



# PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Message from President Sharon

As we have discussed previously, your board members have decided that membership should be our priority for this year. Not only do we need to find ways to encourage new members but to retain our current membership.

**We ask that if anyone has suggestions on ways to make carving more enjoyable for you or ways we can reach out to the public please share those ideas.**

Our hopes are to attend festivals and events and we need your participation and support. Whether you are a beginner carver or one of our many experienced carvers please support Piedmont Woodcarvers by participating in these events.

I want to give a special THANK YOU to several of our members who have volunteered to help with our projects. We couldn't do it without you.

D Barabas and Teresa Davis have been contacting the current unpaid members.

Deb Jennings is putting together a flyer that we can hand out to the public.

Mary Z and Stewart Bauknight have been contacting local libraries to coordinate show and tell times.

John Kawalchuck, Dick Card and Charlie Arnold are putting together a beginners carving project bag that can be used for new members.

Tom Gow is reaching out to local festivals.

Also thank you to Dick Card for his instruction with the young students who have been visiting with us. The addition to our name on the outdoor sign at the cultural center is great free advertising for the club. If you have not already seen it please check it out. Thank you to Mary Z. for coordinating with Christine.

And lastly a thank you to Betty Card for the newsletter. Please show Betty your support by supplying information and pictures you would like to see in the monthly newsletter.

Thank you all for your support of the club.

**FIRST GUIDED GROUP SESSION WILL START  
ON MAY 24TH WITH R. STEWART  
BAUKNIGHT LEADING THE GROUP AT 5:00  
P.M. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CHECK OUT PAGE 4.**

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# Education Director Dick Card

## APRIL SEMINAR

Bark House with Tom Gow is a full class.

From Dick Card:

### CONCERNING FUTURE SEMINARS:

I would like to know what type of Professional Carver club members would like to have PWCC come to our club to teach our Seminars. By type I mean relief carving, caricature carvings, chip carvings, bark carvings, pyrography or anything else I may have missed.

And if you have a special carver you'd like me to contact send me his (her) name and email or other means of communicating with him (her) if you know any of this. If you don't know anything more than a name, I'll do my best to find them.

### CONCERNING FUTURE IN-HOUSE CLASSES:

I would also like to know what type of IN-HOUSE classes you would like in the future? Remember the in-house classes are led by our own PWCC carvers. And we have a lot of expertise among our members. If you have any preferences or special requests, please email me at [dickcard2020@gmail.com](mailto:dickcard2020@gmail.com) or talk to me some Wednesday at Carve-In.

## MAY SEMINAR

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

Friday May 12th from 9 to 4

Saturday May 13th from 9 to 4

Sunday May 14th from 9 to 4

Cost \$150.00

Plus cost of rough out or wood.





# 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?

**"D" BARABAS** took Tom's challenge and sends a before and after **CHIP CARVED PLATE**.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**AND A CHIP -  
CARVED  
CLOCK**



John Kawalchuck sent this picture of the piece of cottonwood bark on the left and the completed piece when he finished carving it on the right



Betty Card shows what happens when you cut the wrong part of wood off for a turtle. Yes, that top one is Betty's first turtle. I later learned to do another; hence the turtle in bottom picture.



# PUBLICITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The board is introducing a new concept for our club hoping to encourage people to stay later during Wednesday Carve-Ins. SO, PWCC is starting a **GUIDED GROUP SECTION** that will start at 5:00 p.m. The first guided group section will be on May 24<sup>TH</sup> with **R. STEWART BAUKNIGHT** guiding the group in carving a mini owl. Blanks will be provided by Stewart. **Interested? Show up and seat yourself in the Guided Group Section, AND ENJOY.**

## MEET THE PEOPLE

APRIL 29TH

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Where: Simpsonville branch / Greenville Library System

626 N. E. Main Street

Simpsonville, SC 29681

Join Lila Gilmer, "D" Barabas,  
Betty and Dick Card

as they Meet the People to show & tell our activity.

## Meet the People

June 24th

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Where: Pickens County Library

304 Biltmore Road Easley, S. C.

Carvers needed to Meet and Greet people.

Contact Mary Z. Johnston at  
mbjohnst@aol.com OR R. Stewart Bauknight  
at ebcba@att.net to let them know you will help.

## MEET THE PEOPLE

MAY 27th

TIME: 2 TO 4 P.M.

WHERE: Pickens County Library

304 Biltmore Road Easley, S. C.

Carvers needed to Meet and Greet people. Contact  
Mary Z. Johnston at mbjohnst@aol.com OR R.  
Stewart Bauknight at ebcba@att.net to let them  
know you will help.

Please check page 12. Out And About page for more information on another way to help the club, and (or) woodcarving for the future.

## FESTIVALS FOR PWCC:

The board has decided to put some effort into increasing the club's membership.

To do this, we would like to set up a table or two at some of the annual festivals in areas in close proximity to Greenville, Spartanburg and Ashville and their surrounding area. We will have printed information cards that can be handed out which will tell when and where we meet.

Tom Gow is looking for any festivals that might fit the agenda for our club in the near future.

He can use **YOUR HELP** in several ways, such as:

1. Ideas about activities that you know about. And especially any festivals you know about.
2. And being an active member of the club when festivals and activities are set up.

If you can help, let Tom know by telling him at carve-ins or email him at tjgow@bellsouth.net

# MEMBERS DISCUSSIONS

## HINTS FROM DAVE SIKKELLE

If you take very light cuts with your knife just shaving a little off at a time, you will find that when you get to the end of your carving, you will have very little sanding to do on the carving. Slow and easy as they say.

Betty comments: I can not accomplish this feat. **It takes practice.** My objective is to one day look at a carving and say, "Yes, I can. I did it."

## HINTS FROM LILA GILMER

If you are doing a head or face these tips might come in handy.

Using a straight pin with a ball on the end of it, poke 1 in each eyeball. Look at the pins from the side and you might see them out of line. Line them up then check from the top and check to see if they are lined up. Keep lining them up from each direction until they are where you will want them on your carving.

Ears are another. Put pins in the ears as if you were going to clean them out. Do the same thing with them. Check them from the front and realign until you get them right; check them from the top, bottom etc. and continue realigning them until you have them reasonably in line.

Lila also mentioned if you are doing any face parts, ears, nose, mouth etc. you have many models around you. Husbands, wives, children, neighbors etc.

## PWCC LIBRARY INFORMATION:

**Are you looking for information from the PWCC library but can't seem to catch Skip Rentz home to find out a good time to visit the library? .**

Skip mentioned that the best time to catch him at home to view the library would be Monday mornings Tuesdays and some Thursdays but you can call and check with him. **843-830-8977**

To check for a magazine article in the PWCC library, go [www. Piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.Piedmontwoodcarvers.com) and

1. **click on Carving Resources**
2. **Click on PWCC Library.**
3. **Click on Magazine Inventory**
4. **If interested in Carving in the Round,** scroll down to pages 5-7. I found several titles that I may borrow in the future.
5. The more you look, the more you will find.

Bob Davison and Skip Rentz did a complete inventory of the library. At this writing, there are between 45 to 50 books missing. If you have one of them, please return them.

The list of books on our website will be updated in the near future when the digital copy is updated.

At that time, we will also have a complete list of the missing books.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Tom Gow



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Charlie Arnold



Publicity/Planning  
R. Stewart Bauknieht

# NEWEST PWCC MEMBERS



**DALE LEFFLER**



Dale found wood carving over 27 years ago when he was surfing the web. He decided to whittle a carving using his linoleum knife which is pictured here. Of course, he was very discouraged with the outcome but never gave up the thought of carving someday. Not too long ago he started surfing the web and found a lot of wood carving on Face book. Eventually, he went to the Charlotte wood carvers show and later to the Piedmont Woodcarvers Show in 2022. He ended up joining the Piedmont Wood Carving Club at our show in November. He finally got to the club for Greg Barnes In-House Class and was thrilled at what he was able to do. Travel back and forth equals over 3 hours for Dale to attend classes so he figures it is too much for him to hope to come to 6 or 7 hr classes for 3 days but hopes to be able to learn more at another 1 day In-House class some day and he might even surprise himself some day by showing up at one of our Wednesday Carve-Ins now that they go until 7:30 p.m. instead of ending at 4:00 p.m.



**FRANK GODBEY**

Welcome back to a New Old Member who only carved for a short time with the club many years ago.

Frank rejoined the PWCC in March after a lengthy absence due to his work schedules. He likes to do relief carving and enjoys carving dolphins. He admits he has not done much carving and would like to get together with the carvers who can show him some techniques he needs to learn.

Frank, I think you've come back at the right time. We have carvers who can teach just about any subject you are interested in at our club and Dick Card, our Education Chairman is trying to set up Saturday In House classes or Seminars to help our members. Let him know what you are interested in doing.

## **FRED JONES**

One of our members who we have not seen around for awhile is Fred Jones who came back to our Wednesday Carve-ins. **Welcome back Fred.**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAYS?



Will you be able to identify someone just from their smile, their eyes, nose or ears? Next issue Betty may put you to the test.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON WEDNESDAYS

Some of these pictures are from APRIL 5TH. & others are some Wednesday nights in March.





# IN-HOUSE CLASS PICTURES



Greg Barnes In-House Class on Gnomes in March



# HAPPENING AROUND US

## Evergreen Woodcarvers of Greenville, Tennessee

28th Annual Woodcarving Show at the Green-  
ville 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

Shorty Menendez 423-948-1563

Dennis Stubbs 423-823-8771

Melvin Jones 423-552-1743

More information: contact Charlie Arnold

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

**APRIL 26th: PWCC MEMBER MEETING**

**APRIL 21ST, 22ND, 23RD: TOM GOW 2 1/2 DAY  
SEMINAR ON BARK HOUSE CARVING**

**APRIL 29TH: SIMPSONVILLE LIBRARY WITH  
PWCC MEMBERS**

**MAY 12TH, 13TH, MAY 14TH: RON DOWDY  
ON CARVING IN THE ROUND WITH AND  
WITHOUT ROUGH OUTS.**

**MAY 24TH: PWCC MEMBER MEETING &  
FIRST GUIDED GROUP SECTION AT 5:00.**

**MAY 27TH: MEET THE PEOPLE IN EASLEY,  
S.C.**

**JUNE 24TH: MEET THE PEOPLE IN EASLEY,  
S. C.**

## **PYROGRAPHY CLUB IN HICKORY, N.C.**

MEETS EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT THE HICKORY, N. C. KLINGSPOR STORE.

856 21ST STREET DRIVE SE

HICKORY, N. C. 28602

**FROM 1 TO 3 IN THE AFTERNOON.**

Please bring any projects you would like to share  
with the group at the "show and tell" segment, as well  
as any tips or tricks you might have to share.

We will have an opportunity to work on a pyrography  
project of your choice with expert help with any ques-  
tions you have.

Please share this information with anyone that you  
think would be interested in participating in a pyrogra-  
phy club. Guests are always welcome. Hope to see  
you there.

Betty interjects: I am told there is no cost to come  
and visit. I spoke with Michele at the Charlotte Show  
and she told me she likes to go around to see if she  
can help anyone as they work on their project.

There are dues but I think they allow you to come  
several times before asking you to join.

## **PWCC WEEKLY CARVE-IN**

Club carving on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.  
til 7:30 p.m.. Come when you can and leave  
when you must. We carve at the Mauldin  
Cultural Center on 101 E. Butler Street  
Mauldin, S. C.

**First GUIDED GROUP SECTION** will be  
held May 24th at 5:00 p.m.



# OUT AND ABOUT FOR WOODCARVING

Revenel Elementary School in Seneca School District has an annual “Artists on the Green” day . For years Kent Ellison has been part of the event as he shows youngsters all about Wood Carving. I’ve been told Kent in past years has been joined by other PWCC carvers for this event. In March he was joined by Jim Hartwig and Gene Rivard. The wood carvers set up their table in a designated class room and spend the day demonstrating as classes came in to their room one after the other to join them as they told them about wood-carving and showed their work. Gene mentioned that it was FUN. AND THERE WAS LOTS OF INTEREST!!



PWCC MEMBERS!!! DO YOU KNOW OF A SCHOOL THAT IS WILLING TO DO THIS FOR THEIR STUDENTS? IF SO, HAVE THEM SEND AN EMAIL TO MARY Z. JOHNSTON AT [mbjohnst@aol.com](mailto:mbjohnst@aol.com). Mary will do what she can to get carvers to their school for their Artist Festival.

OR: DO YOU KNOW A TEACHER AT A SCHOOL THAT YOU CAN APPROACH ABOUT A PROJECT LIKE THIS FOR HIS (HER) SCHOOL? **ASK NOT WHAT MARY CAN DO, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR PWCC.**

# BREAKING NEWS

The members of PWCC who knew Caron Wilson were saddened by the news of her death although we all knew she was enduring a lengthy battle with cancer.

We all want to remember the vibrant, wonderful person Caron was. I think I, for one will always remember her ready smile even when you could tell she was in pain. I also remember the wonderful way she combined her wooden carvings and succulent plants into artistic arrangements using what Mother Nature supplied.

These following words were excerpts from comments of a friend of Caron who posted on her Facebook page. Caron Wilson passed away on April 6, 2023. For 37 years, she was the owner and manager of Freehaven Farm, a fiber farm with sheep, llamas, alpacas, emus and other animals she loved deeply. Through Freehaven, she instructed wood carving, spinning, weaving and sold equipment and materials for textile arts.

She had a special bond with animals and was truly gifted with the ability to care for them. She treated them with respect, love and sacrificed for them over her own wants and needs many times. At the end of her life, her greatest concerns were that her animals and the farm be taken care of properly and expressing gratitude to all that were there for her.

She will be remembered most for her love of animals, her artistry in fiber and wood, and her unwavering commitment to teach others to continue these skills and protect the Earth.



Caron Wilson Remembered continued:



REST IN PEACE CARON.

## FOR SALE BY MEMBERS:

If a member has anything they want to sell whether carving related or not I will put it in the newsletter for one month. You must have an email, and or phone number listed along with price and picture of item with description. I will not be a go-between, and the ad will be taken off the following month. If you still have it for sale after another month, you can resubmit the item.

If anyone has any extra carving tools (knives, gouges, etc.) they want to sell, please make sure they are in good condition before submitting them but we have many new carvers who might be interested at this point in time. Good luck.

Send to Betty Card at [betcard15@gmail.com](mailto:betcard15@gmail.com)

**PICTURE, DESCRIPTION, PRICE, YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL?, NAME?, PHONE ?).**