

2020 Officers President Evan Vinson Vice Pres. Keith Newark Secretary Dan Nealey Treasurer John Amicon

DUES DRIVE!

It's the beginning of a new year, and it's time to pay our dues! Our club relies on these funds to pay the rent on our meeting room, the club storage facility, and various other expenses associated with running the club. You can pay in person or make your check out to OCWC in the amount \$24, and send it to:

John Amicon 504 Country Ln. Midwest City, OK 73130

REMINDERS

Next Meeting – 7:00 Tuesday, February 25th at Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center.

Topic: Evan will talk to us about how to make an effective strop for our carving knives.

Refreshments: Coffee

Door Prizes:

Hospitality: First Volunteer

At our Last Meeting...



Keith Newark gave a presentation on how to plan the layout of a workshop. He prepared a diagram of his own workshop and brought copies for the members in attendance which he used to illustrate the reasons behind his organizational scheme. Pete Zachry brought three pieces to share with the club: a completed bas-relief, a partially completed work-in-progress, and a cut-out with the pattern still attached. Pete is an expert carver, so it's always a treat to see his work and to hear what he has to say about it.



These three examples helped to illustrate the methods that he uses from beginning to end. It was also a reminder that we don't need to finish our carvings before sharing them with the rest of the club. We all can benefit from seeing how others approach their work.

Jackie Hitchcock shared a nicely executed woodburning of a horse's face. This was her first pyrographic effort, which made it even more impressive. We hope that she will have more to share in the future



People are welcome to bring carvings, pyrography, or any wooden project that they would care to share with their fellow club members.

New Members

We'd like to welcome six new members to our club: Marvin Jones, Terry Newman, Brian Pitts, Jim Siggins, Rhonda Talkington, and Terry Tyler.

Porcelain Art Museum Exhibit



Elaine Nealey spoke to the club about how to make information cards for the carvings that will be on display at the Porcelain Art Museum. The exhibit will run through February and March. Currently on display are pieces by Pete Zachry, Richard Dalke, Dan & Elaine Nealey, and Fred Self.

The museum is located at 2700 N. Portland Avenue, and its hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. For more information, please contact Sandra Patterson at (405) 822-2885 or Susan Schmidt at (405) 947-2061. **NOTES from President**: Make it rain ...in chips that is!

ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

Good News! The 'Artistry in Wood' Show committee has been formed, and October 31 and November 1 have been reserved at the usual location at State Fair Park. The committee still will need a member or two, and we will be defining what is needed. And as always, we will need many volunteers at the show. We will be meeting monthly, so more information will be coming as we proceed. If you are interested in being involved in this project, please contact Evan Vinson for more information.

COMING EVENTS:

March 7 & 8, 2020

RHAPSODY IN WOOD

The premier woodcarving event in N. Texas! Grapevine Convention Center 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX http://www.ntxcarvers.com/

March 15 – 25, 2020 OZARKS WOODCARVING SEMINAR 10th Annual Woodcarving Event Springfield, Missouri http://www.ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com/

April 25, 2020

INTERNATIONAL WILDFOWL CARVING DAY

Chosen to coincide with the 50th annual Ward World Championship wildfowl carving competition in Ocean City, MD, this day was chosen as an opportunity to increase awareness of wildfowl carving. Carvers are encouraged to share their work and talk about their experiences on social media, such as Facebook, and to organize demonstrations in libraries and other public places.

Woodcarving Class

Chris Christenberry has taken over teaching Chuck Wright's woodcarving class at the Moore Norman Technology Center. The class lasts 10 weeks and is given twice a year – once in the spring, and again in the fall. It runs from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm each Saturday. The spring class began on February 1st and it will run through April 11th. Although the class is billed as Woodcarving for Beginners, more experienced carvers have also taken the class. While the beginners work on a single assignment, the others are free to work on projects of their own choosing, and Chris takes time to work with each person individually. For more information, please call (405) 364-5763 or visit the tech center's website at www.mntc.edu. Be sure to ask about their senior discount!

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