



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

<i>2015 Officers</i>	
Pres	Steve Brandt
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Volunteers for August

Refreshments:

Harriot LaGrange

Door Prizes and Hospitality:

Barb Woodbury & Bill Medina

Next OCWC meeting

7:00PM

Monday, August 10th

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Contemporary Arts Center

August Board of Directors

11 AM, Wednesday Morning
August 19, 2015

The Program this month is the Auction. Please bring items, to be donated and sold. All proceeds go to the club to help with the Show. Items that are carving related are preferred but other sound items are welcome.

OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR
SEPTEMBER 17-27TH

Please consider putting one or more of your carvings in to be judged. We had lots of ribbon winner's last year. Registration for entering your pieces in the fair is from July 1 to August 15th. Entries will need to be delivered to the fairgrounds September 12th or 13th and picked up on September 28th or 29th. Entry forms can be found online or Richard Dalke has some.

SIGN UP FOR STATE FAIR DEMO

Please consider signing up to work part of the day for the State Fair Demo on September 23rd (which is also Senior Day at the Fair). You will bring something to carve on and maybe a few carvings to show people and be available to answer questions about carving and our club. Kent will have parking passes for us too. We always have a good time. Sign up will be available at the August meeting and also I'm sure you can talk to Kent Wallace anytime to volunteer. Tickets for the raffle and the show will also be sold that day and the Nativity Scene will be on display.

The Annual OCWC Picnic will be held on September 12th at Stephenson Park in Edmond. The park is located on Boulevard between East 4th and 5th streets. Bring enough food and drink for your family. Plates and utensils too.

Raffle and Show tickets are now available to be sold or bought.

Door Prizes for OCWC 2015 Show

Carved door prizes for the show will be needed for the hourly door prizes. If everyone contributes one, we will have plenty. Thanks in advance.

First Annual Firefighter Appreciation Award

The OCWC has created this new award. It will be presented annually. Area firefighters will choose a committee who will judge the carvings. To be eligible, the carving must be done by a person who is fully registered in the OCWC annual show. Club table entries are not eligible. The makeup of the firefighter judging committee will be determined by the firefighters themselves. The amount of the award is \$50.00 and will be funded by the OCWC. All active duty and retired firefighters will be admitted to the Annual OCWC Show at no charge.

**IMMEDIATE NEED
NATIVITY SCENE PIECES**

Please turn in your nativity scene pieces by the August meeting. The pieces will need to be ready in time for the state fair. Then we can sell raffle tickets for it on our day at the fair which is September 23rd.

September Fest at History Center

The club will have a table or two at the Oklahoma History Centers "September Fest" for demonstration and display, again this year. It will be at the Oklahoma History Center on Saturday, September 12 from 10am to 4pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Richard Dalke or Steve Brandt.

Low Relief in Clay – Jim Franklin

Contributed by Pete Zachry

The long awaited class with the sculptor, Jim Franklin, has now come to pass. Jim is an accomplished sculptor well known beyond the boundary of Oklahoma. It took nearly a year and a half to get all the schedules together for him to give an exclusive seminar to a group of woodcarvers/sculptors. The class was limited to ten and, luckily, there were enough alternates sign up to ensure the full ten attended despite four resigning at the last minute. The Church of the Servant was kind enough to permit the class to be held in their excellent facilities. The combination of facilities and the studio equipment Jim brought made the entire experience fun and highly informative.

The subject matter selected by the students was an eagle and a big horn sheep. Most chose the eagle in profile; however, several decided on the sheep in three-quarter front view. This limited selection made it somewhat better for Jim since he was able to give group instruction rather than everyone requiring individual help on different projects. He also took some time to give an overview of sculpture around the world with some discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of specific works.

Those attending have had nothing but praise for Jim and the class. His explanation of bas (low) relief certainly carries over to woodcarving techniques. He was very careful to keep most of his instruction targeted toward the needs of woodcarvers rather than simply creating art for casting in bronze or other media. The bottom line seems to be that everyone had a lot of fun, learned some good stuff, and felt their time had been well spent. Thank you to our instructor Jim.

Church of the Servant Classes

Classes are going well. The carvers meet at the church on Thursday evenings from 6-9PM. The church is located at 14343 N. MacArthur Blvd. They also have a brand new top of the line Burke tool sharpener.

TRIPPING WITH TIM, STEVE & DAVID

Steve Brandt, David Porter and Tim Hataway took a little carving trip (and left Barbara at home). Their first stop was in Holton, KS (David didn't go there) and Tim and Steve spent three days of instruction with Gerald Copeland. Then they were off to Crete, NE to Doane College for instruction with Vic Hood for 5 days. It was room and board at the dorm (that's why I didn't go) and it was a great experience for all of them. David stayed for a second week. They would recommend it to all carvers.

Fifty Years Ago —1965 to 2015

Contributed by Pete Zachry

In May, 1965, Leonard Payne and Nathan Jarnigan were involved in a wood carving class at the School of Continuing Education at St. Luke's Methodist Church. With the help of Carl Tangner the organized the Oklahoma City Wood Carvers Club in May of that year with Jarnigan as the first President. Within that first couple of years OCWC also became the officially recognized as the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Woodcarvers Association.

There is no official connection with the St. Luke's Church and OCWC; however, the early membership came from classes and the Club was a splendid outreach for beginner wood carving hopefuls. Dues were set at \$3.00 per year and one-fourth of the membership were female. The Club decided to sponsor an annual wood carving show in June of each year. The first meeting's program was presented by Dr. Otis Duncan. The second meeting

presented Prof. Darrel Swinsford, an art teacher from Chickasha.

The first newspaper report relating to OCWC activities was in October and included a photo of Leonard Payne demonstrating a chip carved box to Mrs. Richard R. Harrison and James Weaver. The following year showed a giant step up in activity and news coverage with articles featuring Chick Faris, a former policeman, and Mrs. Richard Harrison. Mrs. Harrison was also covered by the Daily Oklahoman teaching twelve wood carvers at a seminar at St. Luke's Church. CHARTER MEMBERS: Nathan Jarnigan, Carl Tanger, Wyn Kroier, Leonard Payne, J.W. Owens, and James Weaver.

Loren Woodard's bark carving class will be coming right after our show and you will need to have your \$60 deposit in by September. Total for the class is \$125.



Jim Franklin's clay class with Bob Smith and John Luna is looking on.



D.J. Boyce



Richard Dalke



**Richard White
Great Story**



Bob Smith



Steve Brandt



Bill Dalke

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 Senior Center in Oklahoma City at SW 29th 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.

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