



# OCWC News

## Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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2021 Officers	
President	Evan Vinson
Vice President	Keith Newark
Secretary	Elaine Nealey
Treasurer	John Schaller

### NEXT MEETING

**When:** 7:00 – 7:40 PM Tuesday, January 26

**Topic:** Show and Tell

Please join us for a video meeting on *Zoom* using your smart phone, tablet, or computer with a camera and microphone.

To Join Zoom Meeting click on the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76242667597?pwd=azBUOGZHUDY3WDJXRWRsaW4ycWx6UT09>

NOTE: The meeting will not be open until just before 7:00pm Jan 26.

### AT OUR LAST MEETING...

We had seven members attend our last Zoom meeting, including two who don't usually attend the regular meetings. You don't need a Zoom account or app to join in. When 7:00 rolls around, just follow the link shown above to sign in. If you have any carvings for show and tell, be sure to have them close at hand.

### 2020 SPANGLER AWARD

The Spangler Award for 2020 went to Dan and Elaine Nealey for their service to the club. It has been awarded to members each year beginning in 1980.



The Nealeys were pleased and honored to be among the members selected. They will keep the trophy throughout the year and then pass it on to the next recipient.



### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to ask that everyone have their show 'n tells ready to show for the next monthly meeting, as time is of the essence. Also, feel free to ask any and all questions, comments, and concerns you may have.

Let's all continue to stay safe and happy. Try to speak/FaceTime at least once or twice a day in order to keep the blues at bay. Carve on!

## **CARVE-INS & MORE**

### **Woodson Park**

There's still a place for us to carve together at Woodson Park on Wednesday mornings. Spacing will be six feet apart and masks are optional. There's no need to call in advance; we can just show up and carve.

### **Will Rogers Senior Center**

We now have a weekly class/carve-in at the senior center at Will Rogers Park from 2:00 – 3:00 every Tuesday afternoon. John Luna and Clyde Fosdyke are the instructors, but they would welcome any other members who want to join in.

### **OCWC Facebook Page**

Our club's Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and to see what other carvers have been doing. Be sure to visit the page, and share pictures of your work.

## **A QUESTION FOR OUR MEMBERS**

Richard Dalke has a request:

I came across a post about Loess Hills Sawmill's basswood. Looking at their website pictures basswood, butternut and cottonwood bark are really nice and the prices are not too bad. Has anyone ordered from them at:

Email: [loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com](mailto:loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com)

Phone 712-310-4154

<http://www.loesshillssawmill.com/>

If so, please let us know and we will let everyone know.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Earl Cox**

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, longtime club member Earl Cox passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age

of 80. Earl was born in Okmulgee and spent his younger days living on a farm near Beggs. While he was still in grade school, his family moved to Midwest City, where he would continue to live for most of his life.

Earl married his high school sweetheart, Janice, and together they raised three children. During his working career, he served in the National Guard, delivered milk, and worked at Tinker as a warehouseman and then as a computer operator. In 1969 he began taking classes at Central State College while continuing to work full-time. In just four years, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. He continued to work with computers, moving his way up the line until he retired as a Chief Systems Analyst after 30 years with Tinker. Soon after, he returned to work there as a consultant for private contractors. After another 10 years, he hung up his hat for good.

His hobbies included carpentry, restoring antique furniture, and working on cars. As most of us know, Earl was also a talented woodcarver. He was an active, involved member of our club, and he once served as president. Always friendly and willing to help when he could, he will be remembered fondly by many.

### **Gary James**

Our treasurer, John Schaller, received the following email from Gary's wife, Pat:

I received the letter from the club and wanted to let you and other members know that my husband, Gary James, passed away from Covid on Nov. 24. You may have not known Gary as we moved from the area in 2014 but he cherished his fellow woodcarvers and had many good memories of woodcarving in Oklahoma City. He started a carving class at our church in Princeton, Il. and also carved in Ottawa, Il. and Bettendorf, Iowa.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **2021 OZARKS WOODCARVING SEMINAR**

**March 14 – 19, 2021**

**Springfield, MO**

For more information, please visit

[www.OzarksWoodcarvingSeminar.com](http://www.OzarksWoodcarvingSeminar.com) or  
contact John Engler at (417) 209-6842 or  
[John@JohnEnglerWoodcarving.com](mailto:John@JohnEnglerWoodcarving.com).

### **RENEGADE WOODCARVERS ROUNDUP**

**March 22 – 26, 2021**

**Lebanon, TN**

Instructors will be Gary Fallin, Mitch Mitchell  
Cartledge, Rich Weatherbee, Chris Hammack,  
and Carol Leavy. Rich will hold a clay modeling  
and painting class in the evenings of March 19  
– 21.

### **RENEGADE OCTOBER**

**October 18 – 22, 2021**

**Lebanon, TN**

Instructors will be Gary Fallin, Roger Steagall,  
and Dwayne Gosnell. More details to follow.

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