

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

May, 2012

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carved and displayed carvings and club publicity at the Piedmont Folk Art Show in Lancaster, SC. Pictures are included in the news. Note that David's granddaughter – maybe a future woodcarver – attended as well. Harry Lawrence and his wife came down. Chuck Riddle and Bubba Mullis did the same exercise for the Locust Spring Alive Festival in Locust, NC. Both of these activities were held on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

We have another request to demo carve at Carmel Middle School on Friday, May 25 from 9am to 1pm. And on the first two Tuesdays and Thursdays of June, we will be carving for Parks and Recreation at Davie Park . These are wonderful opportunities to showcase our club and we appreciate you taking the time to participate in these activities.

Rod Gatlin has included information on a wonderful weekend at WildAcres Resort in the North Carolina mountains. This is a great time to get together, spend some time carving and have a great time of fellowship. Seriously consider this opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Mountains. Details are in the newsletter. Great value and thanks Rod.

Note that the Cathcart Center is open from 3pm to 7:30pm for carving. If you wish to carve in the afternoon, you are free to do so. This was arranged to accommodate those who might not be able to come in the evenings – but, of course, you are always welcome in the evenings.

Ray

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

It feels as if summer is here already. Even a fan has been going on Tuesday evenings to keep it cool as the chips fly. Classes are still underway and beginning to be finished up. Painting instructions were held last week for new carvers.

We are beginning to get requests for carving at shows, festivals, etc. Bob Warner and David Smith demo

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS.

1. Tuesdays, 3pm-7:30pm Carving at Cathcart Center
2. 4th Tuesday, May 22, Club Meeting
3. Friday, May 25, 2012. Club Carving at Carmel Middle School. 9am-1pm. Contact Jean Kauffman.
4. May 19-20, 2012. Evergreene Woodcarvers, Greenville, Tenn. Iris Festival and Woodcarving Show.
5. June 5, 7, 12 and 14. 9am to 1pm Demo carving for Parks and Recreation. Betsy Peace is handling. Come on out, bring a sack lunch and carve. Great time – and it offsets our rental of Marion Diehl Center for Show.
6. June 19, 2012. Annual Charlotte Woodcarvers Club picnic. Nancy in Charge with others. Great time of fellowship.
7. Helen Gibson is coming in September 7-9, 2012. See Ann Davis.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest

1. Cathcart Center is open from 3pm to 7:30pm. This was arranged to accommodate those who may wish to carve in the afternoon and also give us an opportunity to “balance” the numbers of carvers in the evenings. Of course, all are welcome to stay over and carve during the evenings if you wish. Just a reminder – Carmel Presbyterian provides this to our club as a Community Service for us. In this regard, let’s be good stewards in keeping this place clean. Also, when you leave – do NOT put the chairs up. Be respectful of those who are continuing to carve.
2. Anyone notice the Vern Parrish carving in the recent issue of Woodcarving Illustrated? Also Billy Reynolds who won Best of Show in Charlotte in February. One of the many reason we have great shows here.
3. Say thanks to Nancy Murray. Nancy donated 37 woodcarving books and 31 woodcarving magazines to the club library. Thanks Nancy. If others have books that they are not using and don’t plan to use – consider donating them to the club library. There are currently 257 books and 124 magazines.
4. Down Memory Lane! The newsletter includes a November, 1986 newsletter (Page 6). I am

sure that Bill, Nancy, Georgia and Jim can remember those days very well. And we should be thankful that they did so much over the years to give us the club we have today. And the best Showcase in the Southeast – bar none!

5. Carving a Nativity for Carmel Presbyterian. Each year, Carmel holds an auction to support their various ministries. In 2011, we carved and donated a Friendship Cane for the church. We have agreed to carve a Nativity this year and Bill Dominick will be getting the patterns together. We have purchased a book for this and it will be a great club effort. Select one or more that you wish to carve. If we have enough for two – we will raffle one at the show in February.
6. Probably missed something, but can’t think of what it is now? Oh, yeah, who would like to write sections of the newsletter for Clint to publish and get on the website?
7. AND A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB WARNER, DAVID SMITH, CHUCK RIDDLE AND BUBBA MULLIS FOR demo carving and representing the club at the show in Lancaster, SC and Locust, NC. These are so important for publicity for the club. And check out the pictures. We have been asked to come back again in December, 2012 for Lancaster.
8. Interest in bringing carving instructors was very strong with Pete LeClair, Helen Gibson, Tom Gow and Mitch Cartledge. There is interest in others as well, but Mitch hasn’t been here in a long time and Tom with his bark carving has never been. The club will be working on these and others as you indicate an interest.
9. At the May general meeting, Nancy Murray won the \$25 door prize for Woodcraft and Douglas Combs won the Lee Dukes carving. Congratulations to both. (Art Heisler won the April Woodcraft gift certificate) Door prizes at the picnic on June 19 including another \$25 Woodcraft gift certificate.

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.

Woodcarving Class in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Rod Gatlin

I am in the process of planning a carving class / retreat. This will be a long weekend at Wildacres Resort in Little Switzerland, NC off of the Blue Ridge Parkway. We plan to start on a Friday morning with people arriving Thursday afternoon or evening. Your Thursday night dinner and all other meals will be included in the price. Wildacres is a beautiful retreat just perfect for a cool getaway from the summer heat in Charlotte. Just over a 2 hour drive, it is the perfect place for a weekend carving roundup. Carving activities and instruction are in the planning stages, so your input is valuable at this point. We are looking at two possible weekends. One is August 23-26 and the other is September 13-16. More rooms are available to us on the September weekend, so that will be a factor.

Room rates are very reasonable, but they prefer that we put 2 people to a room. The rooms all have their own bathroom and two beds. Some rooms have a twin and a double bed in case spouses would like to go, which by the way is encouraged. Even though your spouse may not carve, there are many other things to do in the area. I would be glad to discuss questions about this with you, and will have more info on the subject in the future.

Several people have indicated they would be interested, so I need to hear from you soon if you are the slightest bit interested in going. What date suits you best? Is going up on Thursday afternoon an issue for you? Is your spouse interested in going? This will be a fun weekend for sure. I hope you can make it. Call me at the number below if you have questions. Leave a message if I am not there and I will call you back soon. I will also be at the Tuesday meetings. The web address for the resort is: wildacres.org.

[Locust Spring Alive Festival at Locust, North Carolina, May 5, 2012](#)



Chuck Riddle and Bubba Mullis



[Piedmont Folk Art Show and Sale in Lancaster, SC on May 5](#)



David Smith and Bob Warner attended, demo carved and displayed for the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club.



David and his granddaughter.

Down memory lane! Members of the club might enjoy a 26 year old CWCC Newsletter from November, 1986. All of those officers have contributed so much to the club over the years. Bill and Georgia were founding members and Nancy and Jim came along shortly afterwards. Bill, Nancy and Georgia are still members and Jim still is involved with the show. Maybe we should copy their idea of a pattern for club members. Anyone care to volunteer?

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS CLUB

MEETING: Carmel Presbyterian Church, November 16, 1986 2:30
(Monthly meeting at Carmel Presbyterian Church corner Sharonview and Carmel Roads)

CALLING ALL SANTAS! The deadline is here. Will all woodcarvers carving Santas please bring their finished figures to our November monthly meeting. We will have our own pre-show preview. Please identify properly and package securely. Enclose a card with your name as you would to have it appear on a placard. In case you did not get the word our carvings will be show cased from November 24 to January 5 at the Hezekiah Alexander Home and Nature Museum off Shamrock Road. Please spread the word,.....and come.

PROGRAM NOVEMBER: This is our private woodcarving show. Bring some of your carvings and do a lot of bragging and bragging. A table will be furnished. Bring some cookies or a cake, so we can party while we are bragging. O.K. we will be able to look at others work and as usual be inspired to copy it. Come, invite, and bring your family and friends. We are due for a large turnout.

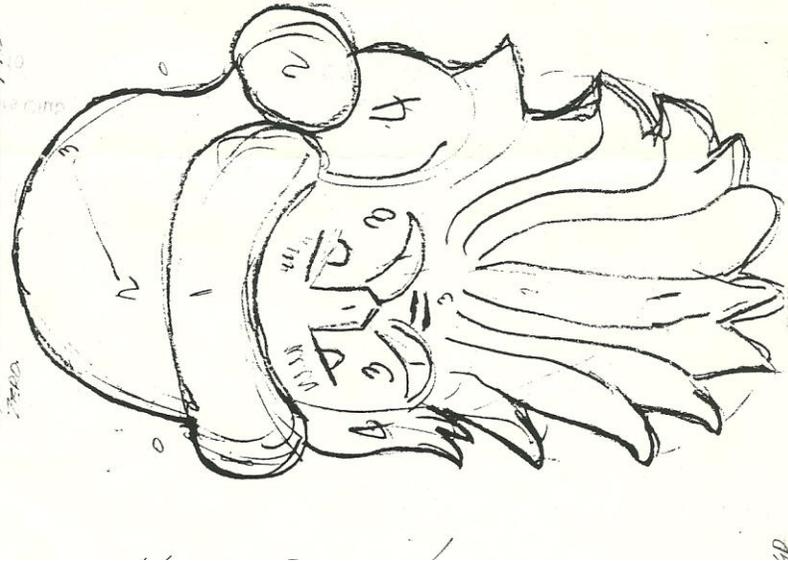
ELECTION OF 1987 OFFICERS: This another very good reason to be at the November meeting. You can vote the rascals out or in whichever you like only if you are present. The following nominations have been made by the nominating Committee.

President - Jim Watson
Vice President - Nancy Murray
Secretary Treasurer - Bill Dominick
Assistant Secretary - Georgia Cole

Nominations will be taken from the floor, but make sure you have the approval of the person you nominate.

November 22 - Seminar McDowell Park
November 24- Piedmont Woodcarving Show - 7-9 P.M.
January 10- FUN DAY IN STATESVILLE
March 1 and 2 SHOW CASE OF WOODCARVINGS Park Center, Charlotte

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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 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

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Phone 865-448-6350
Website: www.woodcarvers.com.
2. REL Knives. Ralph Long. Kernersville, NC.
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Phone 800-752-7573. Website: lilmtn@centurylink.net
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