



# PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Message from President

**Sharon Haddox**

March updates

First I want to say Thank You to our board members. A lot has been accomplished in the first 2 months of the year.

We were able to clear out the storage unit saving the club \$64.00 a month. All the board members met and went through items so that we could determine items necessary for the club to keep.

Thank you also to Mark Blanchard for helping board members at the storage unit and Skip Rentz for storing the library. A special thank you to Dick and Betty for hauling stuff to their house and clearing space to store items for us.

As discussed in previous meetings we were able to meet with MCC and can feel comfortable with being able to continue to use MCC facilities for our weekly carve ins.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues please submit them quickly so we can keep you notified of club activities.

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### MARCH MEMBER MEETING:

**MARCH 15TH STARTS 2:00 P.M.**

Bring your tools and carvings and carve while you visit with friends. You can come early and stay late. Club Room opens around noon and will now be open on Wednesdays to 8:p.m.

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# Education Director Dick Card

## APRIL SEMINAR

With Tom Gow is full

Charlie Arnold will teach a MEMBER'S ONLY IN-HOUSE CLASS on April 8th from 9:30 a.m. until ? at our Mauldin site. Come and be surprised at what you will learn. The professor is free and materials will be nominal..

### The Difference between Seminars & In-house Classes

OUR SEMINARS are taught by Pros either from our club or other clubs in the U.S. or Canada. They charge according to their own policy AND are often opened to other clubs.

But

MEMBER'S ONLY IN-HOUSE CLASSES are taught by our member carvers. Some of them are also pros.

These classes are free to members only with minimal charge for wood and material.

**MEMBER DUES FOR THE YEAR MUST BE PAID TO ATTEND IN-HOUSE CLASSES.**

## MAY SEMINAR

The PWCC is happy to announce we are sponsoring Ron Dowdy doing caricatures and carving in the round for a 3 day class in May.



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**Caricature Carving Seminar**

**Ron Dowdy – 3 day class**

**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4**

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4 S**

**Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4**

**Cost \$150.00**

**Plus: cost of rough out**

**Early Registration is a convenience and courtesy to all** and allows for proper instructor prep time and planning. Lack of timely responses may result in class cancellation which is not advantageous to anyone. PLEASE REGISTER BY MAIL by sending your registration form to my address on the form and make checks payable to PWCC or Piedmont Wood Carvers Club. Information is on the form.

Registration forms are on our website:

[www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com) under Education

Best Regards,

Richard (Dick) Card

# Tom Gow's Challenge

The following carvers took Tom's challenge. He showed us some of his carvings; now they show some of their carvings. Who will take the challenge next month? Do we have some chip carvings to show?

Jim Hartwig sent in this bark carving with some twists and turns in it. Notice the waterfall.



Bev Parlier sent this photo of her small bark house.



John Kawalchuk sent these two for you to view



Send your carving in jpg form (thumbnail size is recommended) to bet-



# PUBLICITY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Piedmont Woodcarvers Club was founded by dedicated men and women who wanted to provide support and education to those interested in the art of wood carving. In the year 2023 there are many wood carvers who still would like to preserve this art for future generations and still want to support and educate anyone interested. **If YOU are one of them**, please email Mary or talk to her to let her know you will help.

## MEET THE PEOPLE

**April 29th Time: 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Where: Simpsonville branch of the Greenville Library System**

**Address: 626 N.E. Main Street  
Simpsonville, SC 29681**

What's happening: PWCC will be hosting a MEET THE PEOPLE to show off our artistic hobby which is wood carving in many forms including pyrography. Volunteers who will be at this **Meet the People** will be Lila Gilmer, "D" Barabas, Betty Card and Dick Card but if you want to join them, you are welcome. You can be a beginner carver or one who is well versed in wood carvings. Show up

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and be yourself. Remember that you will be representing PWCC but people generally want to hear YOUR STORY too.

**From John Kawalchuk comes this reminder: DUES ARE DUE**

To remain a member PWCC must receive your dues by March 15, 2023. Please make sure that we have your current contact information including phone number, home address and email.

John is working on updating all information bringing it up to date so expect calls from volunteer members in the future. Please be courteous to them.

# MEMBER HINTS AS TOLD TO THE EDITOR

From Greg Barnes comes this hint.

Mix half and half alcohol (the kind you get at the drugstore) and water, put it in a spray bottle. When you have wood that just will not respond to a knife in any direction, spray the area and try cutting it then. You should be able to get a nice cut.

This works on old wood that seems to get older as it ages also. Spray it and then try cutting into it.

Greg's next tip to me was to keep your knife sharp. Dull knives can destroy wood.

1. **Sharpen your knives and gouges.**
2. **Spray with alcohol and water if needed.**

From Greg Barnes comes a tip to anyone looking for **information on caricature carving**. I already knew about the Caricature Carvers of America but there is also a group of carvers called Caricature Carvers. You can find them on Face book. Under Groups. You can look at the items those group members post. One that Greg recommended was MIRASLAW CZELADKA.

From Skip Rentz comes this tip on doing EYES. He bought a book online from Caricature Carvers of America called THE EYES HAVE IT. It is full of information on every kind of eye you might want to carve. The book has articles from

many Caricature Carvers of America members with each one giving another idea for doing eyes with step by step instructions.



From the editor: I found 2 books in the CCA store. The one on Eyes and the other was full of information from 28 of America's top carvers. THINKING INSIDE THE ROUGH-OUT is the name of that book. One of the 28 carvers who contributed to it is Ron Dowdy who will be a Seminar carver for PWCC in May.

*To check for a book in our library,* go to [www.Piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.Piedmontwoodcarvers.com) then

1. **click on Carving Resources**
2. **Click on PWCC Library.**
3. **Click on Inventory of Books**
4. **If interested in Carving in the Round,** scroll down to pages 5-7. I found several titles that I found interesting.
5. For anything else, scroll some more.

Lots of reference material in the PWCC Library.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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# ANGELS OF HOPE PROGRAM RE-INSTATED



What is the Angels of Hope Program? PWCC started the Angels of Hope program in 2017. The goal was to carve wooden “Angels of Hope” as gifts for critically ill children or persons in crisis at area hospitals. The secondary goal was to have club members participate in a group project to promote carving fellowship.

The original angels of hope project started with a simple design showing an angel with an uplifting pose, small enough for young hands to easily hold, and finished smooth to the touch. They can be carved with just a few tools using a variety of techniques.

After this project was started many carvers added cute little features to them. Jim Hartwig and Dave Fisher would probably take prizes if there were any on the most elaborate angels produced. But the angels we want to see YOU help make are just the simple little angels we started with back in 2017 but IF YOU WANT TO IMPROVISE, PLEASE DO IT.

Before CoVid, Jim Hartwig was Chairman of the PWCC Angels of Hope program. At that time, the largest contributors to the box of angels were Jim and Bob Davison.. Bob did 120 ANGELS IN A 6 YEAR SPAN. Jim has kindly taken over the Chairmanship of this program again. Jim is asking that all members help by carving an angel OR 2 OR even 3.

**PWCC will supply blanks for anyone willing to carve an angel to help Jim and Bob fill that box.**

Eventually Bob Davison and Jim Hartwig will be available to help anyone who needs help carving the angels but when they are not available there will be older member carvers who will give guidance.

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE.

And Dave Fisher is back and said he will help those who can not sand the angel down with his sanding machine. Details to be worked out in the future.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAY AT MAULDIN ?





# SEMINAR PICTURES



Chip Carving Seminar taught by BILL JOHNSON



My thanks to Mary Z. Johnston and Kendal Anspach for the pictures. Sorry I couldn't use more of them.

# Ron Dowdy Pictures and information

At the coming Seminar in May, Ron will have rough outs and also wood to be carved into caricatures.

The wooden pieces are less expensive than rough outs but Ron's class will be great regardless of which you choose.

The witch and pumpkins etc. in the photos are not rough outs.





# OUT AND ABOUT

Looking for something to do? Check these out.

## **Charlotte Woodcarvers Annual Showcase of Woodcarvings**

April 15th & 16th, 2023

Central Piedmont Community College-Central Campus

WORRELL BUILDING

1228 Elizabeth Avenue

Charlotte, NC 2804

For more information, check the Charlotte woodcarvers website

## **Evergreen Woodcarvers of Greenville, Tennessee**

28th Annual Woodcarving Show at the Greenville Iris Festival

May 20th & 21st from noon to 5 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

110 North Main Street

Greenville, TN 37743

If anyone is interested in competing contact

Mike Morelock 423-638-8848

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Dennis Stubbs 423-823-8771

Melvin Jones 423-552-1743

More information: Charlie Arnold

## **Message from President Sharon Haddox continued from Page 1**

The club room is available to us until 8:00 PM on Wednesday. So beginning with March 15<sup>th</sup> we will plan to have someone available for any carvers who want to stay later or come in later. Bring your dinner and enjoy an evening of carving. We are hoping that being available in the evenings will help us promote new memberships. Your board has added to their action item list for this year to focus on increasing our membership. Please let us know if you have any ideas to help us accomplish this goal.

Thank you all for your support and please let us know if you have any suggestions.

## **From the Editor:**

Do you have information to share to other members? A tip? A website to check out.? A group on Face book that would interest carvers? A book that would be interesting for them to read?

Send email to [bettycard15@gmail.com](mailto:bettycard15@gmail.com)

If you send jpg files try to reduce them to thumbnail size. Use your resize button on your photos. If you can not, just send them to the above email and I'll resize them.