



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

August, 2012

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

HOT, AIN'T IT? But it will be cooler in the NC Mountains for 12 Charlotte Carvers at Wildacres Retreat in August carving with Mitch Cartledge! Whew!

Many stayed away during July, but even with the heat, we had thirty of so carvers weekly at Cathcart. Before I forget it, Nancy said to remind

everyone that you all donated 47.7 pounds of food to Loaves and Fishes at the June Picnic.

Stan Lahr donated 128 woodcarving books and 63 magazines to the Library bringing the total collection to 589. This includes 10 Tom Wolfe books; 5 Harold Enlow books; 5 Anthony Hillman along with books by Ron Ransom, Helen Gibson, Desiree Hajny and Wayne Barton among others! What a wonderful and diversified collection. Thanks so much Stan for your generous donation to the club. From the "Old Lady in the Shoe" to "Cypress Knees"; relief carving and everything in-between. A special thanks to Stan. Clint will have these on our website in August and they are already in the library.

Helen Gibson's annual pilgrimage to Charlotte to instruct us in September will be hosted by Ann Davis again. Also fully booked and with a waiting list. She will be back in September, 2013 so get with Ann early! Thanks Ann.

The Woodcraft \$25 Gift Certificate was won by Ann Davis at the July Club meeting

Note that a new member, Blake Lundsford from Bristol, Tennessee is profiled this month (see page 4). We try to do this from time to time.

Thanks for all the work by everyone.

Ray

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND SHOWS

1. Every Tuesday. 9am to 11:30am: Carving at Hobby Lobby; 3pm to 7:30pm: Carving at Cathcart Center.
2. Wildacres Retreat. August 23-26, 2012. Weekend of carving with Mitch in the NC Mountains.
3. Tuesday, August 28. Club meeting.
4. September 1-2, 2012. Oglebay WoodCarvers Show. Wheeling, WVa.
5. September 7-9, 2012. Helen Gibson instruction with Ann hosting.
6. October 6-7, 2012. Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Festival. Townsend, Tennessee.
7. September 15-16, 2012. Davidson County Woodcarvers Show. Lexington, NC.
8. September 17, 2012. Jim Hart delivers wood to Charlotte and sells. This will be confirmed in late August or early September. If Jim doesn't come, you who have ordered wood need to have someone pick this up for you in Lexington.
9. October 13-14, 2012. Tentative carving by Charlotte Woodcarvers at Waxhaw's Autumn Treasures Fall Festival. Carving and promotion of club and show.
10. October 27, 2012. Catawba Valley Woodcarvers Show. One day. Hickory, NC.
11. November 3-4, 2012. North Alabama Woodcarvers Show. Huntsville, Ala.
12. November 10-11, 2012. Piedmont Woodcarvers Show. Mauldin, SC
13. November 10-11, 2012. Dayton Woodcarvers Guild Show. Dayton, Ohio.

Keep those knives and gouges sharpened, carve, attend shows and compete – and bring the money back to Charlotte. Let us know when you attend shows and compete.

Special Notes of Interest

The Charlotte Woodcarving Club Continues to grow:

Three new people have joined the club this summer: Maria Senkel (pictures on page 5) and Rebecca Black in June, 2012 and Brittany Pagan (granddaughter of Ron and Debra Downer). Three folks visited this summer with John and Jim still coming. Welcome to each of you.

Celebrities 'N Such

Carvers who were featured in the July-August, 2012 edition of Chip Chats – and have shown at the Charlotte Showcase of Carvings recently – or are otherwise known to us:

1. Doug Arrowood. Judges Choice, Carvers Choice and Best of Show at Asheville, NC. "Galloping Cowboy" in Butternut. I suspect we might see this one in Charlotte in February, 2013.
2. Other first place winners at that show: John Moore, Sean Brenner, John Nieburg and Doug Arrowood in Open. Michail Galovic in Intermediate.
3. Mid-South Show. North Alabama Woodcarvers. Terry Brasher for Best of Show; Steve Brown, 2nd Best of Show. Other winners were Bridges Dillehay and David Sharp and Keith Dalton. Dillehay, Sharp and Dalton competed at Charlotte in 2012. Steve Brown will be coming to Charlotte in 2013 as well as Dillehay, Sharp and Dalton again. Terry Brasher was invited but unable to make it.
4. Article on "Art of Woodburning" by Sharon Bechtold. Sharon taught in Thomasville, NC for Tarheel Woodcarvers this spring. Invited to Charlotte in 2013 but probably will not be able to make it as her husband still works. Beautiful work and she teaches. Check out her website for information.

If you don't subscribe to this magazine, as a carver you would find it very interesting and full of ideas for projects and achievements of carvers who we

know – some of our very own. And the November/December issue of Chip Chats should include an article on our own 2012 Showcase of Woodcarvings. Included in past issues have been our club, Vern Parrish, Mark Akers, Jim Watson, Bart Wilson, Tom Wolfe, Mitch Cartledge, Don Zelonis, Lee Dukes and many others!

So, carve continuously, subscribe to Chip Chats and read about yourself. Of course, you have to enter shows – an important one being the Showcase of Woodcarvings here in Charlotte.

And if you are featured in any of the carving publications or otherwise are featured at a show or gallery, let us know. We want to let the club membership know about you.

Woodcarving Library

The Club has a wonderful and extensive library consisting of 403 woodcarving books and 187 magazines. Members keep donating to the club for this excellent club wonderful resource.

Stan Lahr, Maria Senkel and Nancy Murray have made recent donations. Stan donated his entire collection of 128 books and 63 magazines to our library – increasing our total collection from 391 to 589 books/magazines.

Thanks to Stan, Nancy and Maria.

Interested in something new – ask Ann Davis, our Librarian. Either books or DVDs. The complete list of books in the library is on the Club website.

Fall Carving Projects

Yes, summer is almost gone – whew! Which means we begin fall projects again. Begin thinking about what you would like to carve or teach to others. Already, members have agreed to teach. Fred Bozenhart will teach Shore Birds and Stan Lahr will teach relief carving. We need about three or four others who will agree to teach. Begin thinking about what you would like to do

for the fall. And in the process, keep on carving for the show in February, 2013.

New Adventures for Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

- WildAcres Retreat in North Carolina Mountains. Twelve Carvers will be staying at Wildacres Retreat weekend of August 25 and carving for three days with Mitch Cartledge. Several spouses are going and this is already overbooked and has a waiting list. This could be an annual event if the club is interested. Thanks to Rod Gatlin for developing this for the club.
- Hobby Lobby. A new venue for carving. Every Tuesday from 9am to 11:30am Hobby Lobby's classroom is available for CWCC carving. We can post our club and show publicity at this location and hope to attract more to the show next year through this activity.
The Matthews Mint Hill Weekly plans to cover this in their paper once we get started. The first session was held on Tuesday, July 31 with Ray, Maria, Clint and Joe attending and carving for two and one half hours. Great time of carving.
- Carving Instruction for Beginning Carvers at Shepherd's Center. Six Weeks in October/November. Taught by Joe Davis, Fred Bozenhart and Rock Boyle.

Profile On New Charlotte Woodcarver Club Member - Blake Lundsford

The Charlotte Woodcarvers has a wealth of talented carvers. Add Blake Lundsford of Bristol, Tennessee, to that category. Blake joined the CWCC in February, 2012, has been carving since 2004 and attending our shows since 2006. Blake is married to Rachel and they have a seven year old daughter - Haley - who enjoys woodcarving and coming to the Charlotte Show each year. Caricatures, Santas, Christmas Ornaments and Wood Spirits have been his focus and Blake won the Best of Tom Wolfe in 2010. Blake is well known to many of the CWCC members such as Mark Akers, Bart Wilson, Allen Goodman, Mitch Cartledge and David Chambers - among others - all who carve in the Tom Wolfe Carving Competition each year. Blake has published articles in the Woodcarving Illustrated Special Holiday Edition, Volume 2 on carving a traditional Santa ornament.

Blake is President of the Board of Directors for the Holston Mountain Artisans Cooperative in Abingdon, Virginia (www.holstonmarts.com) - the largest arts and crafts cooperative in the commonwealth of Virginia with 140 members. Blake is also a member of the Round the Mountain Artisan's Network (www.roundthemountain.org) as well as Heartwood artisan's gateway (www.heartwoodvirginia.org) in Virginia. Blake has demo carved and set up displays on Holston Mountain Artisans as well as the Virginia Highlands Festival. He has taught basic woodcarving as well as advanced classes on Santas and Caricatures. Blake is a member of the Cold Creek Carving Club in Bristol, Tennessee of some 10-15 carvers who meet every Thursday evening.

It's great to have you as a member of our club Blake. We feel sure that you will compete for the cash prizes both in Santas and Caricatures February 16-17, 2013 (and bring the rest of the Cold Creek members with you!!).



Blake, along with Arnold Smith and Don Zelonis carving at the Tom Wolfe Carving Competition in Charlotte, 2011.



Blake carving at a Holston Mountain Artisans function in Abingdon, Virginia.



Carving his specialties - Caricatures, Santas and Ornaments.

CWCC Meeting with Carvings by Maria Senkel and Bob Warner



Art, Nancy, Stan and Debra admiring Maria's carving.



Maria's beautifully carved and painted carvings.



Maria Senkel with her carvings at club meeting.



Bob Warner with unique "Burden" Carving for Scouts.

Showcase of Woodcarvings - 2013

1. The Showcase Brochure will be on the website in a couple of weeks, but in the meantime, here is a heads up on the categories' and cash awards for the 2013 show (please see next page).

If you entered the show last year, you will have already gotten one of these. Note that the cash awards have been increased from \$1200 to \$1800. Cash awards have been increased for the Open carvers and more cash awards are being made available to the Intermediate and Novice Divisions. This is geared to encourage more carvers to enter the show. If 75 of Charlotte Woodcarvers enter the show this year, we should have 125 carvers. We would like to have 750 carvings entered this year - or more!!

2. Vendors who have either committed or have indicated they are coming to the Show are: Tom Wolfe, Smokey Mountain, Little Mountain, Bob Barts, Allen Goodman, Tony Erickson, John Dunkle, Boxes N Such, Bridges Dillehay, Jim Wilsford, Peter Ortel and Steve Brown. Desiree Hajny is still considering. There is even a possibility of a wood supplier. The John C. Campbell Folk School will have a display table here this year. So, it is shaping up to be a big show if all of these materialize.
3. The John C. Campbell Folk School has donated a gift certificate to us; a value of approximately \$600: for one week's free instruction at the Folk School good until February 8, 2014.
4. Harry Lawrence, Show Chairman, will be contacting you for volunteering at the show. We will begin to provide orientation for volunteers in early January, 2013.

30th Annual
SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS
Charlotte, North Carolina

\$1800 in CASH AWARDS:

- Best of Birds – All Divisions
- Best of Caricatures – All Divisions
- Best of Relief – All Divisions
- Best of Santas – All Divisions
- Best of Lee Dukes Show Theme –
All Divisions
- Best & Runner-up – All Divisions
- Best of Youth
- Best of Show
- Best of Show Runner-up

Ribbons in All Categories

- Carving supplies by Smoky Mountain, Little Mountain, Tony Erickson and Knives by Bob Barts, Allen Goodman and possibly Ralph Long or Charles Simpson.
- Nationally recognized carvers/instructors Tom Wolfe, Steve Brown, Jim Wilsford, Mark Akers, Bart Wilson, Mitch Cartledge and many others will attend. Possibility of Peter Ortel & Desiree Hajny.

Showcase of Woodcarvings–2013. A huge show is planned.

Check: www.charlottewoodcarvers.com for Show Brochure (July, 2012)

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Showcase of woodcarving
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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.

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.
Phone: 336-595-4563.
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Front Royal, Virginia
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