



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 – 9:00 PM Tuesday, July 27

Program: Carve off with prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Bring a knife, pencil, strop etc. of your choice.

Please join us in person or through *Zoom* using your smart phone, tablet, or computer with a camera and microphone. To join the Zoom meeting, please click on the following link just before 7:00 pm:

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

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Nine members showed up for our last meeting – eight in person, and only one through Zoom. The people who were there brought plenty of interesting carvings for show and tell, and John Schaller brought cookies for everyone to enjoy. Afterward, Richard Dalke presented an interesting demo on painting a carved gnome.

Show and Tell:



John Luna shares a cowboy, an elephant and three other nicely carved pieces.



Fred Self talks to us about three of his artful carvings: a staff, a priest and a bas-relief ram.



Keith Newark tells us about his latest wooden abstract piece and the meaning behind it.



Evan Vinson talks about his miniature caricature carving – one of five carvings that he brought to share.



John Schaller talks about his skillfully done architectural carving, which was one of four pieces that he brought for show and tell.



Richard Faulkner tells us about his beautifully finished cinnamon teal carving.



Kent Wallace shows off his Mark Gargac cane.

Thank you all for sharing your work!

Painting a Carved Gnome:



Richard brought four pieces in different stages of completion. The first is a block of wood with a gnome pattern drawn on all the surfaces. The second is an example of a large, carved gnome. The third is a small finished gnome, and the fourth is an identical gnome that he painted as we watched. The patterns can be found in Nikki Reese's book "Carve a World of Gnomes," and is available for \$9.99 through Fox Chapel Publishing.

Richard began by telling us about coating the carvings with mineral oil to prevent the paint from soaking into the wood and spreading. He then began painting with craft paint that had been thinned with a little water.



After the paint is dry, Richard recommends finishing it with a little neutral shoe polish.

Throughout the demo, he gave us useful tips for shading, finishing, and more. Overall, it was a fun evening filled with useful ideas, advice, and a healthy dose of camaraderie.

If anyone is interested in doing a presentation either at the meeting or in his or her own workshop using Zoom, please contact Evan Vinson to make arrangements.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey there carvers! We need volunteers if we're going to have any shows this year or the next. COVID is not the reason we haven't had anything going on as of late; it's the lack of volunteers. So let's get motivated and get some fun stuff going on in OKC!!

ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITE

For various information about upcoming events, carve-in locations, links to other sites, and more, please visit our website at www.okcarver.org

OCWC Facebook Page

Our club's Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and to see what other carvers have been doing. Here is a link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/217513548580943/>

A link can also be found on our club's website. Be sure to visit the page and share pictures of your work.

The International Association of Woodcarvers hosts a meeting via Zoom that takes place each Saturday at 3:00 PM EST, (2:00 PM here in Oklahoma City). Each meeting features a skilled professional carver or someone from a related field who discusses his or her work with the attendees. More information can be found on our club's website.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW

Scissortail Park
405 S Robinson Ave.
Oklahoma City
July 24th and 25th

Come on out, and show off your woodcarving skills! We've been invited to perform a 30 to 60-minute demonstration at the Outdoor Adventure Show. This show is aimed at people who enjoy outdoor recreation, such as camping, fishing, and hiking, and it seems like a great opportunity to introduce younger people to the joys of woodcarving. More information can be found at <https://www.metrofamilymagazine.com/event/s/outdoor-adventure-show-at-scissortail-park/>. If you're interested in participating, please contact Evan Vinson.

2021 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

We have been asked once again to demonstrate our carving skills and promote our club at the State Fair. The date is September 22nd. Please let Kent Wallace (405-819-0460) know if you will be able to help out with this worthwhile project and whether you would prefer a morning, afternoon, or all-day shift.

2021 and 2022 ARTISTRY IN WOOD

As of this writing, no one has expressed an interest in volunteering to help with the upcoming Artistry in Wood shows. Without volunteers we will not be able to get these shows off the ground. If we're going to have a show at the fairgrounds next year, we will need to pay a large deposit soon, and unless we're able to get a commitment from a few of our members to help put the shows together, we will need to cancel plans for both the 2021 mini show and the 2022 show at the fairgrounds. If you would be willing to help out, please contact our Show Chairman, Evan Vinson. Even if you don't have much to contribute, every little bit helps!

JOHN ENGLER SEMINAR & CLASS

September 13 – 15 (carving only)
September 16 (painting)

This class is currently full, and there is a waiting list.

John Engler will conduct a three-day relief carving seminar this fall, followed by a one-day painting class. The cost is \$180 per person for the seminar, while the painting class is an additional \$65, which includes paint and supplies.

John Engler will also be at the Ozark Woodcarving Seminar in Springfield, MO in March, 2022. More information will follow in the newsletter as it becomes available. Up-to-date information can be found on the club's website, www.okcarver.org. Just click on the "links" tab. A link to the Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar can be found under "Useful Web Sites."

If you've been watching and waiting for a particular carving class to come along, it's time to speak up! Please contact Evan Vinson with your wish list of classes or instructors. We need your input so that we will know where your interests lie.

CARVE-INS & MORE

Woodcraft

9301 N May Ave
Saturdays, 9:00 am – noon
Contact store at 405-748-8844



A few fellow carvers enjoy getting together at Woodcraft.

Woodson Park Senior Center

SW 33rd & S May Ave.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am – noon

Contact Pat Priest at 405-250-5654



Pete Zachry posted this picture on the club's Facebook page with the following caption:

Activity is growing again on Wednesdays at Woodson Park. This is the oldest carve in OKC, started in the early 90's by Jim Christ. No mask required. Coffee available.

Will Rogers Senior Center

Beginners and More Class/Carve-in

Senior Center at Will Rogers Park

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Instructors are John Luna and Clyde Fosdyke.

Contact John Luna at 405-919-7103

Yukon Senior Center

Robinson Activity Center

Highway 66 & Mustang Rd

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am – noon

Contact Earl Feese at 620-629-3479

Edmond Senior Center

Mitch Park near Santa Fe & Covell Rd (206th St)

Wednesdays, 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Contact DJ Boyce at 405-341-1111

Church of the Epiphany

7336 W Britton Rd (Enter on the west side of the church.)

Tuesdays, 9:00 am – noon

Contact John Hale at 405-283-0057

Church of the Servant

14343 N MacArthur

Mondays, 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Contact Bill Medina at 405-888-0919

Midwest City Senior Center

Midwest Blvd & Reno (behind the post office and fire station, just east of the library)

Mondays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Contact Pete Zachry at 405-732-2888

Brand Senior Center in Moore

501 E Main

Thursdays, 9:00 am – noon

Contact Fred Bidwell at 405-464-0290

COMING EVENTS:

WOODCARVING AND ARTS FESTIVAL

September 10 & 11, 2021

Central Park Community Center

1500 S Main St.

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

This show is sponsored by the Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Club.

GREAT PLAINS WOODCARVERS SHOW & SALE

October 2 & 3, 2021

Cessna Activity Center

2744 S. George Washington Blvd.

Wichita, KS

For more information, please visit OKCarver.org and follow the link to the 'Great Plains Woodcarvers' site.

RENEGADE OCTOBER

October 18 – 22, 2021 - Lebanon, TN

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

Woodcarvers of NW AR Show & Sale

Nov. 6 & 7 – Rogers, AR

For more information, please visit OKCarver.org and follow the link to the 'Woodcarvers of NW Arkansas' site.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Please mail dues to John Schaller

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