



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

August, 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

It is great to see the carving enthusiasm by all club members at our Tuesdays meetings. Maybe we have recovered from our "calorie overload" at the June picnic! Attendance continues to range from 30-40 – even during these hot summer evenings. (Sure would be nice to have an ice cream social during these hot days!!)

The club library is operational now – approximately 200 carving books and 87 carving magazines and club members are taking advantage of this resource. Anyone interested in assisting Ann Davis with library duties, please contact Ann. Regional clubs in Lexington, Hickory and Greenville, SC – as well as Smokey Mountain Woodcarving in Townsend, Tennessee have upcoming shows in September, October and November. Attend some of these if you can and compete with other carvers for awards. And meet some of the carvers from these clubs who support the Charlotte Show. News of shows are in our newsletters.

Big excitement about the upcoming Fall Carving Extravaganza for five weeks beginning on September 20, 2011. Six leaders/instructors with five or six participants at each table. Getting ready for Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2012!!

Thanks for all the carvers who participated in the Carving Demos at St. Matthews Catholic Church's Summer Program. Four Thursdays in July. Thanks to Judy Leftwich, Bob Slaughter, Neil Zyp, Betsy Peace, Ray Branch, Ed Griffin, Don Pyle, Jennifer Floyd, Grayson Floyd and Jean Kauffman. Great time and food!

Thanks and we are always open for positive suggestions.

Ray B.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Regular Tuesday Carving at Cathcart Center.
2. August 27, 2011. Carmel Presbyterian Church. 2048 Carmel Road. Attic/Yard Sale: 7:30am -. BBQ and Music and Silent Auction: 4pm – 7pm. Bill Dominick has tickets for \$10 each. Come and bid on the Charlotte Woodcarvers' Friendship Cane!
3. September 16-18, 2011. Davidson County Woodcarvers Show. Lexington, NC. Go, compete and get some outstanding Eastern Style NC BBQ. Best in the state some would say. They are great supporters of our Charlotte show.
4. October 1-2, 2011. Smokey Mountain Woodcarvers Show. Townsend, Tennessee.
5. October 22, 2011. Catawba Woodcarvers. Hickory, NC One day show. This is a great show and some of our members (including Mitch Cartledge and Darlene Tarleton) are active in that club. Klingspor shows some great woodworking equipment. Hickory Metro Convention Center. (Can enter carvings on Friday but must be entered by 9am on Saturday.
6. August 17-21, 2011 Tom Wolfe/Mitch Cartledge. Woodcarving instruction on Grandfather Mountain.
7. September 9,10,11, 2011. Helen Gibson Religious Figures Instruction. Class filled. Check Ann for 2012 classes.
8. November 12-13, 2011. Sculptures and Design in Wood. Piedmont Woodcarvers. Mauldin, SC. This will be a great show and they support the Charlotte Show. Check out at www.PiedmontWoodcarvers.com.

SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS – 2012

1. Contract finalized for Marion Diehl Recreation Center for February 17-19, 2012.
2. Publicity in events section of Carvers Magazine in July, 2011. Woodcarvers Illustrated and Chip Chats will have publicity in their fall issues.
3. Category awards for cash awards are: Religious Figures, Small Caricatures, Birds of Prey, Wood Spirits and Animals. These are in addition to the other regular show awards each year. Show brochure is anticipated to be out in August, 2011.
4. Organization for show is being finalized now and will be discussed at our September, 2011 meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICES

A Fall Carving Extravaganza of five weeks beginning on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Rod Gatlin, Art Heisler, Bob Warner, Bill Dominick, Betsy Peace and Vern Parrish will lead six different projects for as many as six different carvers each during this five week period. Participants are to sign up for projects which interest them by August 30, 2011 so Instructors will have time to cut blanks. A nominal charge of \$5. will be made – payable to the instructor - for the wood and cutting of the blanks. Some of these projects will be festive carvings. All – we hope – will be at our Christmas Party in early December – and, of course, in the February Show. We will be looking for candidates from these participants for leading the next round of Carving Extravaganzas – perhaps after the show in February.

1. The Club will hold monthly door prize(s) on the meeting date for the club. Two door prizes at the July meeting were won by Vern Parrish and Don Millsaps. Difficult to believe that neither the Brooks nor Floyds won after their success at the June picnic.
2. Memorial contributions from Lee Dukes many friends to the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club in honor of Lee Dukes has now reached a total of \$585. These funds are being held separately and will be designated for a special program to benefit the club and honor Lee's legacy with the Club. Donations has been acknowledged and the Dukes family advised of contributors to this fund.
3. Lee Dukes seems to be the gift that keeps on giving. His family donated his carving books and magazines to the club. As a result of this, we have over 200 carving books and 87 carving magazines in our Carving Library. Ann Davis is the Librarian and looking for interested volunteers. The salary will be split between whoever volunteers and Ann. Thanks Ann for your help.
4. Two people became new members of the club in July. Carrol Lane and Fred Botzenhart. Welcome to the Charlotte

Woodcarvers Carol and Fred. Fred is already a carver and Carrol is learning and Art has given him a goose already.

5. The Friendship Cane for Carmel Presbyterian Church for their ministries was completed. We had some out of town members participated in this worthwhile program. Thanks Bart Wilson – we appreciate your support for the club. Any blocks not used for Carmel will be used for a Friendship Cane at the 2012 show.
6. A TOOL SALE!! Tuesday, August-23, 2011. 6pm Now that you have your wood from the Wood Man, it is time to swap, sale or otherwise change some of the tools – knives, gouges, etc - you have. We will hold a tool sale for all carvers to bring those tools they have not used, have used up or wonder what they are for – and sell them to your friends who “Need Another Tool”. You price ‘em and you sell ‘em. When it is over, we will all have more tools, more money and be positioned to buy some more new carving tools during the show in February! And don't let the spouse know what you paid for them. They are a bargain at any price if you want them!!
7. SPECIAL NOTICE: All members are requested to begin to think of how you might volunteer for the February, 2012 Showcase. We need your help on this. Registration, picking up tables for the show, setting up, handling the raffle, coordination of judges, working with the vendors, working with the exhibitors, etc. It is a lot of fun and is really our opportunity to show what we are all about to the carvers who come in from six or seven Southeastern States. Signups in September.
8. To All Charlotte Woodcarvers Club members:
For some time now, our membership chairman, John Palmer, has been contacting all members to update our current membership list. Some have moved away or have dropped membership

for other reasons, but most of you are still active members. For all who have not paid up your membership dues for 2011, the August newsletter will be the last copy which we will send to you and you will be dropped from our membership rolls effective September, 2011.

Just a reminder, membership dues are from March 1 - through February. If you have paid - no problems. If there is a question, contact either John Palmer or Tom Kavanagh or call Ray Branch.

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FAMILIAR FACES IN THE CLUB

In future issues of the newsletters, we will attempt to feature members so that you might get better acquainted with them at the meetings and the show. We have some very interesting characters in the club as you have begun to find out over the past few months. Pictures will be taken at club meetings and you will be asked to give us some of the particulars of your life that you are willing to share with members. This is your newsletter so let us know your thoughts/suggestions. Featured in the August newsletter is Bob Warner and Art Heisler – certainly two characters!

Bob Warner joined the club in 2011 and is a veteran carver. He is the guy carving those "hard knots" with spirit faces at the meeting. Bob served in the Navy on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt and worked the flight deck. Bob had his own business in heating and air conditioning for 45 years. He is married to Pat with 2 sons and a daughter and 8 grandchildren. Bob served in Scouting for 57 years. He enjoys fly fishing, bass fishing and surf fishing - and wood carving!" Bob will be teaching in the Fall Carving Extravaganza.



Art Heisler has been a club member for a couple of years now. He is married to Carol and they have seven children. He is the young guy who seems to be doing everything. Art took flight training and was a pilot in World War 2 and Korea. He has had glider pilot training. He was also a "Missilier" in Europe during the war. He retired from the military, started his own Electrical Contracting business, retired and worked with Disney in Orlando for 10 years as a Production Artist - and retired! Sometime during this time, Art was a consultant on a team of six who, in 1976, constructed a 1" scale building of the White House. It is fifty six feet long, is an exact replica the WH, both inside and outside and is in a museum in Florida. He taught the Goose project in 2011, is teaching a Santa project in the Fall Carving Extravaganza. Art is on the Board of Directors through 2014.





Mitch Cartledge

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Mitch Cartledge

Mitchell resides in Morganton, NC with his wife Page. Mitchell works in the textile industry as a development manager for a company in South Carolina.

“I began carving in the early 1980s out of necessity. Carving was a frugal way to provide a gift for my sister”, Mitchell said.

Although he has not carved continuously since his first carving experience, a meeting with CCA member and author Tom Wolfe rekindled that desire to create in wood. Mitchell has since taken classes with a number of CCA members including Pete LeClair, Peter Ortel, Desiree Hajny, Gary Falin, and Harold Enlow.

Memberships include The National Wood Carvers Association, Charlotte Wood Carvers Club, The Catawba Valley Wood Carvers Club, and the Artisans Guild of N.C. Mitchell’s caricature chess set was featured on the cover of the fall 2008 issue of *Woodcarving Illustrated*. Mitchell is also a moderator on the *Woodcarving Illustrated* message board; www.WoodcarvingIllustrated.com/forum.

For Mitchell, carving has provided more than an outlet for his



creativity. Mitchell feels the biggest reward has been the friendships made with others that share his interest in the art of woodcarving. Mitchell enjoys mentoring others by building upon the student's talents and interests.

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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
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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.
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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.