



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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CHUCK TO BRING HIS EAGLE

February Program to Be Chuck Wright and His Eagle Relief

For those who do not know our local professional carver, Chuck Wright, the February meeting will give you the chance to not only meet him, you'll get to see him at work.



For the last year or so, Chuck's company, *Architectural Accents*, has been working on carvings for churches and private homes (including Bob Stoops' new home) and all this just following building a new home for his family. He even finds time to teach a woodcarving class at the Norman Vo-Tech each Saturday.

Chuck is a native Oklahoman, being raised in the Tahlequah area, where he graduated from Northeastern Oklahoma State. He has worked in the building and construction industries before becoming a full time artist. His association with

the Oklahoma Woodcarving Club goes back many years and includes serving as Show Chairman for two years. He also has been our show judge for several categories including the whittling contest.

Chuck's work on carving and restoring full size carousel animals has brought him accolades and high praise throughout our region. The photo



(above) shows Chuck busy carving a full size Hippocampus during the OCWC demonstration at the Oklahoma City Spring Arts Festival. His carving stand is designed and built by specifically for working on large projects.

2013 SEMINARS

This year is off to a fast pace for setting up seminars for local carvers. Four seminars are now set and three were filled within days; however, we are signing alternates since there are almost always some who have unexpected conflicts arise at the last minute.

MARCH 16TH Elaine Nealey has a return engagement to conduct a one-day seminar on woodburning. As before, the class will be held at the woodcarvers' room at the First Baptist Church. To get your name on the Alternates List contact Pete Zachry.

APRIL 8 & 9 Dallas Deege from Old Texas Woodcarvers will be teaching a two-day class called "*Mad Art of Caricature*" based on Tom Richman's book. Dallas will accept fourteen so there is one opening left for now. Again we will need alternates, so contact Jay Allen to get on you're the list. Cost of the class is \$90 which will be payable at this month's meeting. Should you not be able to make the meeting, please get your money to Jay or one of the club officers by the end of that week. There will be an additional \$10 due at the opening of the class to pay for materials and facilities. Need tools? – contact Old Texas and he can bring your order with him.

MAY 20TH - 22ND Kevin Walker will be conducting a three-day seminar on his style of relief carving. His project will be a decorative cross similar to the one that won a blue ribbon at last year's show. The opportunity to join this class will be at this month's meeting and the cost will be \$150 plus \$60 for the project blank with the background cut back with a router and the usual \$5 for the church's facilities. A deposit will be required by March to ensure your place in the class. Additional information will be available at the club meeting.

OCTOBER 21ST – 23RD Debbie Edwards will instruct a few carvers lucky enough to have placed their names on the list. The class filled immediately, but don't despair. The alternates list is still open and there are always last minute withdrawals. Contact Pete Zachry to get on the list. Final details will be announced at a later time.

Downtown Demonstration

Again this year OCWC was invited to take part in the Oklahoma City Arts exhibition/demonstration



in downtown where our event was scheduled at the Main Library. Four of our membership displayed their works and talents before the lunch crowd. Steve Brant, Evelyn Moore, Sam Escabedo, and Kent Wallace were able to take the lead. The effort earned \$100 for the OCWC Treasury.

Volunteer Teacher Needed

Regina Valuikas will be unable to teach the high school woodcarving class for home schooled students next year. We need a volunteer to replace her on Mondays, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City. Contact Regina or Pete Zachry for more information. Classes start with the Fall Semester.

SHOW & TELL



Editor's Note:

No names this month. My error with my apologies.

Pinewood Derby

One recent Saturday morning a young man and his Dad came by our carve-in searching for help with preparing an entry in the Pinewood Derby. Richard Dalke agreed to help and the boy returned with the City Wide, Second Place trophy. Dylan Asher, Cub Scout Webelo, is just barely larger than his trophy.



COMING PROGRAMS

APRIL – a special program is scheduled with Dallas Deege of Old Texas Woodcarvers Shop. His presentation will be on the art of carving caricatures. Get this one on your agenda – it's sure to be a really good one.

MAY -- Local sculptor, Bob Willis, will be demonstrating just how easy it is to sculpt a bust. Bob teaches sculpting in his studio on NW 30th Street just west of Western (next door to the House of Clay).

Payed Your Dues?

Now is the time.

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