



# OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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2023 Officers	
President	Marvin Jones
Vice President	Evan Vinson
Secretary	Elaine Nealey
Treasurer	John Schaller

## NEXT MEETING

**When: 7:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday, July 25**

**Where: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center**

**Program: Artistry in Wood Show Preparation – Judging**

### **AT OUR NEXT MEETING...**

Join us as we get ready for the upcoming Artistry in Wood Show. The elements of judging will be the focus this month's meeting.

### **AT OUR LAST MEETING...**

Our June meeting began with the usual business and was followed by Show and Tell, judging practice, and chip carving.



Three of the judges for our upcoming show practiced on the low-relief carving shown above. They used a points-based system for judging three different aspects: carving skill, artistry, and finish. The maximum number of points available in each category were 25, 15, and 10 respectively, for a total of 50 possible points. This carving received an average of

about 20 points altogether, which would probably receive a red or blue ribbon.

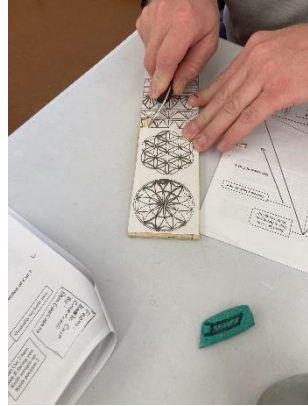
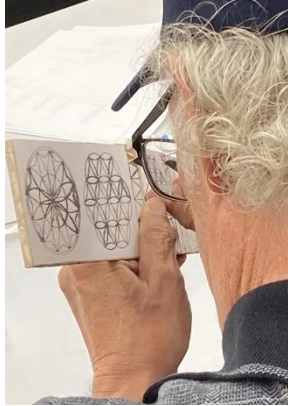
At our October show, the entries that do not have any competition in their category will receive a ribbon based on the number of points it receives.

We will continue to hold a judging practice during each of our meetings leading up to the Artistry in Wood show. If you are interested in understanding more about how the carvings will be judged, attending these meetings will be a great way to learn.

### Chip Carving Program



President Marvin Jones put together a detailed and well-organized program. He taught us the basics with a Power Point presentation and an illustrated hand-out that included patterns and a lot of helpful information for beginning chip-carvers. He also provided practice boards so that he could help us with a little in-person instruction.



For many, this was a new experience. The hardest part was learning how to hold the knife and make a precise, even cut. Marvin also provided Christmas tree ornament blanks. We hope to see some of the finished results at our upcoming meetings.

Show and Tell:



Richard Dalke shared a comfort bird that he carved from a piece of crepe myrtle. As he cut away the wood, he discovered small insect holes on one side of the bird. He sanded it until it was as smooth as he could make it, but he still wasn't sure whether it would work as a comfort bird or not. In the end, he decided to use it as one, because – like the bird – life can be a little rough sometimes.



We were pleased to have one of our newer participants, John Mease, tell us a little about a few of his small carvings of gnomes and bears.





Fred Self showed us a beautifully detailed walking stick and two carvings that he started in Debbe Edwards class last summer.



Evan Vinson shared a small caricature carving and a spoon mule, which can be used for carving spoons. When it's unfolded, Evan can rest the part that holds the spoon on the seat of his chair, allowing him to use both hands to scoop out the bowl of the spoon.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We just have three months to prepare for our October 13 & 14 show. Please continue to sign up for show tables and helping with the show activities. The next three monthly meetings will deal with show activities, and you will find them educational. The club needs your help to have a successful show.

Please continue to bring your items for "Show and Tell" each month.

Marvin Jones, President

## NEW MEMBERS

We have five new members this month: Don Kirby, Tonda Ivory, D. J. Cloyes, Mia Suarez, and Warren Rauscher. Welcome!

## ARTISTRY IN WOOD 2023

The next Artistry in Wood show will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in the big room at Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center. You can download an entry form on the club's website at [www.okcarver.org](http://www.okcarver.org).

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** *The realization of our show depends on your willingness to donate a little of your time and effort. Please contact John Schaller if you would like to be part of the crew that makes our show a success!*

## 2023 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

Our club will be demonstrating woodcarving at the Oklahoma State Fair on Seniors Day, Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> this year. If you'd be interested in taking part in this worthwhile project, please contact Kent Wallace for details. Parking permits will be provided to those who participate.

## NOBLE LIBRARY SOAP CARVING CLASS

The library in Noble would like volunteers to teach soap carving to a group of 15 – 20 adults who are mainly retirees. The library will provide the soap and the supplies for making popsicle-stick knives. John Schaller is coordinating the event, and he would like to have two or three volunteers to help him. He will have soap patterns, go-bys, and a few letter opener kits for those who would like to try woodcarving on their own. Please contact John if you are interested in helping.

## 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 a carving of something 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](mailto:jwschaller@cox.net)

## OCWC CAPS & SHIRTS

Caps and shirts with our club's name and logo embroidered on them can be purchased directly from Inspirations Logos by We R 1 Clothing. Orders can be placed via email at [insp@wer1okc.com](mailto:insp@wer1okc.com).

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.

Another option is to order from Personal Touch Monograms located at 18 E Ayres St. in Edmond. They charge \$16.00 to monogram a shirt that the customer provides. Please contact Deborah Fleetwood via email at [ptmonograms@aol.com](mailto:ptmonograms@aol.com) or by phone at 405-348-3511.

For more information, please contact Richard Dalke.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### WEBSITE

Information about carve-ins, meetings, classes, resources, and more can be found on our club's website. Please check it out at [www.okcarver.org](http://www.okcarver.org)

### OCWC Facebook Page

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CLASSES, SHOWS, & SEMINARS

#### **Vic Hood "Anything Goes" Class**

H & H Gun Range  
400 Vermont Ave., Oklahoma City  
October 5 – 7 (Thursday – Saturday)  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

The cost of this three-day class is \$210 plus the cost of a roughout. All levels of expertise are welcome, including beginners. You must be current on your dues, as well. All checks should be made out to OCWC and mailed to John Schaller. You can visit his website at <https://www.vichoodwoodcarver.com/>

### **Midwest Artistry in Wood Wood & Craft Show**

200 S Belt East, Belleville, IL

October 28 – 29, 2023

Saturday, 9 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

[www.midwestwoodcarvers.com](http://www.midwestwoodcarvers.com)

### **2024 Renegade Woodcarvers Roundup**

March 18 – 22, 2024

For more information, contact Steve Brown at 270-871-4239.

### **2024 Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar**

March 18 – 22, 2024

For more information, contact John Engler at 417-209-6842.

### In the Works:

Van Kelly – Caricature

Al Vigil – Chip Carving

Alec Lecasse – Cottonwood Bark Faces

Roger Stegall – Caricature

Randy Landen - Caricature

If you think you would be interested in attending one of these classes, please contact Evan Vinson.

### MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Each month, the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer meet via Zoom to discuss club business. This meeting takes place at 9:30 AM on the second Wednesday of the month, and is open to all members. To join the meeting please use the following zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6336287022?pwd=Nm5UUek2dExGalJTQmNzRU1BUXF6QT09>

If you have trouble signing in, please contact one of the committee members for help.

## **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 (206<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

### **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**

**Annual dues are \$24. Please make your  
checks out to OCWC and mail them to:**

**John Schaller  
16401 Chablis Drive  
Edmond, OK 7301**

***And finally...***



*This was created by Maskull Lasserre, a Canadian artist who likes to show what's on the inside, as well as the outside. He started with a decoy duck and carved away part of it to show the skeleton within.*