



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

April, 2012

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**FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK**

Spring has sprung and there are chips all over the floor at the Cathcart Center. The new members continue their eight weeks of basic woodcarving instruction and the regular spring carving program has begun. 'The Wild-Wild West' has been selected as the show

theme for our Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2013. Date of the show will be February 15-17, 2013 at the Marion Diehl Recreation Center.

Volunteer carvers will be needed for Parks and Recreation Senior Programs in June and also, we have been contacted to carve on May 5 in Lancaster, SC and also at Locust, NC. It's a great publicity opportunity for the club and a wonderful fun time to meet people and show off our carvings.

The two sessions at Cathcart Center has alleviated the crowding on Tuesday evenings such as we had last year as one of the basic carving classes is being held in the afternoon from 3pm-5pm.

It is great to see so many young carvers coming into the club and parents bringing their youth to learn to carve.

Begin to get ready for the summer picnic on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at the Carmel Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Good food, fellowship and – be sure to bring carvings for show and tell. Nancy will have more info later.

And thanks for all the help

Ray

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS.

1. April – Tuesdays. 3pm-5pm and 5:30pm-7:30pm Carving.
2. 4th Tuesday, April 24. 6pm –Regular Club Meeting. \$25 Woodcraft Door Prize.
3. April 15-16, 2012 Tar Heel Woodcarvers. Thomasville, NC Two full days of burning instruction with finished projects by Sharon Bechtold Cost of class is \$115. Contact Charles Chandler at charleschandler@hotmail.com for details.
4. May 19-20, 2012. Evergreene Woodcarvers. Two day show in Greenville, Tenn. In conjunction with the Iris Festival. Great weekend. See Ray if you need details.
5. May 5, 2012. Piedmont Folk Art Show and Sale. Lancaster, SC. At St. Luke United Methodist Church, 128 Providence Road, Lancaster, SC. Two or three or four volunteers needed to show and demo carve. From 8am to 4pm in gym with setup finished by 7:30am. Contact Ray for details. Contact number: 803-804-2498 Marvin Bailey. Charity event for foster children and pre-kindergarten children in local area. First time event for CWCC. Dave Smith, a new member from Lancaster will participate.
6. May 5, 2012. Locust NC Town Festival. Show and sell and demo carve. Need two or three to demo carve. Tate Osborne is the contact. We carve from 8am to 5pm and we have done this in past years. Good festival time with good music and food. Bubba Mullis has agreed to go and hopefully, Chuck Riddle from Locust will go again. Lots of fun and publicity.
7. January, 2013 or April, 2013 – yes, 2013. Pete LeClair class if there is enough interest.
8. September, 2012. Helen Gibson. Ann Davis will give dates and details for class and signups in May. Get names in early as this one fills up.

## NEW MEMBERS AND BASIC WOODCARVING CLASSES

The following folks have joined the club – since January, 2012 and most of them at the show in February. Fifteen or sixteen are taking the Basic Woodcarving instruction which began in late February after the show. New carvers are: Bob Bart, Harold Huffing, Dave Hobson, Troy Brodeaux, Jason Yepko, Laurin Quillen, Blake Lunsford, Mark Barlament, Bill McCaughey, Jorey Stanley, Bubba Mullis, Debra Downer, Rick Hearn, David Smith, Lee Hiney, Jim Simpson, Jack Turner, Phil Goodgame, Dean Deviller, Dina Valcin, Jim Gerbe and Don Zelonis and Darwin Johnson. Don Zelonis is from Fairfax, Virginia; Blake Lunsford is from Bristol, Tennessee; and Bob Barts is from Jamestown, NC (one of our knife vendors)

The basic woodcarving class ends the last of April and members begin carving with the regular crowd – some already have.

## SPRING 2012 CARVING PROGRAM

“The Spring Fling Carving Thing” has kicked off as mentioned in the March newsletter. Betsy is teaching an Easter Bunny; Bob Warner is teaching wood spirits; Rod is teaching caricature; Bill is teaching miniatures and Vern is teaching the carving of a Rooster or chicken. Great fun by all. Once completed in April/May, club members will begin carving for the show theme and categories or whatever for the summer.

## SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS - 2013

Showcase Theme: ‘The Wild-Wild West’! So start carving those cowboys, cowgirls, wagon trains, roundups, saloons, Rodeos, cattle thieves, long horns, and on and on and on – use your imagination and surprise everyone. Don’t forget about the other 30-32 categories. New carvers – no problem! Most of our new members entered last year and many entered five and over carvings. It’s a great way to get recognition – and perhaps a cash award for your efforts. And to show the spouse just how talented you are – not that they didn’t know this already. We had 46 Charlotte Carvers enter our show last year – let’s get this number up to 126.

Planning is underway. Harry Lawrence has agreed to be Show Chairman, Vern will get the judges, Judy and Tom the registration, Bob Slaughter will handle the vendors and show layout and logistics, RC and Sachiko will handle hospitality, Stan Lahr will handle raffle along with Jennifer Floyd – and a whole cast of the rest of us. It is only 10 months away. We expect the 2013

to be larger than 2012. But it is only so if you all carve, enter the show and make it the best ever. And we know that you will.

The Show Brochure will be out on the website by June along with printed materials. Rod and Vern and Bill and Harry are making those revisions now.

Vendors expected to be back next year are Bob Bart's, Smokey Mountain, Little Mountain, Tony Erickson, Jim Wilsford, Tom Wolfe (along with his carving competition), Allen Goodman and if he can make it – Ralph Long. Boxes N' Such tell us that they are coming and attempts are being made to get a wood supplier at the show. Bridges Dillehay says he might be back. And Bill Dominick is working to see if Desiree Hajny will be back. Steve Brown(caricatures) and Terri Brasher (human figures and much more – she won Best of Show at Huntsville, Al last year with a full head dress Indian) have been contacted. Both teach classes in woodcarving. Charles Simpson from Huntsville, Al wants to come – he is a knife maker.

Want to volunteer – see Harry and he will put you to work.

### PICNIC

Annual Picnic - Tuesday, 5:30pm, June 19, 2012  
(Can bring at 4:30-5pm for setup)

If your last name begins with the following letters bring as follows:

A-L: Meat Dish  
J-P: Desserts, Cakes, Cookies, Pies.  
R-Z: Salad or vegetable.

How much is enough to bring? Enough for you and yours plus one.

Ya'll Come!!! And bring carvings for Show and Tell. Door Prizes!!

Please bring non-perishable goods for Loaves and Fishes!!!!

If you have any questions see Nancy.

### SPECIAL NOTICE – Woodcraft Support.

Woodcraft has offered the CWCC members 10% discount cards and these will be available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday club meetings for one month. Also, Woodcraft is offering a \$25 gift certificate for our monthly door prize. We are very appreciative of this support by Woodcraft.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Neil Zyp, Board member and membership chairman has 94 members paid up for the 2012 year. We currently have 126 members on the CWCC membership rolls. Neil has sent out notices and if you haven't paid you need to do so now.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*

1. President for 2013.
2. Program Chairman for 2012
3. Newsletter writer and photographer. (A lot of this is boilerplate so you don't have to create all of it.)
4. Someone to put together patterns for the monthly newsletter. This would be beneficial for the club members to cut out, cut blanks and carve.

**\*Contact one of the Board Members if interested. Most of these positions pay the same salary as last year! But a lot of fun. And we all appreciate you.**

**Pete LeClair's Caricature Class for Charlotte Woodcarvers –  
March 30-April 1, 2012 at Charlotte's Woodcraft store**



Pete teaching several of the guys at Woodcraft.



Pete gave individual instruction to each of us. Don't know whether Tom was listening or not.



Getting ready to paint the caricatures. The only time we used tables. Hint, Hint!!



Artist Bob Warner painting his "Gambler"





No, Joe did not do both of these - only one was his!!



Some of the "Gamblers" carved over the weekend at Woodcraft.



Looked as if we might have had some Carolina Blue fans in the group.



Pete (sitting) and his students.  
From left: Tom, Rock, Harry, Bob,  
Joe, Rod, David Wood(Woodcraft), Ray, Carl and Neil.



# CARVE A WHIMSICAL HOUSE

WITH KATHY OVERCASH

May 18-20, 2012

Woodcraft of Richmond  
9862 West Broad Street  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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Learn to carve an in-the-round whimsical Cottonwood bark house with Kathy Overcash. Kathy will demonstrate and guide each student in various techniques to bring out the whimsical characteristics of these houses. After completing this project, you will certainly have a conversation piece for the home.

Tuition includes an instructional guide and Cottonwood bark blank. Students should have some basic wood carving experience.

**Tuition:** \$125.00

Register now at Woodcraft or call 804-355-3945 to learn how to register.



### 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 Neill Zyp (704-847-8377). If there are questions about your membership status - contact John or Neill.

**Members who do not pay their dues by April 1 will be moved to an inactive file until dues are paid. The club has many expenses and your dues help to cover some of these expenses - so be diligent in getting your membership dues paid on time. And thanks.**

### 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.  
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Email at [Agoodman3646@charter.net](mailto:Agoodman3646@charter.net).  
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YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/allengoodman69>  
MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/AllenGoodman1969>
6. John Dunkle Woodcarving Knives, Archibold, Ohio
7. Jim Hart  
Wood supplier from Turtle Creek, Wisconsin  
Phone: 715-268-8713 or (c) 715-768-0204  
E-mail at [good.wood.etc@gmail.com](mailto:good.wood.etc@gmail.com)
8. Tony Erickson  
Blanks, Tools, How to's and carving instruction Seneca, South Carolina  
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