

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

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September, 2012

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By the way, we expect to have four Caricature Carvers of America at the show this year – and maybe five. This is major! Tom Wolfe, Peter Ortel, Mitch Cartledge, Desiree Hajny and possibly David Boone!

The first of our “traditional” annual woodcarving weekend to Wildacres Retreat was held August 23-26 and was deemed a total success. Thanks to our hosts, Rod and Linda Gatlin for this fun filled weekend. More on this later.

Fall Shows beginning weekend of September 15-16 in Lexington, NC, Hickory on October 27 and Greenville (Mauldin), SC on November 10-11. So go and compete and let the club know of your success – ribbons, cash awards, etc. – and ideas which you think might be beneficial to the Charlotte Club.

Fall carving projects kick off in October with five classes being taught. Shepherd Center Basic Woodcarving for Beginners and the Waxhaw’s Autumn Treasures two day fest round out some of the fall activities.

Thanks for all the participation. And let us know of your ideas and suggestions. It is your club and is for your enjoyment.

Ray Branch

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Well, the two minor shows – the RNC and the DNC – are over! Whew! And now we can focus our attention on the MAJOR SHOW coming up February 15-17. Harry Lawrence and his team are diligently working behind the scenes to bring this together.

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. October 6-7, 2012. Smokey Mountain Woodcarving Festival. Townsend, Tennessee.
3. September 15-16, 2012. Davidson County Woodcarvers Show. Lexington, NC.
4. 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.
5. October 13-14, 2012. Carving by Charlotte Woodcarvers at Waxhaw's Autumn Treasures Fall Festival. Carving and promotion of club and show.
6. October 27, 2012. Catawba Valley Woodcarvers Show. One day. Hickory, NC.
7. November 3-4, 2012. North Alabama Woodcarvers Show. Huntsville, Ala.
8. November 10-11, 2012. Piedmont Woodcarvers Show. Mauldin, SC
9. 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.

CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS AT WILDACRES  
RETREAT

Ten Charlotte Woodcarvers, accompanied by six wives, spent a wonderful weekend at Wildacres Retreat the weekend of August 23-26, 2012. Wildacres Retreat is a 1600 acre retreat off the Blue Ridge Parkway and near Little Switzerland, North Carolina – about 2 ½ hours from Charlotte. Two lodges, a dining hall, and wonderful studios for crafts.

The scenery was awesome with views to various mountain ridges, valley and all sorts of wild life. The Retreat caters to non-profits and the Gem Society as well as a Writers Group were in attendance when we were there.

Ten of us carved with Mitch Cartledge, a Caricature Carver of America (and CWCC) member instructing. Mitch had several caricatures for participants to carve including mountain men, hillbillies, Santas and country doctors. All projects were completed and painted while there.

Wives were given a deluxe tour of the area by Linda Gatlin – she and Rod have a mountain home nearby – and included the Penland School of Crafts, etc. as well as bargain shopping at quaint and unique shops in Little Switzerland.

The food was good and fellowship was outstanding in the evenings when all gathered around to share.

Attending were: Rod and Linda Gatlin, Jim and Noma Laframbose, Ed and Josie Lysak, Bill and Judy Dominick, Gerald and Mo Dominick, Harry and Beth Lawrence, Judy Leftwich, Nell McCrae, Neil Zyp and Ray Branch as well as Mitch Cartledge, of course.

Cool evenings, wonderful sunny days, successful carving project, tours of the area, outstanding scenery and accommodations and wonderful times getting to know each other with a lot of laughs. And quiet and relaxing. Promises to be an annual affair! Thanks to Rod and Linda. When is the next one???

### FALL CARVING EXTRAVAGANZA

Once again, several members will be teaching a four week project for Club members. These will begin on Tuesday, October 9 and last through October 30 – with maybe a week or so carryover. The following instructors will offer projects:

- Fred Bozenhart – Shore Birds
- Stan Lahr – Relief
- Bob Warner – Spirits
- Vern Parrish – Spoons
- Rod Gatlin – Caricature (Dog?)
- Bill Dominick – not confirmed yet?

In order to get the most out of the classes, participants should plan on carving some at home on these projects – and finish them. These instructors put a lot of time and effort into this program and like to see you be successful. If painting is to be done at the club – please remember that we are responsible to keeping the place clean. This facility is for our benefit and provided very graciously by Carmel Presbyterian Church. Lets be good stewards!! Let's finish these projects and begin carving for the show – and Christmas ornaments!

### BASIC WOODCARVING FOR BEGINNERS

Beginning in October and for the next six weeks, Joe Davis and Fred Bozenhart will be providing basic woodcarving for beginners at the “Adventures in Learning” program sponsored by Shepherd’s Center. Rock Boyle is assisting with sharpening techniques for the group.

This program will be held on Mondays at Providence Methodist Church. This is the program in which Lee Dukes and Ken Buker taught for many - many years. Thanks Joe, Fred and Rock.

(Brochures are at the club for members who might be interested in the Adventures in Learning Program.)

### WAXHAW’S AUTUMN TREASURES FESTIVAL

Charlotte Woodcarvers Club will be hosting a booth at Waxhaw’s annual Autumn Festival on Saturday October 13 and Sunday October 14.

This is to showcase the club, promote the club to that area and sell carvings (for those who wish to sell). We will have our own tent and table and sit around and carve.

Joe Bomba is coordinating and will have signup sheets for this activity. This is our first time in Waxhaw. So come on down, bring a chair, some of your carvings and sit and carve a while. Food, music, BBQ cookoff and old car exhibit. Waxhaw bills this as ten thousand people attending and it is a wonderful time to promote woodcarving.

### HELEN GIBSON CLASS

Coordinated by Ann Davis – as always. Thanks Ann. We understand that this class is filled and a waiting list – again as always. Report will be in October newsletter.

### FALL SHOW BROCHURES

Fall show brochures can be obtained at:

- [www.davidsoncountywoodcarvers.com](http://www.davidsoncountywoodcarvers.com) For Lexington, NC show
- [www.catawbavalleywoodcarvers.com](http://www.catawbavalleywoodcarvers.com) For Hickory, NC show.
- [www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com) For Greenville (Mauldin) SC show.

And, of course, The Showcase of Woodcarvings – 2013 the Charlotte Show is posted on our website at: [www.charlottewoodcarvers.com](http://www.charlottewoodcarvers.com)

### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2013

Begin thinking of how you might take on a leadership position for the club in 2013. For the 2013 year, the club will need to fill the following positions:

- President
- Vice – President
- Board of Directors: one and possibly two positions

It is really easy and a lot of fun (not kidding) and there are many who work in the background to assist. I will be available to assist a Show Chairman for the first half of the year.

**We need a Program Chairman. The Vice President, ideally, would be one who would plan on assuming the President's role the year later. So think of this and consider how you can contribute to the leadership of the club over the next year or two or three!**

**WINNERS!!!**

**Winners of door prizes at the August Club meeting were:**

- 1. Ann - \$25 Woodcraft Gift coupon**
- 2. Abe – Lee Dukes Carving**
- 3. Brittany – Lee Dukes Carving**



Dinner at Wildacres Retreat with Bill and Judy, Neil, Judy, Jim Laframboise and Norma.



Another day - another meal!



Scene from the patio looking toward Mount Mitchell.



Mitch Cartledge assisting Rod Gatlin.



South Lodge where CWCC members had lodging.



Ahh! The evening fellowship after we finished carving and the ladies had finished spending money!



Studios on the grounds - Carving studio at right and Gem studio on left.



Mitch demonstrating the finishing touches to carvings.





Several of the options we had to carve with Mitch.



Ed Lysak learning to carve a tougue!



CWCC members gathering before the evening meal on the Retreat grounds.



The Ed Lysak finished product!!



Mitch with Judy's Santa.



Wildacres carving studio with CWCC carvers. Great lighting and facilities.



Total concentration by group.

30<sup>th</sup> 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.

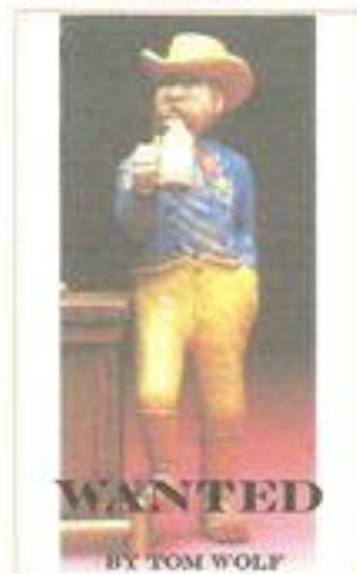
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### CHARLOTTE WOODCARVING CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

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  
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8. Tony Erickson  
Blanks, Tools, How to's and carving instruction  
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