

THE CARVER



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The President's Corner



By now, many of you already know that John Moore has stepped aside from the job of creating

and publishing our newsletter. John has been an inspiration not only to our club but to clubs across the east coast who read and learned from his work. We all knew that whether we helped him or not, John would produce an interesting and informative newsletter. The board would like to thank John for the love and dedication he put into this pursuit. The board also recognizes that no one in the club possesses the ability to continue the excellent work that John started. Because of this, we have decided to make some fundamental changes to our newsletter.

The Carver, our newsletter, will now be published on a quarterly basis, instead of a monthly basis. This issue will attempt to cover activities until April 1, 2013. Although the club has not yet chosen a permanent editor, we will commit to providing you with the information you need to stay informed and to actively participate in club activities. Thank you, John, for your hard work!

Sincerely, Dottie Pittman

Activities Calendar 2013

January 19	Monthly meeting: Sharpening
February 8-10	Lighthouse/Lightkeeper
February 16	Monthly meeting: Rose Relief
March 16	Monthly meeting: Feather
April 6	Mauldin Garden Club Spring Fling

From the Board



The board met on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 to begin the work of organizing for the year. In 2012, the board voted to establish a library committee, chaired by **Sharon Haddox**, to collect, maintain, and circulate books and media about wood carving. The committee has been in touch with other clubs to learn how they maintain collections and plans to begin work this month. Their first challenge is to secure a cabinet of some type which can be locked. Perhaps someone would be willing to build a cabinet or knows of a cabinet that could be purchased. If so, please contact **Sharon Haddox** (864-250-1350).

The board has begun work on the show for 2013. If you are interested in serving on a committee, or have constructive suggestions for improving the show, please contact **Heyward Davis** (864-640-7896).

At Monthly Meetings

Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. and should last until 2:00 p.m. The business meeting is usually started at 11:00 a.m. but may be changed to accommodate the program. Coffee will be provided and you should bring snacks and refreshments. In the past, we've enjoyed goodies from lots of our members. The food was helpful as a replacement or supplemental lunch since members stayed and carved until mid-afternoon. Members who work or live far from the Center only have Saturdays to learn from others about their carving. If you want to break for lunch, there are several fast food restaurants located very near the Center. Someone will be glad to help you find what you want. Please try to stay later so that all our members can benefit from your knowledge and experience!

This Quarter's Meetings

January 19, 2013: Sharpening Your Knives

When you arrive at the meeting, be sure to sign the form that gives you a time slot to work in the sharpening centers. The following centers will be available: wet-dry sandpaper, diamond and/or ceramic stone, pigskin stropping, gouge sharpening using the jig designed by Richard Teter, and sharpening using various mechanical sharpeners. Sharpening instruction will begin about 10:00 a.m. Remember to BRING YOUR KNIVES TO SHARPEN!

February 16, 2013: Rose relief Carving

Dottie Pittman will teach the basics of relief rose carving so you can create a beautiful gift for someone you love. Remember, Valentine's Day will be on the 14th. We will announce details about cost of blank and tools later. This is the same weekend as the Charlotte Wood Show.

March 16, 2013: Carving a Feather

Lila Gilmer will teach the basics of carving a feather. Bring small tools and several grades of sandpaper which will be used to create the detail. If you find a feather in good condition, save it for her.



Next Quarter we are planning another class to carve eagle heads, a project with cottonwood bark, and a chip carving project. If you would like to teach and/or have a project you would like to share, tell us!

Mauldin Garden Club Spring Fling

Our club has participated in this activity for years as a way to support both the Garden Club and the Cultural Center. Perhaps you don't realize that you can bring carvings to this activity and sell them! Small, inexpensive items go fastest but you never know! Plan to come on April 6. Last year Sharon Haddox won the grand prize!

Jim Hart and John Dunkle Visit

Jim Hart and John Dunkle visited the club on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Jim comes from Wisconsin and travels to Florida this time of year to sell wood. John lives in Ohio and chose to travel with Jim and his wife on this trip.

Jim had special orders, cut to specification, for some members and general selections for everyone else. Jim brought walking sticks of diamond willow, and bark-on plaques of basswood, butternut, and oak as well as carving blanks in many sizes. **Mark Blanchard** selected several pieces to buy and cashed-in the gift certificate he won at the December meeting.

John Dunkle set up just inside the building and brought over a dozen trays of his knives with a variety of cutting shapes and beautifully finished handles. He also brought his signature sharpening strops, made of pigskin and his "blue velvet" stropping formula. Members gathered for a mini-tutorial on sharpening and maintaining carving knives in perfect condition. **Jim Woods** stated that "John would take your carving knife, examine it, and tell you how you cut wood with it, based on how the blade was used". He then taught you how to sharpen the blade so you wouldn't have problems in the future.

At least twenty members attended the sale from 12:30 - 3:00 and if you were not able to come, you missed a good time and some bargains.



Lighthouse/Lightkeeper Class

February 8-10, 2013. This class will be taught by both **Tom Gow** and **John Moore**. You should have received information about this class in a separate email or snail mail. If you did not get your information, contact Dottie Pittman (864-235-0989) for information.

You can get a Workshop Registration form from the club website or in the club room at MCC. Remember, the registration deadline is January 22, 2013.

Upcoming Activities, Events and Shows

*February 15-17, 2013: Charlotte Woodcarvers "Showcase of Woodcarvings"

March 16, 2013:

*Raleigh, NC North Carolina Woodcarving Festival at Klingspors Woodworking Shop, 3141 Capital Blvd.; 9:30am to 4pm.; Competition, Prizes, demonstrations. Contact Paul Rolfe at 919-876-0707

*April 5-7, 2013: Pete LeClair Woodcarving Class. Caricature. Woodcraft Store; Charlotte, NC.

*April 12-13, 2013: Piedmont, NC Woodcarvers Show. ARC 444 Bristol Drive; Statesville, NC. Contact Blair Gardner. Jbg50@roadrunner.com

Sail Away and Carve!

Kathy Overcash of the James Rivers Woodcarvers in Richmond, Virginia is organizing a 7 day cruise and carve adventure for interested carvers. Round Trip from New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico; Belize City, Belize; Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras; Costa Maya, Mexico. Contact Kathy Overcash at 301-653-7063 or overcash@artfromthebark.com for further information.

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