



# 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, January 28**  
**Where: Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center**  
**Program: Carve a Valentine's Day Heart**

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

Bring your gloves and knives! We'll be carving a valentine's day heart.

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

We had an excellent turnout. It was a laid-back evening where we were able to visit with old friends and new while enjoying coffee and Christmas treats. After discussing club business, the Spangler Award for 2022 was presented to Evan Vinson for his outstanding contributions to the club.



Although Evan is a relative newcomer to the OCWC, he has done a great deal to help our club and to promote woodcarving. He has served two terms as president and is currently serving as vice president. During the early days of the pandemic, he worked hard to keep our club together. He has done numerous programs at our regular meetings, volunteered for committees, and organized woodcarving

classes for veterans, which he also teaches. He has been involved in planning the Artistry in Wood Shows, and is always ready to help wherever he can.

### Show and Tell:



DJ Boyce brought two pieces for show and tell – a chicken that he and his family acquired and a lovely box that he chip-carved and painted.



John Schaller shared three beautiful poinsettia ornaments that he finished since our previous meeting. He carved ten of them this year, and these were the three that he has left.



Kent Wallace showed us what a great team he and his wife Nancy are by sharing the Santa that he carved and she painted.



Marvin Jones shared his beautifully detailed, chip-carved Christmas ornaments and a mahogany relief carving with a frame and light fixture that he built, as well.



Richard Dalke shared a Santa ornament that he carved and painted, along with an unfinished elephant in a Santa hat. The longer Santa ornament was done by Harley Schmitgen.



Ralph Gannick told us a bit about the cute bear cubs that he carved in Debbe Edwards class.



Jim Mason shared a few finely-carved, detailed pieces: a small boot, a miniature shoe with thread for laces, and little hound dog.





Once again, Fred Self showed his diverse talent and skill by carving and painting a big horn sheep and a bear looking at a raccoon peeking from the top of a hollow tree. Fred also shared a fireman that is still a work in progress.

Mark Tompkins showed us some of his impressive work in fan carving. The birds and heart were fan-carved from a single piece of Basswood and remained intact. The heart shaped stand was made by bending a Box elder sapling. The miniature birds were also fan-carved. The tiny pliers shown above actually work!



Elaine Nealey shared a nativity scene that she bought at the 2009 Artistry in Wood show. The pieces were cut from a single piece of wood, and they fit together inside the manger.





Evan Vinson shared a wide variety of pieces with us – many that he carved in the classes that he teaches, and a few pieces that a friend brought him from Africa.



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are starting a new year and it is time to think about our carving resolutions for 2023. Are you attending a weekly carve-in near your home? Please attend the monthly 4th Tuesday club meeting at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center. There is always something to be learned from our fellow carvers.

Our treasurer, John Schaller, is sending out dues notices for the new year. Please make his job easier by sending in your dues as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you again for letting me serve you as club president this year.

## NEW MEMBERS AND OLD

We're starting out the new year with a new member – Ken Maxwell, who lives in northwest Oklahoma City. Welcome Ken!

We'd like to bid a fond farewell to long-time member, John Amicon, who is returning with

his wife to their home in Ohio to be near family. John has been an invaluable part of our club for many years, and we will miss him greatly.

## ARTISTRY IN WOOD 2023

Save the dates! 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. More information will follow as it becomes available.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** *The success of our show depends on your willingness to donate a little of your time and effort. John Schaller is putting together a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Please consider signing up to be part of the crew that makes our show a success!*

## 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 for more information or to place an order. She can be reached via email at [ptmonograms@aol.com](mailto:ptmonograms@aol.com) or by phone at 405-348-3511.

## 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](mailto:jwschaller@cox.net)

## **NEW ROCKLER STORE IN OKC**

Rockler Woodworking & Hardware will be opening a new store at [4901 N. May Ave](#) in mid-March. They are looking for employees and will be holding a job fair that is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The fair's location has not been finalized, yet.

In the meantime, if you are interested in a job with Rockler, you can apply online at <https://rockler.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. They are searching for the following positions: full-time store manager, full-time assistant manager, part-time senior sales (keyholder), and part-time sales associates.

## **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](http://www.okcarver.org)**

### **OCWC Facebook Page**

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

## **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](mailto:bsharpspecialties@gmail.com). For additional information, you can also visit their website at [PCBC.tv/wildgamefeast](http://PCBC.tv/wildgamefeast).

## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar** **Springfield, MO**

**March 13 – 17, 2023**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

<https://ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com>  
[john@johnenglerwoodcarving.com](mailto:john@johnenglerwoodcarving.com)

The Kick-Off Dinner is Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 John Schaller. Please contact Evan Vinson or John Schaller if you would like to have your name on the list.

## **Chris Hammack Class**

This class is in the works. No date has been set as of this writing.

## **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**

**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**

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

**John Schaller  
16401 Chablis Drive  
Edmond, OK 73013**

### ***And finally...***



This little owl was carved from a sumac tree. The natural tree rings look like eyes when the wood is scooped away on the sides of the branch. This was created by Norm Peterson. Learn more about it here:

<https://ellenpetersonwebsite.wordpress.com/2016/06/19/woodcarving-made-easy/comment-page-1/>