

# CHIPS FROM THE

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Woodcarvers

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## From the President SHOWCASE EDITION

Hello Carvers

**W**ith just 2 weeks to go to the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual "SHOWCASE OF WOODCARVINGS" things are really coming together, and getting exciting.

*Showcase  
Woodcarvings*

Checking with all the Show Committee captains shows that the organization put together by our co-chairmen, Lisa Murphy-Stafford and Keith Jones, is paying huge dividends. My hope is that this team will stay together for 2024 Showcase. They will only get better.

To bring this all together, the annual Pizza Night meeting will take place at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Bill Robinson will be handling the pizza order. All volunteers are invited so let Bill know if you are attending. Explanations will be given about the jobs you have volunteered for and will help the Showcase run as planned.

For the final time we request that you carve something for the First Responder Show Theme.

**A PULL QUOTE GOES  
HERE**

Bob Warner and Neil McGuire have put together an awesome banner for the Peter

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## President's message continued

Ortel table, and we hope that you will all stop at your local fire house, police department, and ambulance houses etc. with promotion cards in next 2 weeks to encourage their attendance.

Thanks to Keith we will be able to promote the 2024 Showcase dates during this years Showcase. The dates for next year are April 26,27, 28, 2024.

Thanks to Rod Gatlin, Rocky Paiano and Jim Horn, next years Show Theme will be **"Birds of a feather flock together"**.

And thanks to Rich DiFranco and Neil McGuire our first magazine advertisement has been published in the April edition of the Union Power Carolina Country magazine. You may see promotions on Charlotte on the Cheap and NextDoor as well.

Finally, the Vendors are highlighted on the last few pages of this Newsletter to help you plan your time at this Showcase.

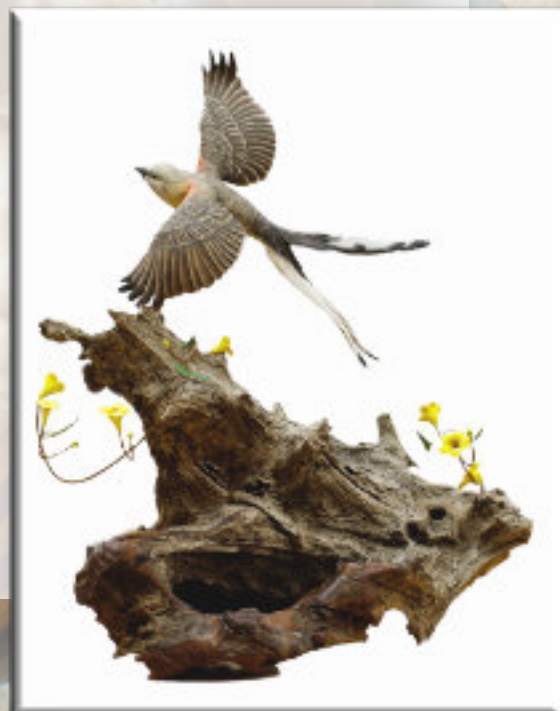
Steve Stillitano predicts a banner Raffle and Silent Auction. He still needs donations of finished carvings to attract the non-carvers from the public who attend our Showcase. Remember, the Raffle is very important to the success of our Showcase.

As a reminder, if you haven't already, please preregister for the show and number your carvings with your carver number before check in.

Finally, Chris Wilson will be our featured carver this year. Chris will be leading 2 seminars for us at the Showcase. He has been a professional carver for over 40. He will be demonstrating his techniques with power carving tools during the Show. He has been promoting our Showcase at his appearances this spring including his contacts with the Charlotte Arts community.

Club elections were held at our last Tuesday meeting and all the current officers and board members were re-elected.

Enjoy the Showcase  
Bob Gerbe, President  
Charlotte Woodcarvers Club



**Best of Birds open division,  
2022, Chris Wilson**



Neil McGuire  
Editor

# From the Editor

This is from Marty Leenhouts, [MyChipcarving.com](http://MyChipcarving.com). He is an excellent instructor of chip carving. He recently sent out this email, and I thought it applies to us.

## Amateurs Practice Until They Get It Right; Professionals Practice Until They Can't Get It Wrong

I got a lot of interesting and thoughtful replies, and have pulled some of the best here.

A couple of times it was mentioned that "**Practice doesn't make perfect**" but rather "**Perfect practice makes perfect**". I couldn't agree more which is why I always recommend starting with the Chip Carving Essentials Course... (editors note: Marty has an instructional business which he promotes. However, having a mentor/teacher is the best way to get the process right no matter the genre.)

Various activities were brought up like golf, skeet and trap, music, driving a boat, flying a plane and bowl turning. While practicing these activities it was mentioned to be patient, practice regularly and put in the time needed to improve. (another note: I believe it is Dwayne Gosnell who suggests carving at least 15 minutes each day.)

This is interesting to ponder, "**Fear and apprehension stand in the way of progress.**" There's truth with this in chip carving. Think about the time when you see a pattern or chip carved item, maybe something I've posted in one of these emails, and you say to yourself, "That's too hard for me."

How are fear and apprehension playing into this thought?

Yes, it might be more challenging than other items you've carved in the past, but what's holding you back from trying it?

Looking at it as a challenge and something that would help you progress in your chip carving skills is a more positive thought to tell yourself.

Don't let fear and apprehension stand in your way of progress!

I would add, in general, don't be afraid to try things, get help from those who have learned the skill, practice what they teach you, and carve away at those things that interest you.

# 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

**If you haven't paid your dues, please do so today.**

## Calendar

April 4	First training class
April 11	Second training class (Pizza Night)
April 14-16	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase of Woodcarvings
May 6	Pyrography club in Hickory
July 11	Sumer Picnic
Aug. 14-20	Wild Acers

Two of our club members attended the Renegade Roundup in Lebanon TN. Rod Gatlin and Leon Linet. Leon was awarded a CCA ribbon and merit award for his carving entitled Funky Chicken. Congratulations Leon.



# Showcase Vendors

We appreciate the vendors who support the Showcase of Woodcarvings Without these find companies we would not be able to put on this show. Thank you all!



Bob Stadlander Woodcarvings, LLC. Everything you need for your woodcarving projects Bob has. Tools, books, abrasives, woodburning, roughouts, basswood plates, and much more. Check out his store at [StadlanderCarvings](http://StadlanderCarvings.com).



We offer a selection of carving knives, tools, strops and carving pieces. Try out the Kevlar gloves we have to protect your hand from being cut by a knife or gouge. Don's [store is here](http://Don'sCarvingStore.com).



KLINGSPOR's Woodworking Shop has become a popular stop for woodworkers around the country. No where else will you find such a huge selection of products to enhance your woodworking. That's why KLINGSPOR's Woodworking Shop has been called "A Woodworker's Dream Store." Check out the [Klingspor Woodworking Shop](http://KlingsporWoodworkingShop.com) online.



Jim Carpenter is an award-winning bird carver. He carves high detail life-like birds which are sold in fine art and craft galleries. Jim has won numerous "Best of Show" awards at contests across the country.



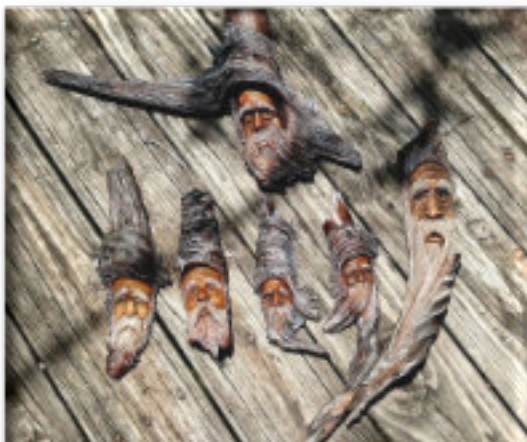
Bill Johnson is a chip carving vendor as well as instructor. Bill won Best of Show in 2018. Check out his [store here](#).



Sly Fox Art is the name given to my hobby Pyrography business. I create unique gifts for special occasions that are one-of-a-kind. Check out Douglas Stainbrook [store here](#).



Don Swartz, Hillcrest Caving. Don is published in Woodcarving Illustrated.



Norval Vansickel is an award winning carver from Florence, SC. He specializes in Bark Carving, and will have a supply of bark



Mitch Cartledge began carving in the early 1980s out of necessity. Carving was a frugal way to provide a gift for my sister. He is a source for many roughouts and information. Check out [his store](#).



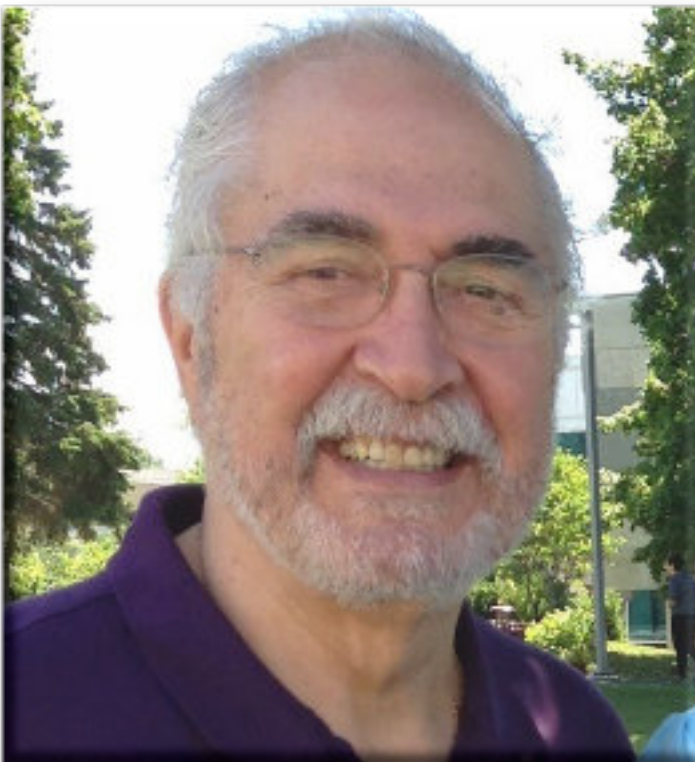
As a Wildfowl artist, Randy Connor prefers to carve realistic, life-like sculptures. Randy began carving as a hobby in 1995, and has since won many awards. Check out his [store page](#).



We are a small husband/wife business, we deal with every customer personally. You will find an excellent knife here at the Helvie table. Check their [store page](#).



Chris Wilson, founder and owner of Wilson Wildlife Sculpture, began his career over 40 years ago. Chris has won 102 Best of Show Awards plus many other awards. He will give two seminars at our show this year in addition to having his carving projects to demo technique. Check out his [store page](#).



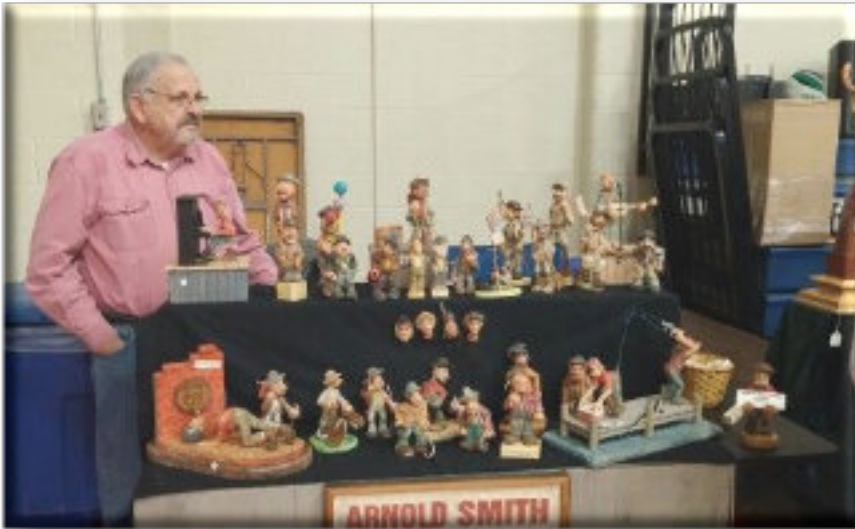
We lost a friend this year to cancer. He was a wonderful husband and father.

It is appropriate that this Showcase theme is ***First Responders*** as Peter was a fireman in the FDNY.

His wife, Madeline, will join us with a table selling his roughouts at a very reasonable price.

Please visit her, and thank her for Peter's service.





Arnold Smith is no stranger to our Showcase. Hummul Carving Company is your destination for carving supplies, wood carving tools, carving patterns and wood burning.



While attending a show, hoping to reignite an old passion, **Kevin Applegate** decided to sign up for a caricature class on a whim with Pete LeClair. This began his love affair with caricature wood carving. Check out his [store page](#).



Ron Dowdy is a favorite carver and vendor of the Charlotte Woodcarvers. He began his caricature carving career in 1990 in a class with Tom Wolfe. He will have many roughouts and finished carvings.

# Club Officers



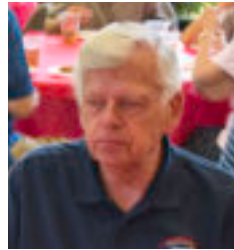
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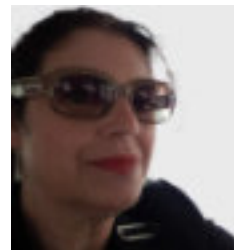
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