



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, September 27

Where: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center

Program: Sharpening Simplified Video

AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

We will be watching the first part of a video by Everett Ellenwood. Mr. Ellenwood is an award-winning carver with over 30 years of experience. During that time, he has developed and perfected his own sharpening technique. He has written books and magazine articles about carving, and he has taught classes in both carving and tool sharpening.

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Evan Vinson gave an interesting demonstration with some information and a few tips on how to level your sharpening stones, which stones are better than others, and where to buy supplies.

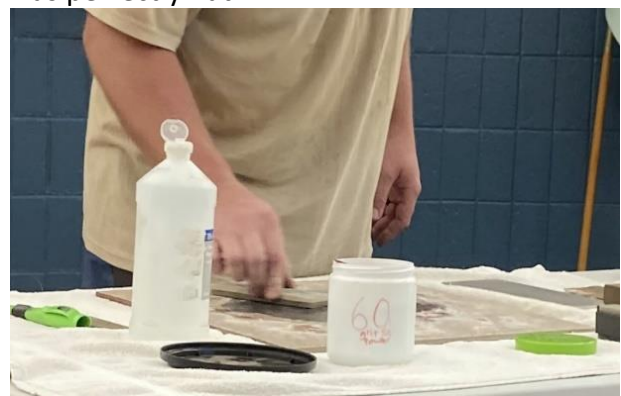


Evan explained how to use a hard flat surface. In this demo, he used a floor tile. He began by

sprinkling some 60-grit silicon carbide powder, which he orders from a mirror polishing supply business, on the tile. Then he moistened it with water.



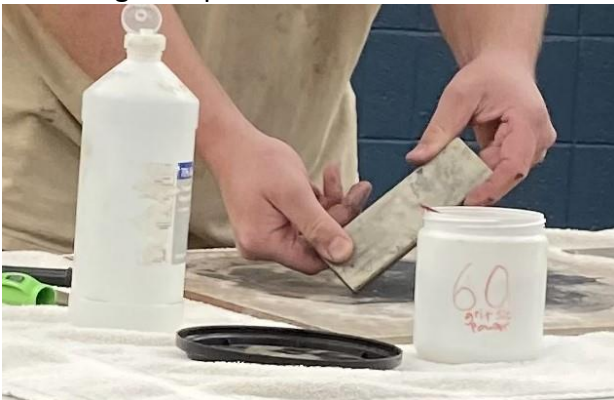
Next, he used a carpenter's pencil to draw rough gridlines on the sharpening surface of the stone, so that he could tell when the stone was perfectly flat.



He then proceeded to move the stone around on the tile in a figure 8 pattern while avoiding pressing down on it.



He rinsed the stone periodically so that he could see if there were still grid marks indicating low spots.



Once the Grid marks were worn away, he ground the edges and corners a bit to prevent them from snagging and becoming chipped.

Show and Tell: FREE WOOD

A fellow named Riley Grotts joined us at our last meeting along with his daughter, Marjorie, and a friend of theirs. Mr. Grotts inherited some wood from a friend who was a woodcarver, and he generously brought a sampling with him to give away. He has quite a bit more in storage in Wellston and would be

happy to give it to whomever might like to have it. Most of it is basswood blocks, but he also has roughouts and diamond willow branches for walking sticks. If you would be interested in taking some of the wood off his hands, please contact him at wagrot@gmail.com or Marjorie at marjorie.grotts@gmail.com. Riley lives about two and a half miles outside of Carney. Marjorie travels frequently between Perkins and Norman, and would be able to bring pieces to the metro area. Below are photos of some of the pieces that they brought to the meeting.



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank Evan Vinson for the demonstration at our last meeting and his work this year in lining up the carving classes which club members have all enjoyed.

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

ARTISTRY IN WOOD WINNERS



Photo credit: Mary Boyce

Congratulations to DJ Boyce who walked away with the blue ribbon for his entry in the Miscellaneous category at the last Artistry in Wood Show.

Pete Zachry won first place in four different categories: Unusual Wood, Decorative Functional, Realistic Human, and Miniature.



Photo credits: Honey Witcher

Honey Witcher won first place in the Stylized category for her Dancer.



Photo credit: Honey Witcher

Other winners will be posted on the club website as they become available.

IN MEMORIAM

Long-time club member, James Hooper, has passed away. He has been missed by his fellow club members since he moved to Wichita, KS to be near his children a few years ago. The following is his obituary:

Dr. James E. Hooper, 85, passed away peacefully August 19, 2022, in Wichita, KS surrounded by family. He was born April 10, 1937, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma to Ed and Edna (Mize) Hooper. After Edna's passing in 1940, Ed married Hazel White, who lovingly raised James as one of her own. James started his school days in Cement, Oklahoma. To help his family make ends meet, he began cleaning the town bank in the evenings and shining shoes after school when he was a young boy. He dropped out of high school to join the Navy and received his GED while serving his county. He married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Jean Hunter February 28, 1956. After he was honorably discharged from the Navy, he earned his bachelor's degree from East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma. James dedicated his life to education. He began his teaching career in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma while working to complete his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. He continued teaching in Lovington, New Mexico, then was given the opportunity to become an instructor and administrator at New Mexico Junior College. James decided to pursue his Doctorate in Education at Texas A&M Commerce where he served as an Assistant Professor of Secondary and Higher Education. After receiving his Doctorate degree, he was hired in 1978 as President of Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas. He left in 1985 to become Provost and Vice President at Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City Campus until his retirement in 1997. Never one to be idle, he spent his retirement years restoring old cars, building furniture and woodcarving. He received many awards for his

carving at the OKC and Wichita carving shows. He loved his grandchildren and would spend hours carving cartoon figures for them, also making furniture and lamps for their rooms. He carved beautiful Santas that decorate our homes at Christmas.

James and Jean celebrated 66 years of marriage in February. James was a proud Oklahoman and a passionate University of Oklahoma fan all his life. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and loving heart.

James is preceded in death by his wife, Jean; his parents; and his brother, Johnny Ray Hooper. He is survived by his sister, Irma June Pfleiderer of Burnett, Texas; son, Jim Hooper (Sally) of Round Rock, Texas; daughter, Janey Clopine (Russ) of Wichita, Kansas; and grandchildren, Erin Kays (Reagan), Austin Hooper, Cameron Hooper, Evan Clopine, and Grant Clopine.

A Celebration of Life for both James and Jean will be held October 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary, Wichita. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1820 Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67214.

*The memorial service will be held:
Saturday, October 8, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Downing & Lahey East Mortuary
6555 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67206*

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.

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/>

CARVE-INS & MORE

13th Annual Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar
March 13 – 17, 2023
Springfield MO

<https://ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com>

Information from John Engler:

We will have a talented line-up of instructors teaching a wide variety of classes over 5 days. Classes are available for all levels of carvers, from beginner to advanced. Seminar hours are 8:30 to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday. The Kick-Off Dinner is Sunday, March 12th at 6:00 pm. There will be a "cocktails & hors d'oeuvres get-together" on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Moore Wood & Roughouts (1-800-825-2657 for pre-orders) will be on-site to handle all of your wood needs. Dallas Deege will be on-hand to provide expert sharpening services, and representatives from Bigfoot Carving Tools will be onsite to supply carving tools and woodcarving supplies. For additional information contact John Engler at 417.209.6482 or by email at john@johnenglerwoodcarving.com
Register today...classes are filling fast!

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 (caricature)

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



Here is John Luna teaching a few people about woodburning. John is a great teacher, and everyone who attended enjoyed the class.

Yukon Senior Center

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:

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16401 Chablis Drive
Edmond, OK 73013

And finally...

