



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!

November, 2011

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At the show in February, we are targeting for each member to exhibit at least five carvings – of course, ten to fifteen would be nice.. By the way, the most exhibited by one carver in 2011 was 28 carvings!! This is projected to be a big show and what better way to make it big than Charlotte members exhibiting about five hundred carvings! And while you are at it, consider carving something for the show raffle. It is one of our fundraisers.

Vern Parrish has gotten a great group of judges for the show – and a great lineup of seminars. Bob Slaughter has the vendors well in hand and we expect to have the usual group of suppliers who add so much to our shows. Good time to have your loved ones buy you that knife, etc that you NEED.

Speaking of vendors, we understand that Ralph Long is undergoing treatment for cancer. Ralph and Dorothy have been one our anchor vendors for many years and I know that those who know them will want to send a note of encouragement or call. (see address on newsletter.) We expect to see Ralph and Dorothy at the show in February.

Have a great Thanksgiving and while you are digesting all of that food – carve a wooden turkey and bring to the Christmas Party on December 6.

Always looking for positive ideas and feedback.

Best. Ray Branch

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The Fall Carving Extravaganza was a total success – well, except for a couple of minor cuts and bruises. Attendance of 35 during September/October carving Frogs, Santas, Snowmen, Bears and Christmas ornaments. Wrapped up, painted and on to carving Christmas ornaments for November and December.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. November 12-13, 2011. Piedmont Woodcarving Show. Mauldin, SC. Ray Hopkins Senior Center. 103 Corn Road, Greenville, SC. "Sculptures and Designs in Wood-2011". Website for show brochure and application: www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com. Or nwidner4340@aol.com. Let's support them Charlotte Woodcarvers!
2. November 18-20, 2011. Woodcarving Instructor, Mark Akers, will teach a two day class on Santa's, Caricatures, etc. Mark is from Lexington, has been selected as Woodcarving Illustrated's Carver of the year previously and is a wonderful teacher. Will take 12 carvers and only two slots left. See Ray.
3. December 6, 2011. Annual Christmas Party. Nancy Murray in Charge. Carmel Fellowship Hall (same as this summer) 4:30pm – 7:30pm. See October newsletter for details. Bring your carvings for show. Pot Luck. Nancy will have the details. Door Prizes.
4. February 17-19, 2012. CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS "SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS-2012. This is our biggie and we are expecting a huge show – if each of you will only bring five or more carvings for the show. Need volunteers for this. More details at the club meetings.
5. February 24-26, 2012 *Tentative. Desiree Hajney. World Class carving instructor who has taught for us previously. Details being worked out now. Contact Bill Dominick for details. This one will be sold out.
6. Early April, 2012. *Tentative agreement for Pete LeClair to teach a two day class on Caricatures. This is the first time that Pete has come to Charlotte, but he teaches worldwide. (He is coming to Smokey Mountain in the fall of 2012 and it is already sold out!) Details at the November club meeting. Let Ray know of your interest. This one will sell out early.

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. Registration. Most supplies have been ordered and Judy has everything organized and ready – more or less. Next steps are volunteers and orientation for the show. Many members have already volunteered their time and efforts.
2. Judges. Vern Parrish has committed all judges for the show and we have some great ones this year (particularly if I get a ribbon or award!)
3. Vendors. Bob Slaughter has contacted vendors and we think that we have a full slate coming. So far as we know, most of the "regulars" are coming back.
4. Seminars/Workshops. Vern – again – has gotten commitments for Bark Carving by Tom Gow; Wood Burning by Jim Watson; Painting 101 b Jim Carpenter and Sharpening by Richard Teter. Additionally, we will have "Ask the experts" by Mark Akers and Bart Wilson. Carving Competition by Tom Wolfe on both days. Dean Wright will be selling woodcarvings again this year as will Tom Wolfe. We need a coordinator for this activity.
5. Signage. Joe Davis is working on this to improve publicizing our activities in the gym and the other workshop rooms.
6. Publicity. All. Forty clubs/organizations have been contacted and received information on the show. Close to 200 carvers have received individual brochures or been notified by telephone, e-mail or newsletter. Several clubs throughout the Southeast have our show publicized on their websites and/or newsletters. The next big push will be to "remind" these folks again in January, get local and regional newspapers to publish our show, get an article on the show by newspapers and get on Radio and TV calendars. Members will be given brochures to

distribute to libraries, supermarkets, churches, etc.

7. Transport and set up/tear down. Need three pickups/trucks to deliver tables from our normal sources and set up at the Marion Diehl Center – and then tear down on Sunday after the show.
8. Charlotte Woodcarvers Carvings will be exhibited at the South Regional Library secure showcase for six weeks beginning in early January, 2012 and running through our show. No demos but we will have brochures publicizing the show for the public.

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS – CELEBRATIES AND OTHER NEWS!

We are always proud when “one of our own” makes it big and we had three members who had significant recognition recently and we wish to highlight these individuals and their achievements to the club. These were:

Vern Parrish

Bart Wilson

Terrell Crowley

Neil Zyp

1. Vern Parrish won Second Place in Show for Caricatures at The Caricature Carvers of America’s 2011 national competition. This carving won First Place in Single Human Figures under 10 inches. It was awarded 1st Runner-up for Best of Show at the Charlotte Woodcarving Showcase in February, 2011. Vern has won numerous awards through the years with Best of Shows in local and regional competitions. Vern is a perfectionist in the detail of his carvings and this attention to detail both in the carving and the finishing sets a standard of excellence for us. You competed with the best nationally, Vern. Check out Caricature Carvers of America website to view Vern and Bart Wilson’s carvings.



2nd Best of Show

Vern Parrish

Charlotte, NC

On The Level

2. Bart Wilson entered four carvings in this Caricatures of America competition and won four awards: Two second places in Miscellaneous and Busts; Two fifth places for Santas and Miniatures.
3. Terrell Crowley has been selected to exhibit and sell his carvings at the Charlotte Fine Art Gallery located in Carmel Village at Carmel Road and Highway 51. Terrell is a power carver and has diversified from unique and beautiful spoons to abstract and realistic stylized wood carving sculptures. He uses a wide variety of hardwoods and is an expert in the finishing of these carvings. Club members are invited to visit the Charlotte Fine Art Gallery to view Terrell’s work – and purchase a piece or two.
4. Neil Zyp. Neil was awarded the Best of Show for Novice in the Caricature Category at the Catawba Valley Woodcarvers Show in Hickory, NC on October 22, 2011. Neil is a new carver with CWCC having joined at the Showcase of Woodcarving – 2011. Since that time, Neil has taken woodcarving instruction from Vern, Bill Dominick, Rod Gatlin, Stan Lahr and Art Heisler during the past few months. Neil had previously shown at the Davidson County Woodcarvers Show in Lexington, NC in September, 2011.

Congratulations to Vern, Bart, Terrell and Neil. You make us all proud.

In the other news category, twelve Charlotte Woodcarver members attended the Hickory show on October 22. The Hickory show had 54-57 carvers who entered and had 365 carvings in the competition. I am

guesstimating but feel that Charlotte entered about 50-60 of those carvings. Way to go club – this is the kind of support that each club needs to give to other club’s shows. It was a great show and Klingspor had some unique equipment. Jim Carpenter from Winston-Salem won Best of Show in Open Division. Jim will be hosting a Painting Seminar at our show in February. (Don’t miss this if you want to become a world class painter of carvings. Bob Warner won a door prize and a raffled carving. Ray Branch won – yes – another knife as a door prize.

AND IN OTHER NEWS-----

1. Don Millsaps won a Lee Dukes carving and Ron Gatlin won a Terrell Crowley Spoon at the September meeting.
2. At the October meeting, Bob Warner won a carving knife, Steve Sanford won a carving knife and Jeremy Payne won a DVD on how to carve a bear with a chain saw. We expect Jeremy to demonstrate this to the club sometime in the future.
3. During the month of November, Charlotte Woodcarvers Carvings will be exhibited at Steele Creek Library along with a demo on Saturday November 12. Great opportunity to showcase the club and its activities.
4. Smokey Mountain has their woodcarving classes for 2012 published on their website. Check it at www.smokeymountainwoodcarvers.com.
5. Remember – no carving on December 13, 2011.

AND A NEW MEMBER TO THE CLUB ON NOVEMBER 1.

Every one welcome Makiko (Maki) Murakami as the newest member to the club. Maki comes from Washington, DC and has been in Charlotte less than a year. Maki joined the club, purchased tools, has a Scotty Dog blank and is ready to begin carving. Maki had heard of us through the newspaper publicizing our meetings. Say hello to Maki and tell her everything you know about woodcarving.

And, as some would say, keep woodcarving on your brain!! And keep carving.



Vern at the Davidson Woodcarvers Show in Lexington, NC - September 2011.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Terrell Crowley's stylized fish.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Terrell's "Lovers".



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Rock, Doug, Ann, Rod, John and Tom at Helen Gibson's classes.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Rod and John at the Helen Gibson class in Charlotte.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Ray's Christmas ornament.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Terrell's Birds.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Terrell's "Cello Player".



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 One of Art's Blue Ribbon winners at Hickory.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Bob and Neil looking over some of Jim Carpenter's carvings at Hickory.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Twelve Charlotte Woodcarvers who attended the Hickory show.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Neil Zyp with his Best of Show Ribbon. Congratulations, Neil.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Bob Warner with his winning raffle carving. Bob also won a door prize at Hickory.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Neil being awarded his Best of Show for Novice by Darlene Tarleton.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Some of the carvings which were shown by Charlotte members at Hickory with ribbons.



Hickory Show and other activities - 2011 Fall Carving Extravaganza beginning to paint carvings.

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.