



# OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

<i>2015 Officers</i>	
Pres . . . . .	Steve Brandt
V. Pres. . . . .	Tim Hataway
Sec . . . . .	Pat Priest
Trea. . . . .	John Amicon

### Volunteers for January

#### *Refreshments:*

*Kent Wallace  
&  
Richard Dalke*

#### *Door Prizes and Hospitality:*

*Harriot La Grone*

### **Next OCWC meeting**

7:00PM

Monday, January 12th

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds  
Contemporary Arts Center

January Board of Directors

11 AM, Wednesday Morning  
January 21, 2015

### Newly Elected Officers

#### For 2015

President: Steve Brandt  
Vice President: Tim Hataway  
Treasurer: John Amicon  
Secretary: Pat Priest

### Membership Dues

It is a new year, so it is time to collect the dues for 2015. The continued low price of \$24.00 per family for a whole year is a bargain. Let's try to get all the dues turned in by March 1<sup>st</sup> this year. You may pay by check or cash at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, or mail a check to our treasurer, John Amicon at: 504 Country Lane, Midwest City, OK 73130. Make checks payable to: **OCWC**

### January Program

Bring your first carving (or an early carving) and be prepared to tell us why you started carving. We all have a story and we want to know yours. Also, we will have our regular show and tell time for you to bring something you want to share with us.

### AFFAIR OF THE HEART

#### February 6, 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>

*Sign-up sheet will be available at the January meeting. The "Affair of the Heart Committee" has graciously invited us again to have a table to advertise and show our Woodcarving Club. It is another good opportunity to try to get more craftsmen interested in our club and woodcarving. Shifts are usually 4 hours and you are given a parking pass and bracelet that will let you in all of the buildings.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****Ozark Woodcarving Seminar  
Springfield, MO  
March 23-27, 2015**

Several of our members attend this seminar each year. There are still openings in several classes, including: Gerald Sears and Dave Stetson doing caricatures, Stu Martin who does human realistic and Jim Willis who does animal realistic.

[www.ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com](http://www.ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com)

**Burke's Western & Wildlife  
Art Workshop  
July 18-24, 2015**

*This is another event several of our members attend at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. There are several instructors to choose from and the price includes room and board in the dorms at the college. Rumor has it that the food is supposed to be really good. Applications are available at:*

[www.westernwoodcarvers.com](http://www.westernwoodcarvers.com)

**Editor's Comments:** The happenings of this past few weeks have made Tim and I very thankful to be associated with a group as fine as OCWC. Your support for our family, Jo and Bob Gentry and John Luna has been overwhelming. Thank you to a class act group of people for your response to our club members. We love you.

**The Woodcarver  
By Everett Ellenwood**

*I saw this piece of wood one day  
When I picked it up it seemed to say*

*There's something hiding inside of me  
Remove some chips and you will see*

*I looked to see what I might find  
And soon an image came to mind*

*My task was now to set it free  
What's hidden in this piece of tree*

*With loving care each cut was made  
Wood peeled off with a sharp edged blade*

*And as each chip fell to the floor  
I could see the object more and more*

*By one final cut it was set free  
My work of art for all to see*

*This piece of wood which would just lay  
And see its body soon decay*

*Was now transformed and given life  
With careful cuts of gouge and knife*

*By carving something from this tree  
It lives again because of me.*

***Thanks to Wally Stephens for this poem.***

*"Art is running away from home without leaving home." The art of woodcarving is a journey that takes the carver to a whole new world of amazing discoveries that includes creativity, technique, imagination, friendship and an inner tranquility of accomplishment. What does every carver do upon finishing a carving project? Look forward to beginning another carving project. From Don Mertz*

## *Christmas Party 2014*

Our Christmas party was a great success with great food, good fellowship and some unexpected entertainment that we all thoroughly enjoyed. We had good attendance and I'm sure nobody went away hungry (if they did, it was their own fault). The picture below is of our entertainment for the evening. Thanks to Pat Priest and DeAnna Dalke for the song they shared with us.

Pat Priest and DeAnna Dalke



### *Rusty Johnson's Class*

A number of people enjoyed another fine class at the First Baptist Church earlier this fall. Taught by Rusty Johnson of Tulsa, the class project was a bear, standing in a stream with a salmon caught in its mouth. The wood was a beautiful butternut rough outs supplied by Rusty and was wonderful to work in. The bear was in a stylized form and most were about ready to start sanding by the end of the class. Rusty is a great and personable teacher for all levels of carving ability.



### Woodcarving Classes At Church of the Servant

The Wednesday night group that meets at the Church of the Servant will continue carving on Jan 28th. We are very saddened by the loss of the groups' founder, Bob Gentry, but we know that he would want the group to go on mentoring new carvers. The group meets from 6:00 – 9:00pm in the community hall of the church.



### Tongue-in-cheek takes on common Carving tools and materials:

**Tip #1 Carving Glove:** To make your spouse feel better when you start carving. Also gives your spouse a distraction from the blood while he/she is driving you to the emergency room for stitches.

**Tip #2 Woodburner:** Mystical tool that heats up and cools off at will, usually cooling off when touching wood and heating up when exposed to skin.

## 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.

**Board of Directors Meetings** is held on the third Wednesday of the month at Woodson Park Senior Center in Oklahoma City at SW 29<sup>th</sup> and May Avenue at 11:00 AM.

**News Letter** is published each month and mailed or emailed to all members during the first week of each month. Anyone 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. Articles are welcome from all members and can be emailed or called to the editor.

## Woodcarvers Officers

*President*  
**Steve Brandt**  
464-2066

*Vice President*  
**Tim Hataway**  
990-0828

*Secretary*  
**Pat Priest**  
250-5654

*Treasurer*  
**John Amicon**  
830-5634

*Editor*  
**Barbara  
Hataway**  
348-5681

bhataway@cox.net





JOHN AMICON  
504 COUNTRY LANE  
MIDWEST CITY, OK 73130