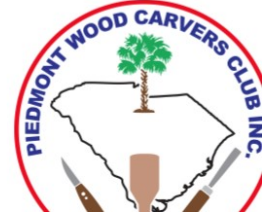


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Good News—Looks like spring is finally here; Bradford pears are blooming, and its nice to see sunshine and warm days.

Thanks to Sharon—Notice in the page heading that we have a new mail address. The Mauldin address will make it easier to monitor our post office box. Also, Sharon has filed the 501c3 documents to maintain our status.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING , SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022

YOUR PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A QUORUM FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS, BEV PARLIER AND STEWART BAUKNIGHT.

SHOW AND TELL—Please bring your recent work, completed or in progress, for show and tell. As always if you have patterns, websites sources of supply that you would like to share, please plan on doing so.

ANNUAL CARVING SHOW—Planning for our annual show is underway. While a number of shows are not able to produce a show we are going to do our best to reverse the trend and with the help of all we can. We are planning a number of format changes to make our show a top notch venue for displaying and/or selling your work. Competition will be eliminated and that energy will be shifted toward highlighting the work of our individual carvers. Eliminating the competition aspect also opens the opportunity to try some ideas. To improve attendance the admission fee will be eliminated. A number of mini classes will be offered during show hours. Its early but we are working to secure appropriate vendors of tools and equipment. Your participation will make our show a success. (cont'd page 2)

As you attend other shows and events, please observe the positives and negatives of each and be prepared to offer the results of your observations. The Charlotte show (4/1-4/3) is coming up soon and I think that it may be a indicator of how things are going. The Wisconsin River show, one the best east of the Mississippi is not having a show this year. Note WRWC club is about our age and size in a similar geographical area and has been a top notch show for years, but as the years go by, the leadership tires and ages, eventually some painful decisions have to be made. Their problem is the same as a number of others, in that members love the show , but don't want to take a leading participant role.

A number of our members and our board of directors are working to provide the opportunity to enjoy the comradery and fellowship of the carving community. Reserve the dates November 11-13, 2022. Join in.

FEATHER CARVING CLASS—This past week Ron McMahan lead a class in caving a wild turkey feather. The project, a life sized tail feather carved and burned, was a significant two days work. While you may not fancy yourself as skilled in pyrography it is a good useful asset to your carving tool box.

SEE YOU SATURDAY !!!