)**
4. **Great Smokey Mountain Wood Carving Festival October 1st - 2nd, Townsend Tenn. Show and competition sponsored by Great Smokey Mountain Carving Supplies.**
5. **Davidson County Wood Carvers show – September 16th-18th in Lexington N.C. This will be at the same time as the Lexington Barbecue Festival.**
6. **Just a short note to report on the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club's demo carving for Parks and Recreation's Leisure and Learn Program.**

We demo carved for the following programs at Davie Center:

1. May 19, 2011. Three carvers from about 9am to 1-1:30pm.
2. June 2, 2011. Three carvers from about 9am to 1-1:30pm.

3. June 9, 2011. Four carvers from about 9am to 1-1:30pm.
4. June 30, 2011. Three carvers from about 9am to 1-1:30pm.

As mentioned previously, carvers displayed 15-20 carvings of various kinds, demonstrated the process of taking a block of wood from its raw stage to a final completed carving and discussed the different type of woods and finishes. Different types of carving tools including knives and gouges were displayed and demonstrated to the group. We had a collection of resources including patterns, blanks, different types of wood, carving magazines and carving books for review. A discussion of the club activities and availability of woodcarving instruction was given to interested attendees. A presentation was given to the entire group during the morning session.

While this completes our commitment for demo carving for the Leisure and Learn Program, I understand from Crystal Long that the program will begin again in late September. If desired, we would be more than pleased to demo carve again for the program this fall. We were excited about the program and what it offered to Seniors and their enthusiasm. There was considerable interest in our demo carving. We have had attendees join the Charlotte Woodcarvers in past sessions and there appears to continue to be an interest. Because the majority of attendees are females, we will attempt to always have a female carver from the club at future sessions - if you wish us to continue.

Joey, we appreciate so much you all allowing us to be a part of this program and we look forward to a continuing successful partnership between the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club and Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation.

From the Editor:

We're trying a few new things with the Newsletter each 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!

2011 June Picnic Pictures







FOOD



Grand Door Prize Winner



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.