



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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Build a New Carousel for Oklahoma City?



Celia Moor, representing Design Spectra, presented a proposal for building an entirely new carousel for the new Downtown City Park. The carousel will be an entirely new facility with a unique design specific for Oklahoma and our State's history. The project would involve artists throughout the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area and would take at least three years to complete. The idea is to build the project with volunteer artists working in public in a building somewhere in the Bricktown area so the general public could monitor the entire process.



Overall cost of the project will be provided by public and corporate donations and would not require government funding – at least no direct funding. There would surely be a need their involvement in several aspects, but no tax monies dedicated to the effort.

Celia brought with her an artist's rendering of one potential design for a horse with the Oklahoma shield as the centerpiece. The proposal is the forty to fifty carousel animals be carved in Basswood so there would be ample numbers to permit periodic replacement as needed for maintenance.

Fund-raising for the project is currently underway and she is looking for those who would be willing to volunteer their time and talent to the project. She indicated that we would be kept informed as to the progress of the proposal as it develops.

The Club Has Wood

Several of our club members have donated wood to the Club for our use. Charles Moore, Larry Mars, and Shelby Davis have given us their extra wood that they would not be using, so there is a supply of various kinds, shapes, etc. available. Pete Zachry will be bringing some of this to the next club meeting so the members will be given the opportunity to take some – FOR A REASONABLE DONATION TO THE CLUB'S TREASURY, of course. Since the board chose to not have an auction this year, this is an opportunity to pick up some good carving wood and help the Club at the same time.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

Friendship Cane – The current club project of creating another "Friendship Cane" was started in January so everyone should have their block ready for this month. Please bring your block to the meeting so Pete Zachry can begin assembly. If you cannot get it ready in time, please get it to Pete as soon thereafter as possible.

April Program – **Wayne Davis** will be bringing his scroll saw to the meeting for a demonstration and explanation of this art form. Wayne has been an active member of OCWC for many years and we have seen several of his pieces at the club meetings and at our show.

Volunteers for April:

Refreshments – D.J. Boyce and Tim Hataway

Door Prize – Jay Allen

Hospitality – need help with this

Show & Tell



D.J. Boyce's "Chip Carved Plate"



D.J. Boyce's "Chip Carved Box"



D.J. Boyce Jewelry Box

D.J. Boyce presented three of his chip carvings. The Jewelry Box is an improved

version of the design from last month.



Pete Zachry presented a study cast from Debbie Edwards and his version in Basswood.



"It's a Fine Morning" Pete Zachry

Pete Zachry brought his fox bust based on a Debbie Edwards study cast and a full figure girl done with the help of Adina Huckins.



Robert Brunson Buffalo and Cowboy

Bob Brunson showed his Buffalo and his Cowboy bust.



Ralph Green "Cross"

Ralph Green brought these two crosses to display.



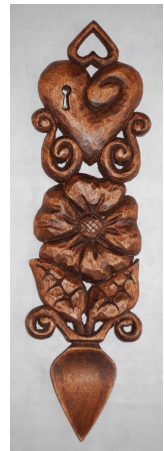
Ralph Green Hook and Cross

This highly decorated spoon is the work of Brian Pitts. >>>



Lincoln by Richard Dalke

<<< Richard Dalke showed his "Lincoln" carved in Rusty Johnson's two day class held last month at the First Baptist Church.



Brian Pitts Lovespoon



Harriot LaGrone Small Bark Carvings "Refrigerator Magnets"

Harriot LaGrone is still carving small Gnome Homes. These are equipped with magnets for the refrigerator door.



Walt LaGrone displayed his "Lizard on a Walking Stick"

Walt Lagrone brought two of his walking sticks. This one is a lizard on the cane. The second was a snake (no picture).

Springfield

For its second year in operation, the Springfield, MO, woodcarving event was well represented by OCWC carvers, in fact, several car loads. The classes were many and varied so everyone was able to get something they were really interested in. We should have good representation from these members at Show & Tell this month.



Tim Hataway was being really careful by wearing his glove. His concentration is obvious.



Kent Wallace was paying very close attention, too.

Thanks to Richard Dalke for the photos and the good report.

John Engler Painting Class

On April 14, we have scheduled John Engler, our Judge at last year's show, to teach a one day class on painting. The class is a follow-up to the 3 day class on Relief Carving where 12 of us carved various relief projects.

The **BONUS** for this painting class is he will teach you to paint any woodcarving you want to bring. So, whether you have a Relief Carving or something else you have carved, John will show you how to paint it. The cost of the class is \$55 per and John will provide all of the paints and brushes.

The class will be held at the First Baptist Church, 11th and Robinson, from 9:00 to 5:00, Friday and Saturday, April 13. We currently have openings for additional participants who would like to learn John's unusual painting techniques. Please call Jay Allen 326-1758, Kent Wallace 819-0460, or Richard Dalke 255-6168, if you have further questions or want to enroll in the class.

Adina Huckins Seminar

The Adina Huckins Seminar scheduled for June 5th through the 7th will begin accepting deposits at the April Club Meeting. A deposit of \$100 will ensure you a place in the class and the quicker you get your deposit in, the more likely you are to get into a class that will surely fill quickly.



Those who have already ask to be in the class will have first choice; however, the usual rule is that at least one or two will develop conflicts and need to drop out; therefore, we should have several alternates standing by, ready to step in.



Cost of the class is \$180 plus the rough-out at \$32.00. She will help with a project of your own design if you like. The class will be held in Mustang and is limited to twelve. The photos at the left are the primary projects and most carvers should complete the girl's face (top photo) during the three day

class.

Editorial * * * * *

Most of us have surely noticed that Carl Tibbits has found it necessary to step down from his posts in the Club and has decided not to renew his membership. Those of us who have worked with Carl and Shearlene for many years understand and appreciate the enormous efforts they have made in our behalf. Carl spent many years as newsletter editor and created our Club's first web page. As web administrator, his service to the Club and our overall efforts cannot be overstated. Carl and Shearlene, we all wish you the very best of everything and you will always have friends among woodcarvers wherever the future takes you. Thank you.

There is more to be said here, however. If you have not noticed, the web site is once again up and going and the distribution of the newsletter is getting better. However, we do need to do a complete audit of the membership and the mailing lists to ensure that all is up to date and accurate. Towards this end I am listing the names of the members who we show as not yet

submitting their renewal for 2012. It is possible that many members have memories similar to mine. Things seem to slip my mind from time to time, and my mind gets more slippery with each passing year. In transferring the various membership documents it is possible that we introduced some confusion and those of us trying to get everything back on track need your help.

Those on the following list are in good standing as of the beginning of this year; however, we need to confirm the intent of those who do or do not intend to renew their membership. If your name is on the list and you have already paid, please bring this to our attention. We are not trying to charge you twice. Your \$24 is enough.

As soon as I can confirm the membership list, I will be preparing an Annual Report that will include an accurate roster. It will also include the By-Laws, lists of former honorees , and other club data.

Thank you for your help and patience.

*Pete Zachry
Editor*

Renewals not yet received: * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

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| Jay Allen | Steve Brandt | Tom Bruening |
| Shelby Davis | Wayne Davis | Clyde Fosdyke |
| Jayne Harless | Bob Hanynes | Debby Jordon |
| John Luton | Jim McDowell | Robert Melanson |
| Pete Melton | Arlynn Mohr | Randy Pratt |
| Mack Roark | Fred Self | Al Snawder |

If your name is listed here by error, please forgive **my** error. Let us know and it will be promptly corrected. This is surely not intended for anything other than a request for your help and, if it applies, a friendly reminder. Please help us out if you can. We need all the help we can get.

Thanks again,
Pete Zachry

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

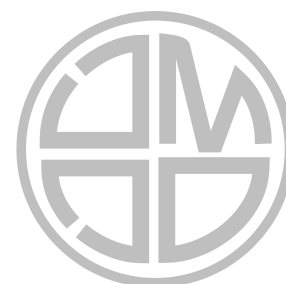
7:00 PM, CITY ARTS CENTER

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:00 PM, PANARA BREAD

68TH AND NORTH WESTERN



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