



Happy New Year!!!

Regular Meeting on January 14 but NO MEETING on JANUARY 21 as the Senior Center is closed for Martin Luther King Day.

January General Meeting, Monday, January 28 Lou, from Klingspor, will be speaking on finishes. Please come out & support your club and learn something new!

Scattered Chips Thanks to CWC member Bill Robinson for presenting the program at our November's monthly meeting. Bill got basswood TURKEY/SANTA Carving blanks from Mitch Cartledge and helped us carve a turkey on one side and a Santa on the opposite side. These made excellent Christmas Tree ornaments, just in time for the holidays.

Thanks to **Bill Dominick** for the nice "Chip Chats" write up of our 24th *Showcase of Woodcarvings*. If you haven't seen it, you'll find it in the November-December issue.

Remember, our **25th Anniversary Showcase of Woodcarvings** is coming up in February.

Congratulations to CWC member **Mark Akers**. Mark was the grand prize winner of the National Santa Carving Contest sponsored by *WOODCARVING ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE*. Mark carved a Santa dragging a tree from the woods. You can see the carving and read about Mark in the holiday issue of the magazine.

CWC Members **Mark Akers** and **Mitch Cartledge** had their carvings from the Caricature Carvers of America (CCA) 2006 National Caricature Carving Competition and Exhibit at Dollywood, TN, pictured in the January-February '07 issue of CHIP CHATS Magazine.

Our Club has received an anonymous gift of \$100.00 from a member. The gift is in memory of CWC member **Carl Stroupe**, who passed away a number of months ago. Mrs. Stroupe donated some of this tools and supplies to members of the club and this gift was in response to her generosity.

Once again, **Nancy Murray** has managed to put together another fine Christmas party. Members and friends shared good food and fellowship. It was especially nice to have **Lee Dukes**, **Ken Buker** and **Vern Parrish**, three of our stalwart members, in attendance.
Thanks Nancy!

I've always envisioned a water treatment plant as being a very mechanical, mundane operation but what a pleasant surprise! The county's newest treatment plant, located in the northern part of the county, near Huntersville, and named after our very own **Lee Dukes**, not only treats our water, but also serves as a community and education center, a beautiful facility. As a tribute to Lee, the center has placed on display, in custom designed cases, a number of Lee's very best carvings. Lee donated a considerable number of carvings, so the display

can change periodically. In early December, about sixty fellow workers, church members, family members, friends and woodcarvers met to dedicate the display, a true testament to Lee Dukes' contribution to the art of woodcarving.

Karl Munn

It's a Busy Time-Need Your Help!! First, please register now for Showcase. If you do not have your application, ask any board member for one. This would greatly help since there is always a surge right before and when Showcase opens on Fri./Sat., as non-members register. NOTE: If your '07 membership is current, you are a member for the '08 Showcase. Our '08 membership year starts in April.

Second, please read and follow instructions carefully, we spend a lot of time making corrections because instructions are not read. With the few that have already registered, we already have errors to correct.

Third, you can, if you so desire, go ahead and renew your membership for '08 at the same time that you register for Showcase. Use the Showcase registration form for both.

NOTE: The membership dues for '08 are still only \$15.00. We have NOT had an increase in dues for a number of years.

Thanks for your help!
Karl Munn

Calling All Charter CWC Members On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, 2008, during the 25th Anniversary of the Showcase of Woodcarvings, 2008, a reception will be held to honor Charter Members of the CWC. If you are a charter member or you now the whereabouts of a charter member, please contact Judy Leftwich @ js18747@juno.com

All Hands (and Backs) Needed Please set aside time to come and help with the show. We need extra hands to help set up Friday Feb. 15, afternoon; help with registration Saturday, Feb. 16, morning; and help breaking down on Sunday, February 17, afternoon. Remember, this is YOUR CLUB and YOUR SHOWCASE. Please set aside some time to come and help out.

*As a courtesy to all members, remember –
If you receive a phone call, during a carving session, please take it outside of the room.*

If You are Interested in Becoming More Involved in CWC, consider becoming an officer. We will be searching for new leaders soon. Please let us know. Call Dana Mims at 704-650-8508.