



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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

NEXT MEETING

When: 7:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday, December 27

Where: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center

Program: Show and Tell

AT OUR NEXT MEETING...

Our next meeting will be a laid-back affair, where we'll snack on left over Christmas treats, visit with each other, and share some of our favorite carvings. Bring your spouses, carvings, and Christmas cookies for an evening of year-end camaraderie.

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Our annual election of officers was held. Our four current officers, who ran unopposed, were reelected to their posts. The officers for 2023 will be:

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

We also had the pleasure of meeting two new carvers: Mark Burleson, who lives near Frontier City and is wanting to learn to carve; and Barbara Bowman, who lives in Norman, and has been attending carve-ins in Moore.



The evening's program was about flat-plane carving. It is Scandinavian in origin with most of today's carvers living in Scandinavia and the Great Lakes area. Richard Dalke told us a little about the art and then shared a video to help

us get started. He provided everyone with a piece of bass wood so that we could try our hands at carving a "one carrot necklace" using the techniques shown in the video.



John Schaller uses his left thumb to push the blade as his right hand guides it, as shown in the video.



Honey Witcher paints her carrot.

After finishing our carvings, we were able to paint our carrots and string them on cords.



Left: Ralph Gannick shows off his completed necklace. Right: necklace provided by Richard Dalke as an example to follow.



In keeping with the evening's program, Kent Wallace shared a horse that he carved using the flat-plane technique. His wife, Nancy, is responsible for the lovely painting.

Show and Tell:



DJ Boyce shared a relief carving of an eagle that he had worked on for a while, but set aside before it was finished. He also brought three little owls, which were perched atop his eagle carving.



Richard Dalke also shared a few of his beautifully executed flat-plane carvings. He had two men, one was painted and the other was not. He also shared two peasant women.



John Schaller told us a little about his poinsettia ornaments – one finished and the other a work in progress.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank the members for all that participated this year, from paying dues, attending monthly meetings, helping & attending the show, helping with special demonstrations, attending weekly carve-ins and classes sponsored by the club. Please remember the club is for your benefit and enjoyment. We have had a good year and hopefully next year will be as good, if not better.

Please keep bringing your “Show and Tell” items to our monthly meetings. It is fun and enjoyable to see what other members are carving.

Marvin Jones, President

NEW MEMBERS

This month, we’re welcoming former member Ron Ward back into our fold. Ron retired from the FAA earlier this year and is now doing contract work part-time as an air traffic control instructor. Now that he has a little more time on his hands, he’s looking forward to being able to attend our carve-ins once again.

Barbara Bowman, who joined the club at our last meeting, is hoping to learn a little more about woodcarving. She appreciates everyone’s encouragement and willingness to share their knowledge with others.

Welcome Ron and Barbara!

ARTISTRY IN WOOD 2023

Save the dates! The next Artistry in Wood show will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 13th and 14th in the big room at Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center. More information will follow as it becomes available.

PAID CARVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in taking on paid carving projects, please contact John Schaller. John responds to messages sent to our website from people who are looking for something specific – such as a carving made from a piece of wood from a tree that they loved, or perhaps a carving of an animal that they like from any wood that the carver chooses. John can be contacted by phone at 405-826-0430 or by email at jwschaller@cox.net.

WOOD FOR THE ASKING

If you are interested in 12’ roughcut red cedar planks or 1’ x 3’ oak panels from a store display, please call Ken at 405-206-5137. He is

moving and does not want to take the wood with him. He says that it has been stored in a covered wooden shed.

A FOND FAREWELL

Long-time member John Amicon and his wife, Janet, will be moving to back to Ohio this month to be near their family. John has been a valued member of the club, having served on the board of directors and also being the recipient of the Glen Spangler award for outstanding service in 2013. John has been active in the Literacy Link adult education program for a number of years, most recently serving as the director of the Midwest City branch. His presence here will be missed by many, and we wish him only the best in the future.

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/>

DEBBE EDWARDS PAINTING CLASS





Several club members spent the day learning techniques for painting their wildlife carvings, while Honey refined the bison carving that she started in Debbe's previous class.

CARVE-INS & MORE

PCBC Wild Game Feast and Expo
11401 N Rockwell Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73162
February 3, 2023

The Putnam City Baptist Church will be hosting its second annual Wild Game Feast and Expo on the first Friday in February. In addition to woodcarving, exhibits will include a casting challenge, jig tying, fly tying, vortex optics, and more. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarai Jones at 405-640-3299 or bsharpspecialties@gmail.com. For additional information, you can also visit their website at PCBC.tv/wildgamefeast.

13th Annual Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar

Springfield, MO

March 13 – 17, 2023

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

<https://ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com>

john@johnenglerwoodcarving.com

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.

Randy Landen Caricature Carving Class

H & H Gun Range

400 Vermont Ave., Oklahoma City

May 17 – 19, 2023 (Wed. – Fri.)

We have a date set for the class! It is currently full, but there is a waiting list forming. The cost of the class is \$180 and must be paid in full by May 1. You must be current on your dues, as well. All checks should be made out to OCWC and mailed to our treasurer, John Schaller. Please contact Evan Vinson or John Schaller if you would like to have your name on the list.

CARVING DEMONSTRATION

Tealridge Retirement Community

Edmond

Thursday, January 5, 2023

10:30 am – noon

Participants are asked to bring three or four completed carvings plus a project to work on during the demo. Please contact John Schaller at 405-826-0430 if you would like to participate. There are only three slots available, so don't wait to call!

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

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)
Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00 pm
Contact John Schaller at 405-826-0430

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

Our carve-in night has changed!

14343 N MacArthur
Thursday, 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 405-501-5390

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
16401 Chablis Drive
Edmond, OK 73013

And finally...



Detail from a Chinese Dongyang high-relief wood carving