



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

2013 Officers

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STUFF YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

GARY BATTE: There is still one opening left in the Gary Batte Woodcarving Seminar to be held immediately after our show. We very often need a couple of stand-bys on the list for the last minute drop-outs so please see **Kent Wallace** for details and to sign up.

NATIVITY: Pieces for the Nativity set have been disbursed and are being worked on. This is the same pattern set used last year but will not be painted. The set will have a natural finish to it this year that should look very nice. Several pieces have been completed; however, we still need the remaining pieces. Please get the rest of the carvings to **Kent Wallace** as soon as possible. . .all should be finished by August so that the set can be displayed at the State Fair for raffle ticket sale.

CLUB SECRETARY: **Clyde Fosdyke** has accepted the Secretary's job. Clyde has done this previously so the Board of Directors will still have experienced members taking part. Thanks Clyde.

BOB NEAL, life member of the OCWC passed away last month. He was 84 yr old, born in Wetumpka in 1931. Served in US Army in Korea. A sign painter, baseball player, woodcarver and knife collector. Bob was the longest continuous member OCWC has had. He first joined in the late 1960's. His membership record is unlikely to be equaled anytime soon.

Bob is survived by daughter Cynthia and son Jason.

4H Club Woodcarving Underway

A request for help from the Regional Director, Mr. Secraw, of the 4H Club in Norman Oklahoma came in to put on a two day wood carving class during June. I was called by our club president to handle this request for our club. The dates were set as the 15th and the 17th and times from 8 am until noon each day we ran over each session as no one was ready to quit.

I ordered 15 Knives, 15 Beginners Carving Books, some white gold honing compound from Evert Ellenwood. Mr. Secraw ordered from Dr **Steven Brant** several Chip Carving Practice Boards and Strops, which I delivered, I collected some of the Comfort Bird Blanks and some Ball in a cage sticks, from by Ralph Green and I was given a few Gloves donated by other members. I purchased some stretchable bandage, to make thumb guards with.

Thus armed I went to Norman and had good time working with the 4-H group and telling them about our club and our show in October. I forgot to take pictures the first day and almost forgot the next session as I was busy helping them with their carving. We will be invited back to do this again.

John Luna

Editor's note: John has some really great stories to tell about this project. Be sure to ask him about it.

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Refreshments . . . **Gerald Hudson &**

Stan Pace

Door prize . . . **Barb Woodbury**

Hospitality . . . **need volunteer**

EARS

The May program was *Carving a Human Ear* and last month's meeting featured a number of results from the challenge to carve one in a small piece of Basswood.



COMFORT BIRD PROJECT



Sam Escobedo reports that the distribution of comfort birds will begin very soon. Several hospitals have been contacted and final procedures are coming quickly. Thus far over 30 birds have been turned in and more are on their way. The variety of woods is really impressive.

From the Out Going Editor:

The time has come for someone new to take over the editorship of the OCWA newsletter. I first took over the reins as editor in 1996. There was a period when Carl & Shearlene Tibbets did the news and, again later when Barbara and Tim Hataway took over and their work was excellent. Everyone really appreciated them greatly.

However, the time has come for another member(s) to assume the role of editor. It is not a difficult undertaking, but one does require one to pay attention to what is happening. There are a couple of events each month that need to be attended either by the editor or a representative.

As for the format of the newsletter, it need not be an elaborate document. For many years it was simply a one or two page, typewritten list of announcements. Simply a one or two line entry for most things is enough for the members know a little about what has happened and what the next month may bring. It can be done in just a few minutes each week without much to-do.

Someone or some group will need to step forward or we will be without this much needed service.

I wish to thank all those who have helped me over the past twenty years. Without their help the newsletter would have surely floundered with only my efforts. I am certain my successor will find help from the same kind of people that I had stand with me. This is my last month as news editor. Again, thank you all. It has been fun.

Pete Zachry

SHOW AND TELL

Bill Medina displayed two of his shoes.



D.J. Boyce showed his Butterfly.



Richard Dalke proudly presented his carving of a flower. This won a blue ribbon at this year's EOWA show in Tulsa.



Steve Brandt just returned from a seminal where he carved a series of caricature heads.



Scott Haycock didn't demonstrate the hand carved children's top from his carving collection.



He also brought several other carvings from his collection to share with us.

Club Items for Sale

The Club has a number of items that are meant to support our activities and promote woodcarving in general. Among these are the Club Patches suitable for vests, ball caps, jackets, etc. A second item that is often overlooked is the supply of coffee mugs with the club logo and our signature woodcarver.



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.

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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