



# OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

## 2011 Officers

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## Denny's Knife Class

By John Luna

First the blade style was selected. **This shows some of the styles that I bought as extras. The "O" steel blade.**



We were allowed to make Two Knives in the class. Denny provided the handles and blade blanks. I made a chip Knife with a handle of OAK and a long bladed Knife with a handle of Oak & Leather.

The blank measured 1.68 mm Thick, 12.40 mm wide at the base & 93.66 mm in total length from the tip to the base.

**The blade blank was shaped** by grinding first and then filing.

We used belt grinders, W/220 & 180 grit belts, clamped upside down on a bench to pre-shape the blade angle for sharpening later.

### HARDENING THE "O" STEEL BLADE

Using a homemade forge made from a piece of square tube steel lined with fire brick, with a 2"X

2" hole cut in it, laterally and a hole drilled through the top, to insert a propane torch for heat. We held our blades in the forge with pliers until it heated to Cheery Red, the full length of the blade plus a quarter of an inch of the shank, then Quenched the blade in Vegetable Oil.



The Blade was then polished to remove fire scale, being careful not to overheat the blade, which would remove the hardening.

**Tempering** was done with a torch flame played across the Blade until it turned a light straw color then quenched in water. Too much heat and the hardening would be ruined and would have to be repeated.



Each student walked away with two knives.

## Coming Programs

**October:** The meeting will be used to help get ready for the show. We need to get the packets ready and the procedural changes in the judging process will be reviewed. Additional activity will include the next step in electing next year's officers – the announcement of the nominating committee selections.

**November:** Sharpen your knives – you'll need them. We have Bob Gentry and Earl Cox to lead a "BALL CARVING CONTEST". For those who haven't done this before, it's simple. All that you need to do is carve a wooden ball. Judging the winner is easy. The ball that rolls farthest and straightest, wins. It's great fun so plan on joining in. In addition, we will be electing our 2012 Club Officers.

**December:** Our annual Christmas Party is the December event so gather up your very best "open dish" recipe and keep your schedule open. The second item on the agenda is the installation of the 2012 Club Officers.

## NEW MEMBERS

We managed to pick up two new members during September.

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## Woodcarving Show on TV

Richard Dalke is set to be on live TV promoting this year's show. Cox cable channel 7 and Direct TV channel 52 will carry the program *Oklahoma Live* with Richard as a guest. The program will be Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

## John Engler Class

Our judge for this year's show will be John Engler and, as is the custom, he will be teaching a three day seminar immediately following the show. The relief carving class will be October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The project will be a scene in relief in either basswood or butternut and either a rectangle or an oval. Cost of the class will be \$125 plus the cost of the project piece. By special arrangement he has agreed to stay over an extra day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to teach a painting class. The extra painting class will cost \$55. Classes are scheduled for the woodcarving rooms at the First Baptist Church.

## STATE FAIR DEMO

OCWC was invited to demonstrate woodcarving at the State Fair again this year. A good crew showed up to ensure that our booth was well manned.

Ralph Green stayed busy along with Les Stotler, John Amicon and several others.



## Oklahoma Arts Council

The OCWC show committee and officers have obtained a grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council to help defray the expenses of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual "Artistry in Wood" Show and Competition. This and other grants and gifts do much to ensure the show continues to be a resounding success.

## SeptemberFest at the Capitol

The annual SeptemberFest held at the State Capitol area is one of the best venues for reaching a broad section of Oklahoma Citizens. This is the fourth year we have been invited and it seems to get better each year.



This year Walt & Harriot LaGrone, Steve Brandt, Richard Dalke, and John Luna manned the booth for the Club. Unfortunately, this event came on the same day as our annual picnic so participation has been light. Thanks to all those who helped with all the events of that day.

### Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – 7:00 pm

Panara Bread – 68<sup>th</sup> & Western

## Affair of the Heart

The weekend just before our show *Affair of the Heart* has invited OCWC to be a guest demonstrator for the three day show. We have **Gary James** to thank for doing the legwork to get this opportunity for us. We will have a 10 by 10 foot space just inside the front doors, an ideal location. We cannot sell our wares; however, we can promote our show and sell tickets.

This will be one of the best exposures to a really large crowd we have ever had. Attendance is expected to exceed 80,000 during the event. Our banner will be prominently displayed and we can promote the Club and all our activities.

Due to limited space, volunteers will be limited; however, if you want to take part, contact Gary James.

## SHOW & TELL

The past few months there has been a serious fall off in membership participation in Show & Tell portion of our club meetings. There are surely more who could bring an item so others could have a look at their work. It need not be a new work or even your best piece. The idea is to take part and be available to give help and inspiration to others. Everyone has something that will be admired by another. Pick up a piece and bring it along next Monday so we can have a look at it.

## GOLDEN SPREAD WOODCARVERS

Our friends in Amarillo, Texas, are having their show November 19 & 20, 2011. This year's judge will be Debbe Edwards. She will be teaching a three-day class just preceding their show. Anyone interested can contact Richard Dalke or Pete Zachry for more information.

## INFORMATION

**Membership** is open to individuals who are interested in woodcarving or the promotion of woodcarving. Annual dues are \$24.00 per family.

**General Meetings** are held on the second Monday of each month (except September) at the City Arts Center, 3000 Pershing Blvd., on the State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, at 7:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are provided by Club members.

**Business Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday following the general meeting at Panara Bread located at 68<sup>th</sup> and North Western, in Oklahoma City at 7:00 PM.

**News Letter** is published each month and mailed to all members during the first week of each month. Any one having news of interest to the membership or having an announcement relating to the Club or woodcarving should contact the Editor prior to the last day of the month.

## CARVE-INS & CLASSES

### Monday

1:30 - 4:00, Midwest City Community Center

### Tuesday

9:00 - noon, Church of the Epiphany

9:00 - 12:30, Shawnee Seniors Center

### Wednesday

9:00 - noon, Woodson Park Seniors Center

### Wednesday Evenings

6:00 - 9:00 PM, Church of the Servant

### Thursday

9:00 - 11:30, OKC First Baptist Church

9:00 - 11:30 Brand Senior Center

(501 East Main Street, Moore)

noon - 3:30, Edmond Seniors Center

### Friday

9:00 - noon, Yukon Senior Center

9:00 - noon, Saint Luke's Methodist Church

### Saturday

9:00 - noon, Woodcraft Store

**October Club Meeting / October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**City Arts Center / 7:00 PM**



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