

TERESA'S TREE



A few years ago, near Christmas, Teresa and I stopped by to see Eddie Howard. Teresa and I both have always liked Eddie and admired his carvings. As we were leaving, Eddie gave Teresa two of his Santa carvings. She was tickled to get these and when we arrived home she took my Santa carvings out of the den and put them in my office out of sight. She then put Eddie's Santas where mine had been. She never told me why she did this but in reading between the lines I think she thought Eddie's carvings were better than mine. Whatever the reason the Santa's stayed were displayed long after the other decorations were taken down.

The following year at our annual show, Teresa purchased hand carved ornaments from some of the members and later bought a special tree to put them on. This made a beautiful tree which gets a lot of attention from our visitors. She only puts clear lights and hand carved ornaments on the tree and it stays up well after the other Christmas decorations have been stored away. The tree has become quite a conversation piece. It has carvings from many of our members and from a lot of carvers she has met through our association with our club. It is nice for us to look at these carvings and immediately think about the friends who carved them. The tree represents the many friendships we have made through the club.

So if during the coming year you see a "blonde haired" lady walking around taking pictures I'm sure it's Teresa. If she doesn't have one of your Christmas ornaments I'm sure she'd love to have one for her tree.

We both hope each of you have a Merry Christmas.

Heyward and Teresa

***editor's note:** written by Heyward Davis. Most of the photographs on our website and in our newsletter are furnished by Teresa. Many thanks to her.*