



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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2022 Officers	
President	Marvin Jones
Vice President	Evan Vinson
Secretary	Elaine Nealey
Treasurer	John Schaller

NEXT MEETING

When: 7:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday, August 23
Where: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
Program: Maintaining your Sharpening Stones

AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

Evan Vinson will demonstrate techniques on how to level your sharpening stones. If you're having trouble getting a good, clean edge on your knife, or if the edge is a bit wavy, your sharpening stone may be the problem. Evan will also talk about the various types of stones available and proper use and maintenance techniques for each.

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Our July meeting was mainly devoted to last minute show preparations. About 18 members showed up to pitch in. Thank you to all who volunteered your time and effort to make this show happen!

Show and Tell:



Our youngest member, Norah Plain told us a about the Christmas ornament that she carved and painted.



Jim Mason shared his carved spoons and spools with the club.



Evan Vinson talked to us about the gnomes that he carved recently.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to say "Thank You" to all who participated and helped with our club show on August 12. We could not have had the show without your help and participation. I want to say a special "Thank You" to my co-chairman, Richard Dalke, for all his work on show preparation the past several months, like training judges and keeping the club informed of show activities at our monthly meetings.

Thanks to those who bring "Show and Tell" items to our monthly meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

We have six new members this month, Norah Plain, Mark Thompkins, Sarai Jones, Kyong Reem, Wayne Bower, and Lauren Porterfield.

At eleven years old, Norah is by far our youngest member. She carves with her grandfather, Dan Manning, whenever she can, and they attend the Wednesday morning care-ins in Midwest City together. She is an inquisitive young lady who enjoys the arts, and she's a good athlete, as well. She loves being around other people and having the opportunity to interact with them.

Mark Thompkins is a seasoned woodcarver. He learned Scandinavian fan carving by watching his grandfather carve. His love of carving has continued throughout his life, and he has given most styles a try at one time or another.

Sarai Jones has been attending meetings for several months, and she has been involved in other club activities, such as acting as the photographer for our Artistry in Wood show.

Welcome to our club!

2022 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

It's almost time for the Oklahoma State Fair, where our club will be demonstrating woodcarving to the general public. The carving event will take place on Senior Day, Wednesday, September 21. If you would be

interested in spending a little time showing off your skills, please contact Kent Wallace for more information. If you sign up, you'll be given a parking permit, so be sure to let Kent know in advance.

OCWC CAPS & SHIRTS

Caps and shirts with our club's name and logo embroidered on them can be ordered through John Amicon.

Tee-Shirt with Club Name and Logo \$15.00

Plain Tee-Shirt \$5.00

Caps with club logo:

Regular Solid Top \$16.50

Regular Mesh Top \$20.50

The shirts come in your choice of black, red, royal blue, or sport gray. Sales tax will be added to your order. John can be reached by phone at 405-830-5634 or by email at j.amicon@cox.net.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

A special "thank you" goes out to the members who have posted pictures on the club's Facebook page and who sent pictures to the editor to publish in this newsletter. If you have photos or news items for the newsletter, please email them to elainealey@cox.net or text them to 405-808-2111. Your input is always appreciated!

ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITE

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

OCWC Facebook Page

Please visit our club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/217513548580943/>

ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

Artistry in Wood 2022 was a success! We had 30 artists displaying their art and many entered some of their pieces in the competition. The competition included 149 entries in 26 categories. For the first time, we had 11 club members who participated as judges on 3 teams of judges. This was a new experience for most of them, and it certainly broadened their experience and knowledge about carving.

The success of the show was due in many ways to the efforts of the club members who volunteered to help. We had a good turn-out, and several people remarked on how much they liked the new venue. There were old faces and new, and many great carvings. We plan to do it again next year.



Our judging committee at work

Photos from the Roger Stegall Class



A few of Debbe's carvings.



Photos from the Debbe Edwards Class





CARVE-INS & MORE

Potential Carving Classes

Evan Vinson has been working hard to line up a few carving classes for us. We will need to have a minimum of 8 – 10 people sign up for each of these classes before we can make a firm commitment. Please let Evan know if you would be interested in signing up for any of the following classes:

- Phil & Vicki Bishop (caricature)
- Al Vigil (chip carving)
- Alec LaCasse (cottonwood bark)
- Chris Hammack

Please contact Evan at 405-250-7692 with any ideas you may have for classes.

Randy Landen Class

Enough people have signed up for Randy Landen's class to make it happen. Evan Vinson is currently working with Randy to determine when and where it will take place.

CARVE-INS:

Woodcraft

9301 N May Ave

Saturdays, 9:00 am – noon

Contact store at 405-748-8844

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

**The hours have changed for the summer!
For \$2 you can eat there at noon and then
carve the rest of the afternoon.**

Robinson Activity Center

Highway 66 & Mustang Rd.

Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri., noon – 4:00 PM

Contact Earl Feese at 620-629-3479

Edmond Senior Center

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

Thursdays, 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.)

Thursdays, 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

Wednesdays, 9:00 – noon

Contact Pete Zachry at 405-732-2888

Brand Senior Center in Moore

501 E Main, Moore

Wednesday, 9:00 am – noon

Thursdays, 9:00 am – noon

Contact Fred Bidwell at 405-464-0290

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Please mail dues to:

John Schaller

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And finally...

The tallest tree in Wales got damaged by a storm and was supposed to be cut down, instead chainsaw artist Simon O'Rourke found a better solution to symbolize the tree's last attempt to reach the sky.

