



CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Happy New Year Carvers

It's a New Year for the world but it's **Only Half Time** for the Charlotte Woodcarvers Club. I hope we are a great second half team. We have a lot of work to and only a short time to get it done. It's 3 months, 2 weeks to **SHOWCASE TIME**. Let's get ready to **Rumble**.



Unfortunately, we lost Peter Ortel. Fortunately, our Showcase Theme is First Responders. So, there will be special activities to honor Peter, and his wife will be there to help. The Club will provide a table to display selected works of Peters and Mrs. Ortel will donate a special carving to the winner of the Lee Dukes award. Bob Warner has been instrumental in setting this up and will travel to transport the carvings to the SHOWCASE.

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As always, the Christmas social was a huge success. Bill and Judy Dominick arranged the food and drinks. Neil McGuire was able to get last years choir to come back for an encore performance. They were great again. Every member of the club went home with a special ornament and Bill Robinson reports donations for Loaves and Fishes were bigger than ever.

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President's message continued

Sign up sheets for volunteers for the Showcase have been out every Tuesday and are filling up and will be out every week until April 14th. Please do as much as you can. No position can be empty at showtime. Thanks.

Looking forward to regular business the next Board meeting is January 10 at 1pm and the next Showcase meeting is January 17 at 1pm. At the last Board meeting it was decided to order the new short sleeve T shirts on Tuesday, January 10th, there will be order forms available. The long sleeve T shirts using the Club Patch will be purchased separately, they have become very popular, the shirts are \$7 and the patch is \$3. We are looking for a sewer to put them on.

In 2022 there were 2 senior communities that formed carving groups in their communities. Most were not really interested in carving with us or working with us on our projects. The Board decided that they should form their own clubs and we would encourage the few who would like to join us to do so. This will be our position moving forward with similar groups that may form and contact us.

Joe Davis spoon lessons are doing well but Joe and his wife have tested positive with Covid and Joe will return January 10. Get well soon.

We will probably be asked to carve at Matthews Farmers Market once before the Showcase so please be carving some OWLS for the kids in your spare time. Pick up 1x1s on Tuesdays.

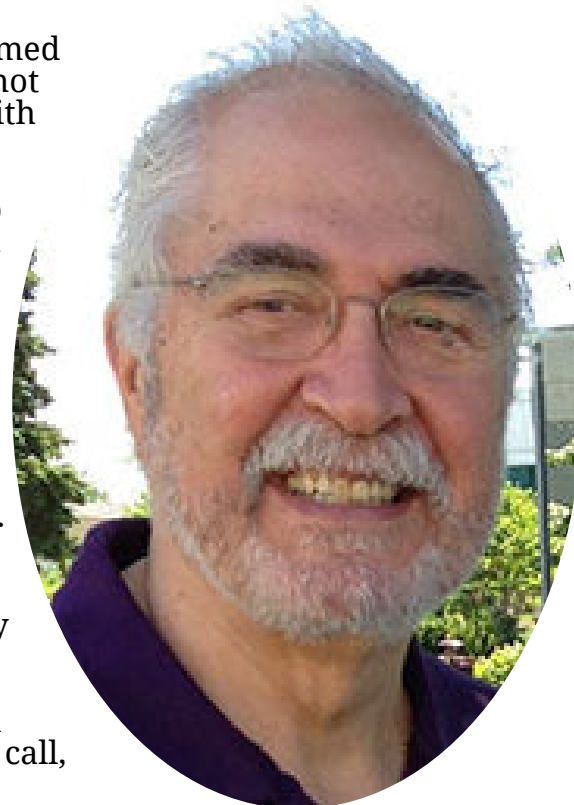
Finally, Michele Parsons has formed a Pyrography club that meets at Klingspor in Hickory once a month from 2-4pm on Saturdays. This month is January 7, 2023. I am planning to check it out and would like some company. If interested give me a call, 516-317-7193.

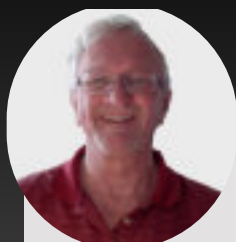
Happy New Year

Bob Gerbe, President

Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

PS Almost forgot. There will be a Storage Room Clean Up on Friday January 6, 2023 at 10am. Shouldn't take long. Followed by lunch for those that are hungry.





Neil McGuire
Editor

From the Editor

It's a New Year, and we have a new (revised) website.

The old site was six(6) years old, and it's like having a thirty (30) year old house, it needed serious upkeep.

The platform on which our site is built, Joomla!, Was updated to a totally new version, which meant the site needed to be updated as well. After about three (3) months of part-time work, it is up and running.

The functionality is the same as the last version, however the images, layout, and color scheme are new.

If you haven't looked at our website in a while (or ever) let me encourage you to go to www.charlottewoodcarvers.com.

The front page has the latest edition of the President's Blog as always.

One little cool section on the home page is "How Did You Learn About Charlotte Woodcarvers". It was interesting asking members that question. Take a look, and if you have a unique story, let me know and I can add it to the list.

You can find out what past presidents have written in their monthly blog by going to the about menu. The Constitution and By-Laws are also on the about menu.

If you are a history buff, you can read the news letters back to the formation of the club. Almost all of them are there under the Newsletters menu.

And then there is the Showcase menu. Click there and you will find information on the 40th Showcase of Woodcarvings, including a link to register. You can forget about being the first to register, Jonathan from Mocksville registered on the 29th.

One section of the Showcase page is the 2022 Flashback. It gives a few statistics from last April. There is a schedule section that will be updated when we have details. I was able to collect a few comments from the 2022 show and put them on the Testimonials section. Again, if you would like to add a comment, let me know.

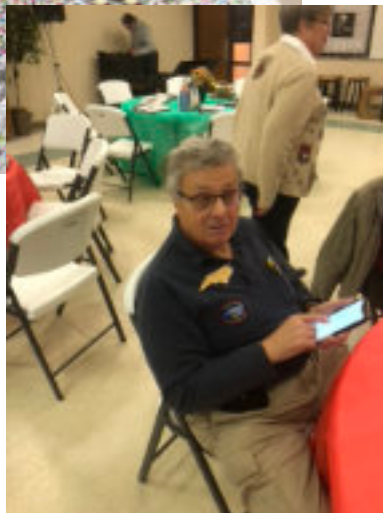
We learned from the 2022 show that the online registration gave us immediate statistics on the show. We were able to print a list of carvers number and spread them around the tables. Also we were able to get the number of entries with a little work.

The final menu is the Resource menu. You can use this to find supply sources, other clubs, ideas, and member links. Again, if you have anything to add, please let me know.

Christmas Party



Metrolina Christian Academy choir sang many Christmas carols for us. Thank you Mrs. Verna Clark and choir members.



What we doin'



Seen at the Christmas party



Spoon carving with Joe Davis





If you carve with us on Tuesdays, you know that Lee Servatius has brought a number of men to the club with him. He also has a new carvers club that he has promoted at his housing development. There has been up to 10 men from the community join him. I went one Monday afternoon and joined them. A nice group of beginners that want to learn. Thanks Lee for your encouragement to these new carvers.

Carvings Needed

Advanced and Open Carvers...Your carving club needs you!!!

As we prepare for the 2023 show, the raffle committee is reaching out for your support. Our goal is to expand the number of finished carvings included on the raffle table. We are looking for high quality, finished carvings that we can include in our raffle.

The purpose of this request is to provide the non-carvers (those not interested in tools or wood that we typically raffle off) who attend our show, with a number of finished carvings to bid on and take home. This is a way to demonstrate the high quality carvings our club can produce and help support the club.

Please reach out to Steve Stillitano (stephenstillitano@yahoo.com) if you are interested and willing to donate a finished product for the show raffle. This can be an ideal time to clean off a shelf and make some room for your new ribbon winning carvings. There is no restriction on when the item was carved — it just needs to be your best work.

Thank you in advance to those that have already donated. Looking forward to a great show!!!

Steve Stillitano



Bob Gerbe
President

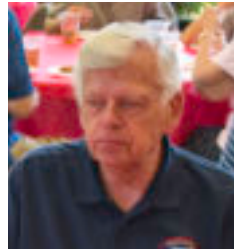
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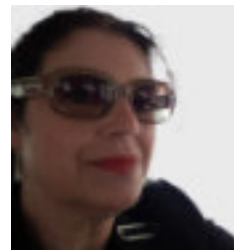
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