



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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OKC ARTS FESTIVAL

For the second year Oklahoma City Wood Carvers were invited to demonstrate at the Oklahoma City Arts Festival as part of their Artful Experience program. Only OCWC and the Oklahoma Art Guild were invited to participate during the entire six day event. Our booth was



well staffed for the entire time. The new club banner was prominently displayed and brought many inquiries about the club. Chuck Wright brought his newest carousel animal, a dragon, and spent many hours actually carving on it. As usual, it was a real attention getter, specially for the children. Another active carving that garnered much attention was Pete Zachry's carving of a large female figure. There were many hours of carving performed on the figure with spectators gathered around.

The activities around our demonstration resulted in a number of videos being made of the booth, the carvers, and the carvings. Bob Smith was on camera as seen in this photo. Reporters from the



printed media also requested interviews and took still photographs. Cell phone cameras were used surprised few minutes to photograph the various carving on display so our activities will be viewed by people for some time to come. Don't be surprised if you see our woodcarving on the internet or on your cell phone.

The weather mostly cooperated except for the rain on Sunday and the high winds on Friday. Otherwise it was a wonderful time had by all. Membership support of this project was outstanding and a big "Thank you" goes out to all those who took part.

HEARTLAND CHAPEL

Our efforts to restore the Heartland Chapel to its former glory is nearing completion. The prayer benches have been replaced by completely new ones and have been installed. Bob Smith and Steve Brandt spent part of a Wednesday morning installing the new benches. The original prayer benches were beyond the point of being restored, so new ones were made of native cedar and the plaques on the benches were newly carved by Al Snawder and Steve Brandt.

The final piece to be replaced was built by Earl Cox (photo right) and is only awaiting its final finish coat before delivery. The piece was redesigned and made from poplar. This will be the information booth for the Heartland Chapel.



Our Losses

It is sad to report the passing of our long-term friend and life member, **Phil Klutts**. He has suffered a long illness and was unable to do any woodcarving for the past several years; however, he truly enjoyed reading the Club's news letter and keeping up with all our activities. For those who did not have the opportunity to know Phil he was always at the Club table with Quimby Enterline taking care of the drawing and generally helping out during the meetings. Phil has truly been missed since his illness prevented his active participation and he will always be remembered by those who knew him.

Ralph Green reported the loss of his mother last month and our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family. Wayne has been in Shattuck for the past weeks but plans to return when possible.

May Program

Alexia Freudenberger

Alexia Freudenberger has a Bachelors degree of Fine Art in Studio Art, as well as a Masters of Education in Behavioral Studies from Oklahoma City University. Alexia teaches our Toddler Art, Early Art, youth and adult art classes for St. Paul's Fine Arts Academy and is also the Design and Administrative Associate for the academy. She is also currently teaching kindergarten through 8th grade art at Messiah Lutheran School. Alexia was a recipient of the Art Talent Award and qualified to participate in the State Regent's Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She received a university endorsement for the Rhodes Scholarship and was a state interviewee.

May Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00 PM,

Panara Bread, 68th & Western

Woodburning Seminar First Baptist Church June 16, 2011

In response to many requests, the FBC Chippers will host a one-day seminar next month. **Elaine Nealy** has consented to teach the class. The class will be held on Thursday, June 16th, at the First Baptist Church, room 311. Cost for the class will be \$30 which includes the \$5 for the use of the Church. **Jay Allen** or **Pete Zachry** will have a sign-up sheet at the May Club Meeting. There must be a limit of ten and each individual will need their own woodburner. Tuition will include two small blanks of Baltic Birch, one for practice and the second for the seminar project.

SHIPLEY CLASS



Mike Shipley came to town to help us with learning to carve his style of caricature figures. He is excellent at teaching to carve with fewer cuts, thus speeding up the process. His unique style is one which the carver can gain the most enjoyment and fun while producing a nice finished figure. Last minute emergencies reduced the class size somewhat; however, there were ample

carvers to ensure a good three-day experience for all those attending. Each of the carvers were able



to complete several projects and even do some serious painting to boot. Show and Tell should produce some excellent examples at this month's meeting.

Show and Tell

Ralph Green presented his intarsia *Spring Chickadee & Tree Frog* done in multiple species of wood.



John Luna's first of two *Cowboy* carvings in basswood.

John Luna's second *Cowboy* carvings; this one in basswood, also.



Richard Dalke showed three study casts (or go-by's) from the knife of Marv Kaisersatt that supplement the instructions given in his book.

⇒ **Pete Zachry** brought his carving of *Karl Oscar* carved in the group carving studying Harley Rafsel's DVD.



Gary James ⇒ presented his version of *Karl Oscar* from the group carving.



Steve Brandt returned from a seminar with this superb carving of a wolf.



⇒ **S a m Escobedo** had fun doing these relief carvings of the Scandinavian Style carvings.



Earl Cox presented three of his recent completions: a human head, an American soldier, and a caricature horse.

Library Business

Our Librarians have completed an intensive review of our Library and found that there are a large number of books checked out and not yet returned. The list of these books will be available at the May meeting, so please check for your name and the books that you checked out. This summer we will be including in the newsletter a list of those not returned. Most of the books are checked out to individuals no longer a member.



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