



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

2013 Officers

Pres. Kent Wallace
V. Pres John Amicon
Sec Sam Escobedo
Trea. Bob Brunson

NEW OFFICERS

Kent Wallace has now assumed the responsibilities as OCWC President and one of his first acts was to accept volunteers for some key posts – Richard Dalke to serve one more year as Show Chairman and Pete Zachry to serve one more year as Newsletter Editor. (Club members should take note that new chairs for important positions will be needed for 2014, so give serious consideration to stepping up to help early so you can familiarize yourselves with the task prior to year's end.)

Kent has just retired from civil service with the IRS. He is also just completed two terms as Vice President and a Member of the Board of Directors.

Vice President duties would not prove difficult for John **Amicon** since he served a couple of terms as president previously. He has also served as Treasurer and been a member of the Board of Directors for many years.

The only officer returning for a second term is our Secretary, **Sam Escobedo**, thus there will be continuity and the business should flow smoothly into the new year. It should be noted that Sam is in his final year as Secretary and will not be able to serve an additional term in this office.

The new Treasurer is **Bob Brunson** and he represents the only new member of the Board of Directors. Bob is a retired Missionary and teacher with the Nazarene Church. Bob and his family served in Latin and South America as well as the Mid-East in Lebanon.

Richard Dalke will return to the Board of Directors as the Immediate Past Present, replacing **Pete Zachry** who has stepped down from the Board.

Kent has decided to move the Board of Directors meeting to the third Wednesday of each month immediately after the carve-in at Woodson Park.

(January meeting is 1/16/2013)

SPRING CLASSES

Carving classes scheduled for the Spring are readying for the opening. **Bob Gentry's** Wednesday night class at Church of the Servant (Methodist) is located just north of Memorial Road (Kilpatrick Turnpike) on MacArthur Boulevard. Classes actually begin on Wednesday, January 30th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. If it difficult to get there that early it OK to come in later since the instruction is mostly a one-on-one affair. There is a small fee for the use of the Church facilities. For the advanced class the project will be a stylized Madonna and child carved in basswood.

Elaine Nealy Woodburning

If you haven't put your name on the list for Elaine's one-day class in wood burning you will have another chance at this month's meeting. Pete Zachry is handling the sign-up so you can see him, or Jay Allen, before the meeting or during the break.

CHRISTMAS WITH WOODCARVERS



The OCWC Annual Christmas Dinner was welcomed with a great social event for us all to kick off the holidays. Those who managed to work the event into their busy schedules left well fed following a fine chance to just visit with one another. The evening proved to be fun with only minimal business – introduction of new officers and several announcements.



SHOW JUDGE SELECTED

Richard Dalke has selected Debbie Edwards to judge our 2013 "Artistry in Wood" annual show. The choosing of Debbie followed lengthy discussions by the Board and Show Committee. Our policy of inviting the judge to conduct a seminar following the show ensured we would have another great class. The specific project has yet to be determined; however, the price is set at \$175.00 plus any rough-out or materials you may choose. A sign-up list will be available at this month's meeting.

From the President, et. al.

> The Program this month will be a DVD, "Relief Carving in a Different Light", with David Bennett. This is "High" or "Deep" relief.

We plan to have Kevin Walker teach a seminar in this style in the near future. For those who don't know the name, Kevin won Best of Show in 2012 and 2010 here in OKC.

> We look forward to promoting woodcarving in the Oklahoma City area. I feel that it is important that we take opportunities to make ourselves visible in order to increase appreciation for our art and to recruit new members. We have an opportunity to do just that. On January 23, 2013 we have been invited to do a demonstration and show some of our work at the downtown branch of the Oklahoma City Library. Anyone interested should arrive at 11:30 a.m. We will be showing our work from 12:00 – 1:00.

> Dallas Degee has been invited to conduct a three-day seminar later this spring where he will have each carver create his own project from design through completion. Carvers usually complete more than one piece in the seminar. You can't draw? Dallas will prove to you that you can. He's done it many times without failure. Surprise yourself!!!

> The carving group at the First Baptist Church are actively pursuing instructors for one-day, monthly seminars for all area woodcarvers. Several classes are simply awaiting schedule dates of the two and three day seminars so everything doesn't crowd together. The plan is to set the one-day events to compliment the major, multi-day classes.



BEST OF SHOW 2012

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Officers



President

Kent Wallace

722-6397

Vice President

John Amicon

769-7593

Secretary

Sam Escobedo

528-1952

Treasurer

Robert Brunson

470-0183 / 249-3989

VOLUNTEERS

It is the beginning of the year again and we need a lot of volunteers to keep our meetings up to standard. Three categories:

Refreshments (we need two each month)

Door Prize

Hospitality

Kent will have a sign-up sheet. Please help where you can. It really helps our meetings.

Membership and Meetings

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 68th 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.

FORGOT ABOUT YOUR DUES?

WELL, HERE IS YOUR REMINDER

Our dues are still really low at twenty-four dollars per year – due January each year. Paying your dues on time is a great way of saying "Thank You" to those members who voluntarily give many hours of their time to keep our club alive and offering the many services and benefits you receive.

\$ 24



OCWC NEWS
3505 Rolling Lane
Midwest City, OK 73110