



## Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

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

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September, 2011

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### FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

August was a very active month as an average of 37 carvers attended our Tuesday evening carving sessions at Cathcart Center. Chips kept flying as friendship blocks were carved for the Friendship Cane of Carmel Presbyterian Church. It was assembled by Art and raffled off on August 27 for \$76 at the Carmel Presbyterian BBQ, picnic and auction. Thanks CWCC carvers.

Noted that carvers are working on a variety of projects – including a pig by Steve Sanford – from a Woodcarving Illustrated magazine. I don't think that Phillip Brooks has missed a session since joining in March. Thanks to Bob Windt for mentoring Phillip.

Tool sale was held on August 23 with 20-25 knives and gouges sold----- (my wife says that I purchased more than I sold – ahh, success!)

We carved soap – yes, Ivory soap for a young lady's 14th wedding anniversary! Not a normal activity but hey, we are artists! Of sorts! And a donation for the club! Beautiful job by Ann Davis and Joe Davis.

Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2012 brochure has been printed and is on the website now. Approximately 25 clubs are being notified and brochures sent to them.

The Woodman cometh – and wenth! Over 20 carvers purchased several hundred dollars of wood – basswood, butternut, etc. Good Wood and Jim would like to come again in January or February, 2012 if there is sufficient interest. Let us know by end of October, 2011 if interested.

Monthly meetings will be held the last Tuesday of the month unless advised otherwise – and our door prize(s) at that time. August door prize winners were Neil Zyp, Jean Kaufman and Bill Robinson. Congratulations winners!

With all the wood and knives, everyone is ready for the Fall Carving Extravaganza beginning on September 20.

A reminder that safety is always of the utmost importance as these knives and gouges are sharp, aren't they, Stan and Don M. and Betsy?

Keep chipping safely!

Ray B.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. September 6, 13, 20, 27. Tuesday evening carving. 5:30-7:30. Meeting night on September 27.
2. September 16-18. Davidson County Woodcarvers Show. Lexington, NC. [www.davidsoncountywoodcarvers.com](http://www.davidsoncountywoodcarvers.com).
3. October 1-2. Smokey Mountain Woodcarvers Show. Townsend, Tenn. Beautiful area for a family visit. And you can purchase more tools and wood if you need this!! [www.smokeymountainwoodcarvers.com](http://www.smokeymountainwoodcarvers.com).
4. October 22. Catawba Woodcarvers Show. Hickory, NC.
5. November 12-13. Piedmont Woodcarvers Show – Sculptures and Design in Wood. Mauldin, SC. [www.PiedmontWoodcarvers.com](http://www.PiedmontWoodcarvers.com) for show brochure.

I would like to encourage Charlotte carvers to attend and enter the shows at Lexington, Hickory and Mauldin and Townsend, if you can. These clubs are great supporters of our club and show. Enter and show off your carving skills – and then let us hear of your experiences.

## SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS - 2012

- Everything is ready. Tables from Sr. Center along with Bill Robinson and Nancy Murray with tables from their churches. Same as 2011.
- Show Brochure printed, on the website and notices sent out to twenty five clubs in the Southeast including NC, SC, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. (To be followed with brochures)
- A notice of the Showcase was sent to Southern Highlands Craft Guild in Western North Carolina to be included in an upcoming press release. This will be distributed to over 900 crafts people in 293 counties in 9 Southeastern states. Another follow-up announcement will be sent in early 2012. Tom Wolfe is a member of that Guild.
- Organizational meeting to be held on September 27 – at the club meeting – for volunteers for the show. We all need to step up to the plate for this.

## 2011 FALL CARVING EXTRAVAGANZA

The following projects and leaders will begin on September 20 and continue for five weeks. A fee of \$5 per carver will be charged to cover the wood and blanks.

- Betsy Peace: Tom Wolfe Bear.
- Vern Parrish: Caricature Frog.
- Bob Warner: Christmas ornaments.
- Bill Dominick: Snow Man.
- Rod Gatlin: Santa with Skis. Tom Wolfe carving.
- Stan Lahr: Boot.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### NEW MEMBERS –AUGUST, 2011

1. Jim Laframboise joined the Club on Tuesday, August 23 as a new member. Jim lives at River Hills in South Carolina and spends a bit of time in Florida in the winter months. He is a member of a carving club down there and we hope that he can teach us some things here. Please welcome Jim to our group. His address and contact is: 8 Bald Eagle Road, Lake Wylie, SC 29710. Telephone: 803-984-4450. E-mail: [laframj@yahoo.com](mailto:laframj@yahoo.com). Welcome Jim!
2. Jeremy Payne joined the club on August 30, 2011. Jeremy is single and comes from Virginia and has been involved in the construction business there prior to coming to Charlotte. Jeremy's girlfriend is in the MBA program at UNCC. Jim's contact is: 936 N. Wendover Road, Apt. L. Charlotte, NC 28211. Telephone: 704-266-2655. E-mail: [jpayne0880@yahoo.com](mailto:jpayne0880@yahoo.com). Welcome Jeremy to Charlotte and to the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club.

### 2011 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list has been distributed after a few false starts! List indicates 94 members. The list will be revised in October to reflect two new members who had not joined when the list was finalized and also adjusted for a few stragglers on dues! Project we will have 93-95 on the final list.

## FAMILIAR FACES IN THE CLUB



Carl Baumgart joined the club in 2010 and has been a regular since then. You will see Carl carving all sorts of dogs – including a recent one with wings!! Carl is married to Lucy and moved from New York in 1999 to be nearer to a daughter and grand-daughter. Carl grew up on a dairy farm in the Groton, NY area, spent four years in the US Army, trained as a machinist and was stationed in Huntsville, Ala. and Heidelberg, Germany. Carl has been in the trucking business – Mack and Freightliner - most of his life and owned his own shop in the 80s and 90s. Carl, in addition to loving woodcarving – is an avid model railroader, has a huge layout at his home and sets up at shows twice yearly.



Neil Zyp joined the club in 2011. Neil is married to Marilyn (50 years) and has two children. Neil says no grandchildren – but four grand-dogs! Bill and Marilyn are both from Toledo and Neil graduated from the University of Toledo. He retired from Midrex Technologies after 30 years as a Sr. Piping Designer. They moved to Charlotte in 1974 and are extensive travelers traveling to Alaska, Panama Canal, several cruises to the Caribbean, Europe and most of the USA. Neil enjoys collecting music CDs (mostly Country and Bluegrass) – and, of course, woodcarving. Neil has volunteered for the St. Matthews Catholic Church demo carving by the club this summer.



New Applicant: I told her we would vote on her membership at the next club meeting.

**Activities at August 2011 meetings**

Neil, Rock and Joe making wise investments at the tool sale



A few of the 37 carvers who attended meetings on Tuesdays.



Art Heisler, for the club, presents Friendship Cane to Bill Dominick.



## TIPS FOR CARVERS

Occasionally, we will try to include tips or ideas directed to help us as carvers in some aspect of our carving. Many such ideas can be found in the various carving magazines and sometimes carvers have developed their "own" special method of doing things. This issue will discuss "painting and finishing" carvings based on the experiences of Bart Wilson -known for his excellent carvings and finishes. And as Bart would say, "this is my method, there are others out there, learn a few and develop your own". 'Nuff said!

### BART WILSON – PAINTING AND FINISHING

1. Wash carving with simple green and medium stiff brush.
2. You can paint carving wet or let dry overnight and use a pre-coat of Boiled Linseed Oil and Raw Sienna Oil Paint. This is a personal preference – can be dipped before or after paint. Just make sure it is dry. If you dip before paint, don't wait too long to paint.
3. I use the acrylic paints in the 2 oz. bottles mostly Delta Ceram coat. I mix them to a wash – a drop about the size of a pencil eraser to a teaspoon of water. Mix light colors first and mix whites heavier than darker colors. I start painting light colors first and work to the darkest. I normally don't paint flesh. I let the Boiled Linseed Oil be the flesh color.
4. Once carving is painted, let it stand overnight to dry. If you painted wet, once dry, dip in BLO mixture. If you didn't then spray with a couple of light coats of "Deft" semigloss. If you dip after painting, let it stand for a while. Then spray with a couple of coats of "deft". When deft is dry, you can put a coat of clear wax and buff with a horse hair shoe shine brush. But this is not necessary as the deft will protect good.

Remember, the key to a good paint job is to have a clean carving. Don't skip the washing phase.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS:** Painting by Vern Parrish and Sharpening by Rock Boyle. Look for this in future newsletters.

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