

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!

October, 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The activity levels with chips flying everywhere on Tuesday evenings is exciting. The excitement continues with the Fall Carving Extravaganza in full swing – as is the Fall! Frogs, bears, Santa's skiing, Snowmen and Caricature Santas being carved. This will be wrapping up in late October – and then:

It's time for Christmas ornaments! Yep! Ann Davis has 35 blanks which she purchased from Helen Gibson in

September. Ann will have these for sale in late October – after we finish current projects. Ornament blanks are \$1/each – same price we paid for them. Ann will have some of her finished carvings available for folks to see as you carve yours. And, of course, we always help each other. So, this is the time to get your Christmas presents carved and painted for your friends just a few weeks from now.

Show preparation is underway as materials have been inventoried, stored and additional materials will be purchased – ribbons primarily. Thanks Judy. As we prepare for the 2012 show, it is well to thank Earl Harding for the tremendous job which he did over the past two years. Thanks Earl.

Begin thinking of what types of carving and projects you would like for the club to be involved with in 2012. We will be asking you and attempting to tailor the program to your wishes. As you begin to attend the various show in the region, look at what is going on there and bring back your ideas. The Hickory, NC Show on October 22 and the Greenville, SC Show are excellent shows for this.

Five Charlotte woodcarvers attended the show at Lexington, NC on September 17-19, exhibited 21 carvings and came away with 16 ribbons. Neil Zyp had two blue ribbons in novice and Vern had two in Open; Ray had one in Intermediate; Darlene Tarleton had two in Open and Don Walker had four in Intermediate; Stan Lahr had two in Open.

Keep warm and keep carving. Have you finished your five – ten entries for the 2012 Show?

Ray

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. October 1 and 2. Smokey Mountain Woodcarvers Show. Townsend, Tenn.
2. October 22. Catawba Valley Woodcarvers Show. Hickory, NC One day show.
3. November 4-6. North Alabama Woodcarvers. Huntsville, Al.
4. November 12-13. Piedmont Woodcarvers Show – Sculptures and Design in Wood. Mauldin, Sc.
5. November 18-20. Mark Akers caricature classes for Charlotte Woodcarvers. Two openings still available for this. See Ray
6. December 6. Charlotte Woodcarvers Club Christmas Party. Carmel Presbyterian Fellowship Hall.

Nancy has the details ironed out:

Our Christmas Party will be held December 6th, 2011. We can start setting up at 4:30 and serving will begin at 5:00. We will finish up by 7:00 so that we can clean up and be out by 7:30.

Alphabet A to M will bring a dessert, N to Z will bring finger food or a covered dish, ham biscuits or if you have a special dish you would like to bring.

Also, please bring a gift for Loaves and Fishes such as canned soup, vegetables or fruit, pancake mix, syrup, cookies or cake mix.

Also – bring your carvings you have been working on this fall. All families are welcome and bring enough food for your guests.

7. Due to events planned at Carmel Presbyterian in December, there will be no meeting the week of December 13th.

SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS - 2012

1. Organization underway. Judy Leftwich responsible for registration. Vern Parrish is coordinating Judges and has most committed. Bob Slaughter is coordinating the Vendors. All material from 2011 is back and stored in the Cathcart Center storage cabinet.
2. Brochures have now been sent out to 35 clubs/organizations with only 4-5 more to go. Mailings with brochures will be mailed to participants from 2009, 2010 and 2011 shows. We have had indications from individuals planning to come from Lexington, Mass and Savannah, Georgia. Tom Wolfe is a big draw for folks to attend the show.
3. Members are beginning to indicate that they will work the show – we will have full signup list in another month or so.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NEW MEMBERS –September, 2011

1. **Seth:** Welcome to the club. We understand that you came from the Chesapeake Bay area of Virginia (hope that I have that right - and that you are a student at Johnson and Wales.) It is always good to have someone who can bring in goodies for the group, just kidding. Seriously, we would like to welcome you as the newest member of our club.

2011 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list has been distributed after a few false starts! List indicates 98 members.

Charlotte Woodcarvers attend Davidson County Show.

Vern Parrish, Stan Lahr, Neil Zyp, Don Walker (Calabash), Darlene Tarleton and Ray Branch attended the Davidson Woodcarving Show on September 17, 2011.

Collectively, we exhibited 21 carvings and won 15 ribbons. Vern won two blues and carved as well; Neil won three ribbons including two blue; Stan won two ribbons; Don won four blue ribbons; Darlene won two blue ribbons and Ray won two ribbons including one blue ribbon. Good show with about 200-250 carvings. Great support from Charlotte Club. Congratulations Neil on winning at first show!!



Neil Zyp's dog – blue ribbon.



Ray Branch's man – blue ribbon.



Stan Lahr's moose - absolutely stunning.



Vern Parrish's mountain man - blue ribbon.



Vern Parrish with his blue ribbon frog.



Neil Zyp with his two blue ribbon dogs.



Ray Ranch with blue ribbon man.



Vern Parrish' blue ribbon frog. Great.

Helen Gibson Workshop

Eleven Charlotte Woodcarvers met at Grace United Methodist Church for a weekend of carving instruction with Helen Gibson on September 10-12, 2011. Helen is the Resident Artist at John C. Campbell Folk School and has been coming to Charlotte for a number of years now. Ann Davis, as always, coordinates this program so well. Participants, at all skill levels, chooses projects of either Animals or Human Figures, and then is instructed by Helen. Everyone had fun and mostly completed their projects. Ann says that she looks forward to Helen returning in 2012 – and, in fact, three of the carvers have already indicated that they wish to take the course again next year. Better sign up quickly with Ann!

TIPS AND PATTERNS FOR CARVERS

CARVING TIPS

PAINTING AND FINISHING

BY VERN PARRISH

As noted with Bart Wilson last month, if you talk with 10 different woodcarvers about their painting and finishing processes you will get 20 different methods. Woodcarvers generally become comfortable with their approaches and are reluctant to change.

Vern met David Boone in 1988 at the Charlotte Showcase of Woodcarvings and was impressed with his carving style and especially his painting techniques. David shared his process and methods with Vern and he started experimenting using some of David's methods trying to develop a comfortable painting process that he could use. Although Vern has tried other approaches, he is most comfortable with the following:

PAINTING

1. Use acrylic paints diluted with water. Start painting the darker colors first making sure that the deep crevices, wrinkles and folds are well covered before painting the lighter colors.
2. With small carvings, under 8" where detail is fragile but crisp, use a diluted dark wash (burnt umber, black burnt sienna, etc.) Paint the entire carving, except the skin features and natural wood areas, making sure that all nooks and crannies are covered with this mixture.
3. Select and paint the base colors for the carving. These are the paint colors used for the pants, shirts, shoes and fur of the carving. Repeat this process until you are satisfied with the depth of color.
4. After the entire project is painted with the base colors and dry, use a stiff brush with a small amount of paint loaded onto the tip and gently scrub. This will highlight the raised surfaces of the carving.
5. Skin tones are sometimes left natural (basswood and pine) adding only a small amount of red to highlight cheeks and ears.
6. Eyes are painted white and the purple is added with a sharp tooth pic or pin point.
7. After painting is complete, use a burnt lumber and water wash over the carving to give it an antique look.
8. A large carving, where the details are not as fragile is sometimes lightly scored with a torch before painting steps 1-7 above.

FINISHING

A spray finish such as Krylon Matte Finish is used over the entire surface of the carving. Another method to use is tung oil following the directions on the container. It may be necessary to repeat the process several time to get your desired results.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Sharpening by Rock Boyle. Look for this in future newsletters.

[Interesting Websites for Carvers](http://capeforge.com/June2011.htm)

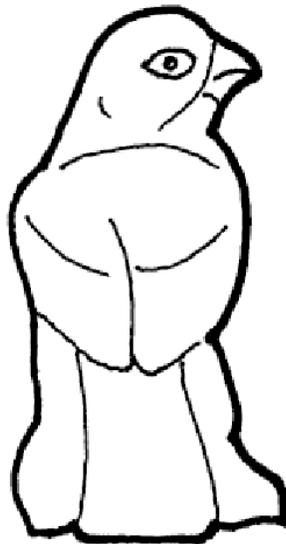
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Pattern_{of the} Month

April 2010

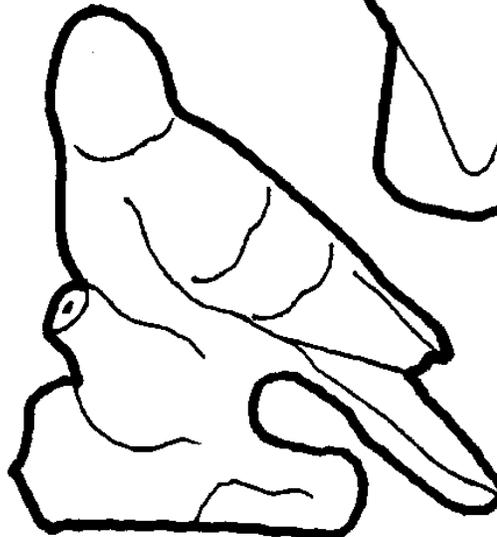
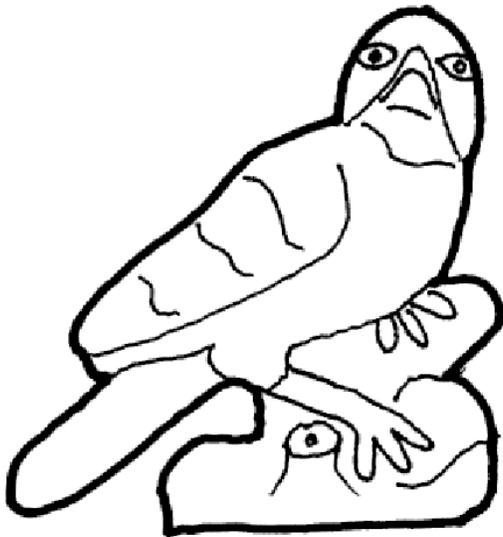
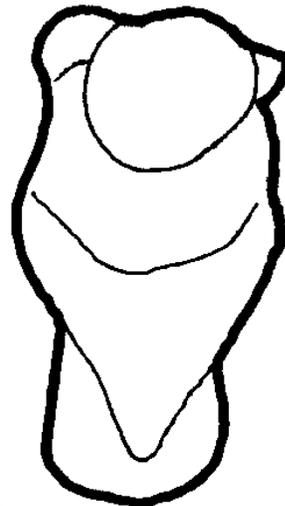
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“Spring Chickadee”



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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
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.