



CHARLOTTE WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Volume 41 #2/February 2023

From the President

Hello Carvers

Let's start this month's newsletter with some items that will take action, pretty soon.

Rod Gatlin announced the dates for this year's Wild Acres event, Aug 14-20. As always there will be 2 classes, but the instructors have not been picked yet. However, due to a conflict Mitch Cartledge will not be available this year. As soon as the instructors are confirmed (soon) Rod will announce instructors and pricing and begin taking signups. Rod will give those taking both classes a 2 week head start before taking 1 class reservations. **STAY ALERT.**

Club members will have until March 1st before reservations open to others.

It has been some time since the club has had a 2 day instruction class in our facility for more than just new members. I have asked Rod to do a caricature class in February and I am working on a schedule with the church while Rod works on materials. Watch your email for an announcement.

It is just two and a half months until the Showcase and it is really time to focus on everybody getting engaged and doing their part to get ready. We have really been behind due to the early struggle to get a contract with CPCC.

It is just two and a half months until the Showcase

Continued on the next page

Table of Contents

From the Editor	3
Announcements	5
Calendar	5
Club Officers	7

President's message continued

Steve Stillitano (Raffle Table) has decided to set up TICKET sales discount schedule as follows, \$20 for 60 tickets until February 14, \$20 for 50 tickets until March 15, thereafter \$20 for 40 tickets.

To make the Raffle more appealing to the general public Steve is trying to increase the number of quality carvings from advanced carvers. So far there is only a few commitments from CCA members but within the club not much activity. I am sure there are plenty of pieces sitting dust covered in homes and work shops everywhere. Please help Steve build the Raffle to reach more people. The Raffle is our biggest revenue source paying for the Showcase.

Next, Showcase Co-Chairman, Keith carve for the Show Theme, First second year in a row, a club member has passed away. City fireman and First is helping his wife come to the some of his carvings. The club is Mrs. Ortel and Al & Christy Gaskill First Responder organizations LET'S FILL UP THOSE SHOW THEME



Jones, has asked us all to Responders. For the prominent carver and Peter Ortel was a NY Responder. Bob Warner Showcase and bring providing a table for have reached out to local inviting them to attend. TABLES.

Vendor registration has been open since December and Carver registration is now open. Club members should get all the low registration numbers and pay their 2023 dues while at it.

Last but not least in Showcase News, Vince Avalos and Bill Robinson have secured for the first time two food trucks and at least one will be there on Friday, Set up day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: During February, Tuesday Carving will end at 6 p.m. The church has a group meeting after us.

THANK YOU to all 12 members who showed up to cleanup and organize the storage room and cabinets. Showcase material is ready to go.

THANK YOU to Rocky Paiano for handling the new T-shirt order. T-shirts will be here for the Showcase and inventory for new members & Showcase sales. Long sleeve T-shirts and patches will be at Tuesday carving, Jan 31.

Finally. on Jan 7,2023, Betty Negus, Lisa Murphy-Stafford, Gene Merklein, Rich DiFranco and myself traveled to Hickory, NC at the Klingspor store to attend a meeting of the new Pyrography club. I think all had a good experience and plan to return. The store is well stocked. They attend our Showcase and have built a great classroom with 2 Large screen TV,s. Next meeting February 4, 2023 from 2-4pm and the first Saturday of every month.

Safe Carving
Bob Gerbe, President
Charlotte Woodcarvers Club



Neil McGuire
Editor

From the Editor

I am constantly looking for good information to include in the Editor's page. This wood toxins information was sent to me by Keith Jones. If you find something that you think will interest the group, please email it to me.

Wood Toxicity

- **Class:** Woods are either an irritant which cause a reaction fairly rapidly after exposure and will cause a similar reaction repeatedly, or sensitizers which may have a latency period of hours or months and may require repeated handling before reaction occurs. Sensitizer's are the more severe, because once you're sensitized, you're sensitized for life and the reactions only get more dramatic. A bit like paying taxes to the Gov, huh?
- **Reaction Category:**
 - Eye and Skin irritation (hives, itching, redness).
 - Respiratory problems.
 - Nausea headache, or general malaise, possibly even liver or kidney malfunction.
 - Cancer of nose and sinus. Statistics show that woodworkers have a 40 per cent greater chance of nasal cancer than the general population, but the majority of statistics on nasal cancer are based on data from 1920-1960 when the furniture industry became highly mechanized with little or no dust control methods. So don't freak.
- **Potency: Small, Great, Extreme.** This is the potential of the wood or sawdust doing harm and would vary with the individual i.e., those who are allergy prone might think twice about working with wood classed as extremely potent.
- **Source:** Dust or Wood or both
- **Incidence:** Unknown, Rare or Uncommon. This is probably the vaguest of the categories as most doctors wouldn't know an allergic reaction to wood if it bit them in the face.

Note that this data does not take into consideration Man's penchant for trying to poison himself by using formaldehyde in plywood, treated woods, sodium compounds in white pine to prevent blue stain, etc.

Continued on next page

More information is available on [The Wood Database](#) website.

- Alder: irritant/eye & skin, respiratory
- Ash: irritant/respiratory
- Bald cypress: sensitizer/respiratory/small/dust/rare
- Balsam fir: sensitizer/eye & skin/small/dust/rare
- **Basswood:** Besides the standard health risks associated with any type of wood dust, no further health reactions have been associated with basswood.
- Beech: sensitizer/respiratory/great/dust/rare
- Birch: sensitizer/respiratory, nausea/great/dust, wood/rare
- Black locust: irritant/nausea/great/rare
- Blackwood: sensitizer/eye & skin/great/dust, wood/common
- Boxwood: sensitizer/respiratory/small/dust, wood/rare
- Ebony: irritant, sensitizer/respiratory, eye & skin/great/dust, wood/common
- Elm: sensitizer/eye & skin/small/dust/rare
- Fir: irritant/eye & skin/small/rare
- Hemlock: nasal cancer/great/dust/rare
- Mahogany, American: sensitizer/respiratory, eye & skin/small/dust/rare
- Mahogany, African: sensitizer/respiratory/great/dust/rare
- Maple: sensitizer/respiratory/great/dust, wood/rare
- Mimosa: irritant/nasal/extreme/dust, wood/common
- Myrtle: sensitizer/respiratory/great/dust, wood/common
- Oak, red: nasal/great/dust/rare
- Redwood: sensitizer/respiratory, nasal cancer/small/dust/rare
- Spruce: sensitizer/respiratory/small/dust, wood/rare
- Walnut, black: sensitizer/eye & skin/great/leaves & bark/unknown
- Willow: sensitizer/nasal cancer/great/dust/unknown

Thanks Keith for the information.

Announcements

The 40th Showcase of Woodcarvings

April 14-16, 2022 Show

Theme is: First Responders

Weekly Carving Meetup

- Club carving on Tuesdays from 9am to 6pm. Come when you can, leave when you must.
- We carve at the Cathcart Center, Carmel Presbyterian Church

Calendar

Feb 4	Pyrography cub in Hickory
March	Election of Officers
April 4	First Training Session
April 10	Second Training Session
April 14-16	40 th Annual Showcase of Woodcarvings
June 1	New officers installed
July 11	Summer Picnic
Aug 14-20	Wild Acres

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

Steve Stillitano is still looking for items for the raffle. 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.

Please reach out to Steve Stillitano (stephenstillitano@yahoo.com) if you are willing to donate a finished product for the show raffle.

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



Bob Warner has been working on his pistol packing Hombre.
Beautiful Bob!





Bob Gerbe
President

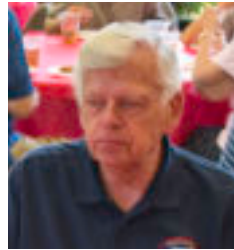
Club Officers



Bill Robinson
Vice President



Steve Stillitano
Board Member



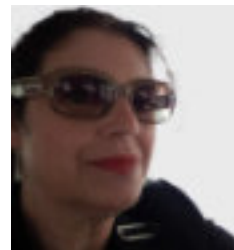
Neil Zyp
Membership
Committee



Tom Bowling
Secretary



David McDaniel
Board Member



Lisa Murphy-Stafford
Showcase
Committee



Rich DiFranco
Treasurer



Rocky Piano
Board Member



Lee Servatius
Board Member



Neil McGuire
Editor