

Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

P.O. Box 11894
Charlotte, NC 28220-1894

Meeting Place: **Senior Center**, (in front of Marion Diehl Center 2225 Tyvola Road).
We meet & carve every Monday night!

President's Letter

Summer is at it's peak, so it's a good time to find a cool spot a whittle a bit. We are busy working out the details for the Woodcarvers Showcase in February of 2009. We hope to have the show at the Marion Diehl Center on Tyvola Road, right next to the Senior Center where we carve on Monday nights. The Marion Diehl Center is a recreation facility for the Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation Department. We will primarily be using the gym for our show. It is a little larger than most gyms because it was designed to be used for wheelchair basketball. We also have some additional space at the center reserved. Marion Diehl is not far from St. Ann's where we have had the event for the past few years. There are restaurants within easy driving distance and for those coming from out of town, the same hotels you have used in the past will be equally as close. We'll keep you posted as new details unfold.

The theme for next years show is "Santa."

Carvings should be of only Santa Claus without elves, presents, or other items. You better get started carving if you are going to enter! Time will slip away.

Our program for the August meeting had to be postponed, but if anyone is interested in carving faces I will be bring a few blanks and we can take over a corner of the room to review some different ways to carve a human face.

Some great carving programs are coming up in the near future, so try to make the meetings if you can.

We have some professional carving instructors coming in to teach you some great technique in September and October. You will have fun carving something new and learn a lot. At last month's meeting we had a silent auction. Those of us there had some fun bidding on some donated items and the club made a little money for future projects.

Always feel free to bring a friend to one of our meetings. If you have ideas for a program you

would like us to have, please let **John Palmer** or one of the other board members know. See you August 18th at the Senior Center. - Rod -

*** Board Meeting Monday Night 8/11/08 ***

What 'ya Got?

Do you... would you... *please* have a tip or pattern, an interesting event you could share with your fellow carvers? The newsletter staff is requesting that you submit an article for the newsletter. We need your input. Write it up and pass it on.

The Club Officers

Future Programs

Be thinking about future program ideas. What would you like to see done? Let's all participate – **John Palmer** is Program Chairman.

Helen Gibson's Workshop

Helen Gibson will be coming to do a workshop for us Sept. 13, 13 and 14. For those who have not had the pleasure, let me fill you in. Helen Gibson is the Resident Artist at the John C.Campbell Folk School. In that capacity, she schedules and teaches classes at the Folk School. She also gives classes throughout the Southeast, as well as carving and selling her work. Her teaching style is quiet and laid back as she takes each carver at his/ her own level and helps them improve by instruction and example. She will help a carver complete a piece from start to finish or work on problems areas like faces. Classes are limited to no more than 12 to insure that everyone has plenty of individual attention.

Helen also brings plenty of blanks with her which are good quality basswood or butternut. So, it will be an excellent opportunity for you to stock up.

For class information, call –

Ann Davis – 704-523-6384.

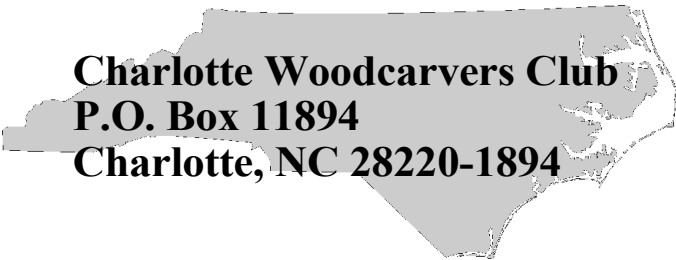
Carving Opportunities

Charlotte Woodcarving Members

The Senior Center – Carving every Monday night,
6pm to 8pm. Located on Tyvola Road.

The Woodcraft Store –

Carving on Thursday nights
at **the Woodcraft Store** on Independence Blvd.
Call the store for details – 704-847-8300. Also,
great woodcarving classes during the month.



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