



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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June Program

This month we welcome forensic artist **Traci Schinnerer** who will be touching on all of the aspects of forensic art with particular emphasis on 3-D reconstructions. Detective Schinnerer of the Norman Police Department began in Law Enforcement in 1994, serving 10 years as a patrol officer before joining the Criminal Investigation Division. She completed the Forensic Facial Identification course through the FBI in 2002 and received certification from the International Association for Identification in 2006. She received over 725 hours of specified training in forensic art and over 150 hours of interview techniques and training. She was recently elected as a member of the Forensic Art Certification Board and, in 2004, was recognized by the court as an expert witness in the forensic art field. She's been an adjunct professor for OSU-OKC and is currently involved with assisting the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office by doing 3-dimensional clay reconstructions on some of their cold cases.

Get Ready for the Show

Our Show Chairman is getting ready to distribute the show brochures and applications. Overall, the brochure is much like last year's with a couple of exceptions. First is the building which we will occupy. This year we are in the Arts & Crafts Building. The second change are the cost figures for those participating as vendors, exhibitors, and competitors. No change was made to those using the Club Table. Again this year we will have a breakfast at Hometown Buffet Sunday morning.

Heartland Chapel Project Complete



With the efforts put forth by **Earl Cox** we have now completed the renovation of the Heartland Chapel located at the east side of Robinson, across the street from the east arch of the Murrah Bombing Memorial. The last of the items to be rebuilt was the information booth. The old booth was totally replaced due to serious deterioration. Earl and Bob Smith managed to rebuild most of the items in the chapel.



Earl Cox and David Rogers install the new booth.

Learn to Draw ??

Alexia Freudenberger presented our program at the May Club meeting where she emphasized the need for all artists to learn to draw by seeing the subject clearly and letting the hand-eye coordination do the work.



In the illustration she is encouraging everyone in the audience to draw a picture of their hand while not looking at the paper or pencil. This technique teaches one how to actually see the subject being depicted. The first couple of tries resulted in much moaning and grumbling, but after a few tries the audience began making considerable progress. She encouraged each person to then use this technique in smaller increments by looking at the subject, then draw a small segment and then return to see the next segment.

Great Plains Woodcarving Show

James Hooper and Ron Schessl represented OCWC at Wichita, Kansas, last month and each brought home some blue ribbons. The Wichita show is a combination of woodcarving and sculpture competition so it presents not only art in wood but, also, clay and bronze. There was plenty of inspiration on display by both art forms and many of the exhibitors took part in both. The show was really well attended by OCWC on both Saturday and Sunday.

July Program

May of 2010 saw a series of severe thunderstorms move through Oklahoma City and sent everyone running for their storm cellars. This is exactly what happened the day of our Club meeting, so the turnout was really low. That month we had an excellent program brought to us by Donald Nevard who is a local attorney and an expert model shipbuilder.



Because there were so many requests that the program be repeated for those who missed it, Donald has consented to come back in July for a repeat performance. Be certain to be there, it is a really great program.

August Program

Jim Franklin is a world class sculptor from Perry, OK, who does all styles of sculpture from large bronze statuary to low relief and medallions. He has tentatively agreed to be the program in August. He is undergoing surgery but is expected to be back at work later this month. OU fans may know him by his "1978 Heisman Award" bronze of Billy Simms located on the OU campus. He has bronze figures located in Hugo, Perry, Langston here in OK. His "Pistol Pete" is one of the best, too.

Woodburning Seminar

Those who attended the January meeting are familiar with Elaine Nealey's style of woodburning. The First Baptist Church will host another one-day seminar on Thursday, June 16th, featuring Elaine teaching woodburning. The cost will be \$30 which will include a couple of pieces of wood to work on. Be certain that your woodburner's tips are clean and sharp so you can be ready to go without much preliminary prep work. She will have a pattern for you but you can be ready to get some help if you try something of your own design. To sign-up, contact Jay Allen or Pete Zachry.

Here is the little flower Elaine did during her program at the club meeting in January. Progress was slow because she stopped many times to explain exactly what she had done and to tools she used.



Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Association Show this Month

Our friends up the turnpike in Tulsa are having their show June 17 & 18. This is a Friday and Saturday event which is a little different than most others. Tulsa's judging is somewhat different than most others in that they do their own judging. They have several teams of three judges who score each carving in their assigned categories and then the three scores are compared and any significant difference is rectified. The three scores are averaged and ribbons are awarded. Phil and Vickie Bishop will be the featured carvers for this show so those who know them should surely try to attend and wish them well.

SHOW AND TELL



Steve Brandt brought this version of what he named "Billy Hill" carved in basswood.

Gary James presented his version of "Tatter and Tress", a couple carved in basswood and painted with acrylics.



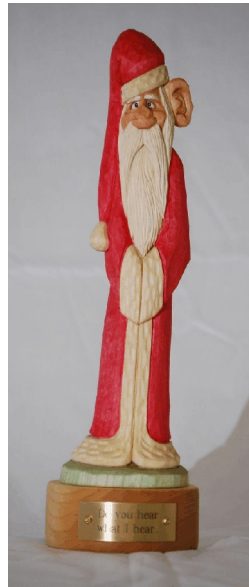
↳ Jerry Wooliver brought one his many bark carving he has done in recent months.

Sam Escobedo carved this bark carving. ⇨



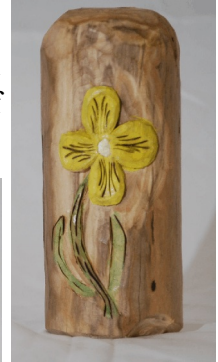


Combined intarsia and woodcarving skills were shown here on **Ralph Green's** "Cross and Dove".



Jay Allen presented three of his latest carvings – Santa, Santa with tree, and Uncle Sam.

Pete Melton showed his relief of a flower.



↳ Pete Zachry brought a "work in progress".



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