



# PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER EDITION 2023

Words from Our President  
Sharon Haddox

2023 is almost over and I want to take this time to  
Thank You all for a great year.

We have had many opportunities to share our love  
for woodcarving with each other and the new people  
we have been blessed to meet.

I hope that each of you have a wonderful Christmas  
and New Year.

As we go into the new year I hope that we will be  
able to continue working together for enrichment of  
the club and each person will continue to help the  
club continue to grow. Whether you volunteer at  
functions, teach a class, reach out to help teach a  
visitor or new member or support your board with  
ideas you are important to the growth of the club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

On behalf of all the members of the PWCC  
Board of Directors

May God bless all of you and your families with  
good health and a happy holy day season

May He continue to bless all of you in the com-  
ing years and may you all have much happiness  
in the year 2024 and beyond.



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# Education Director Dick Card

## January 2024 Seminar

The PWCC is happy to sponsor a seminar with Rod Gatlin doing small **caricature faces** in the round for a 1 day class in January.

### Small Caricature Faces

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Time: 9 to 4 +

Cost \$50.00 includes wood

Mauldin Cultural Center 101 E. Butler Road Mauldin, S. C.

Ron hopes to teach from 1 to 4 faces in the class

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 Dick Card's address (it's on the registration form) with the check for \$50.00 to PWCC (or Piedmont Woodcarvers Club) as per information on the form. Registration forms must be received by Dick Card by December 27th, 2023. We need minimum count by then. Registration forms are on our website and included in this issue of our newsletter. Our website is:

[www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com). On the web, forms are listed under Education.

Best Regards, Richard (Dick) Card.

# PWCC SEMINAR REGISTRATION REVISED FORM 2023

## Piedmont Wood Carvers Club—Workshop Registration Form



Class seats are filled in the order that the registration form and full payment are received. Reservation confirmation will be sent via email. If the workshop is full, the club will notify you about alternate status and/or your payment will be returned to the address below. Minimum age is 18. If you do not attend, any material distributed by the instructor will be collected and held for you. **The workshop cost is non-refundable.** Photos of the students and/or their work are the sole property of PWCC.

**Your registration obligates the student for full workshop cost.** In the event you are unable to honor your reservation, you may assign your reservation to another person subject to completed workshop registration form and approval of Education Chairman.

1. Print and complete this form.
2. Enclose your check or money order payable to PWCC for the total amount of the workshop fee.
3. Mail the registration form and check to: Richard Card 571 Andre Lane Spartanburg, S. C. 29301-1634. (**email:** dickcard2020@gmail.com)

### Workshop Description

Instructor	
Workshop Title/type	
Date(s)/ Time(s)	
Cost	
Location	

Please print legibly especially on the waiver form. We may need to make contact at some point in time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PWCC Member Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Waiver of Liability

I agree that the Piedmont Wood Carvers Club (PWCC), its instructors, or any sponsor is not responsible for damage to, theft, or loss of my property. I further agree and promise to hold harmless the PWCC, it's instructors, the PWCC board members and any sponsor from any and all liability resulting from, or in any way connected with, my participation in the above described workshop. I agree and promise to conduct myself in a manner that is safe for other students, participants, instructors and myself.

Student Signature	
Emergency Contact-Name	
Emergency Contact-Phone	
Date	

### Tuition Information for above described workshop: to be filled by Dick Card when received

Tuition and Registration received: (date)
Check #:
Dollar Amount:

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# Education Director Dick Card

The Difference between Seminars & In-house Classes.

PWCC 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. PWCC collects but gives the payments to the pros after the completion of the class. Carvers who attend the seminar do not have to be PWCC members, but they must abide by the rules on the registration forms. **FORMS AND CHECKS MUST BE MAILED BY CERTAIN DATES AS ADVERTISED**

**BUT**

Members Only In-House Classes are taught by our member carvers. Some of these men and women are also pros, **BUT THESE CLASSES ARE FREE TO MEMBERS ONLY** with minimal charge for wood and material. **HOWEVER**, they must register with Dick Card, and it is required that you contact Dick if you can not make the class as a courtesy to the person giving the class.

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

PLEASE NOTE: The board suggested and ratified that **Any dues paid November 1 thru December 30, 2023 are paid in full until the end of December 2024.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**





# Education Director: February In-House Classes

To take IN HOUSE CLASSES, there are no forms, but **YOU MUST** contact Dick Card via email or phone and let him know you would like to take the class. He will let you know if you are accepted. There is usually a limit on attendees. **SO PLEASE LET DICK KNOW IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT.** You can contact Dick Card via **phone, email or in class.** Phone: 864-587-7438. Leave message if no answer. Email: dickcard2020@gmail.com **WHEN DICK IS OUT OF TOWN, CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR.**



Some of Dave's past leprechauns



**GREG BARNES**

**IN-HOUSE CLASS**

**MEMBERS ONLY**

**Date: Saturday**

**February 3rd, 2024**

**Time: 9 to 5**

**Little Santa head**

**No cost for materials**

**NEW DATE FOR  
DAVE SIKKELEE IN-HOUSE  
CLASS FOR MEMBERS ONLY**

Saturday, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

Time: 9 am to 4 pm. with follow up  
class if needed the following

Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

***The following Wednesday class idea  
is new, so I repeat.***

**Caricature Leprechaun class**

Follow up on Wednesdays from  
4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. for those  
not finished.

Begins: Saturday, FEBRUARY 10,  
2024

Time: 9 to 4:

Cost of Materials: \$10.00

# Education Director

## Photos from Tom Gow In-House Class 2023



Left side top to bottom: Tom Gow, Greg Barnes, Steve Bailey and Dave Fisher, Mike Freeman and Steven Cooper. Right side top to bottom: 1. John Kawalchuk, Dee Trudeau, Steven Cooper, Mike Freeman. 2. Skip Rentz & Greg Barnes 3. Loretta Barrs & Dee Trudeau

## From the Desk of Our Treasurer John Kawalchuck

**It's that time of year again.**

2024 Dues are now being collected.

Send your check for **\$25.00 made payable to**

**Piedmont Woodcarvers Club** or give the check to John Kawalchuk at a  
Wednesday Carve-In.

The mailing address is:

PWCC

P.O. Box 527

Mauldin, S. C.

29662

Remember the Board has ratified that anyone who pays their dues from November 1st through the end of December 2023 has paid their 2024 dues fully until the end of December 2024.

In this newsletter there are 2 hidden smiles. Find the smile, and figure out to what PWCC member it belongs.

Fill out the form at the Club Meeting on the 20th.

There is a small prize for the winner.

Good luck.



# Tom Gow's Challenge

With the start of this newsletter, Tom Gow started this challenge page to get people to show their carvings. Now he has decided to show one of his carvings again. **But first please read the story behind this carving.**

Tom's story: Janis and I visited Custer State Park in the Black Hills of South Dakota earlier this year. While driving the wildlife loop in the park, we stopped at the Wildlife Visitor's Center. As soon as I saw it, I knew I had to try and carve a likeness of it. I took pictures of all sides and use them as reference material for the carving.

Years ago, after deciding cottonwood bark was my preferred material, I gave all my basswood away and said I'd never carve on any wood but bark again.

Well .....never say never! Now, I knew I would need more material for this carving than what I could get using bark. So ..... I glued four pieces of basswood, 4" x 6" x 6" long together. I started on the carving in mid-September and it will span several weeks before completion.

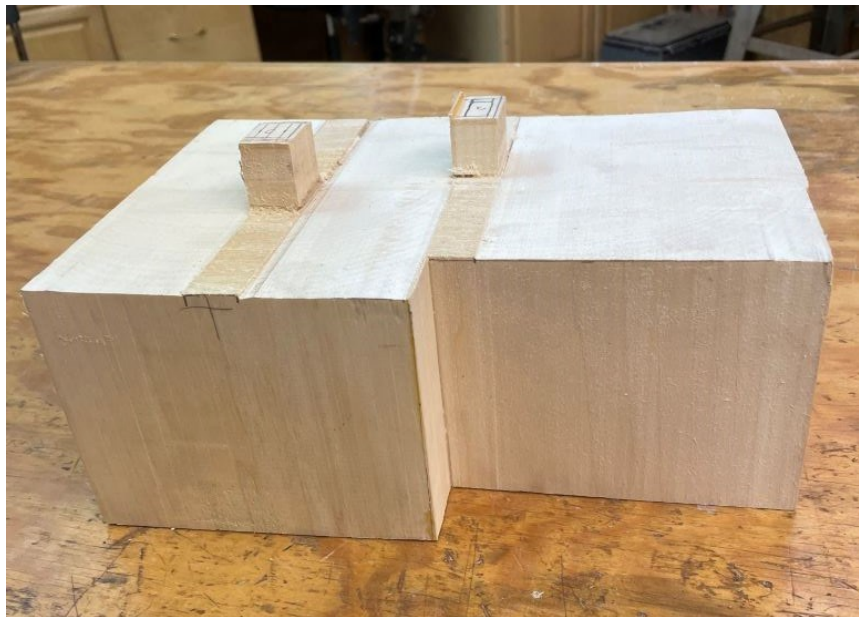




# Tom Gow's Challenge



With the blocks of wood in the picture on the right Tom's carving begins.





# Tom Gow's Challenge

Various steps as Tom completes his project.



I am waiting eagerly to see the finished product.



Hopefully Tom will send it for a future issue.



# What is Tom Gow's Challenge About?

When the PWCC Board of Directors was installed in 2023, Tom Gow came up with an idea to inspire members to send pictures of their carvings into the newsletter to let others see what is being carved at our club.

In The February newsletter Vice President Tom Gow wrote this message: **“I would like to see members send pictures of their carvings to the newsletter for publication. It can be your first carving or any carving you’ve done up to your last carving.”** Tom sent photos of 4 of his carvings with his message.

In that issue, Newsletter Editor Betty Card wrote: Tom showed “HIS”. Now it’s your turn to show “YOURS, and soon started to receive carvings from members for publication. This page was titled TOM’S CHALLENGE meaning that he was challenging PWCC members to show their carvings to other members.

Should this be the correct title for this page or should I change it?

**I WRITE THIS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO THINK IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR THE BEST CARVING AMONG MEMBERS BUT** a challenge for you to send a picture for publication. As Tom wrote: **It can be your first carving or any carving you’ve done up to your last carving.**

Send photos to [bettycard15@gmail.com](mailto:bettycard15@gmail.com). Show us “YOURS”.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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SHARON HADDOX



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TOM GOW



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CHARLIE ARNOLD

# Odds and Ends with info on CLUB MEETING

**Is anyone interested in selling some of your extra basic tools in good condition? We have a few new members who are looking for tools for carving and might be interested.**

**A TABLE WILL BE SET UP AT THE CLUB MEETING FOR MEMBERS TO SELL THEIR TOOLS.**

**TAPE A NOTE TO YOUR TOOL WITH YOUR NAME AND THE PRICE YOU WANT .**

**If your tools don't sell at the meeting, you can try again at the Wednesday Carve-Ins**

**CLUB MEETING ON DECEMBER 20th STARTS AT 2:00 P.M. AND WILL GO UNTIL 7:00 OR UNTIL ALL THE SNACKS ARE GONE AND PEOPLE HEAD HOME. Bring your carving tools and something to carve.**

Jim Hartwig sends this picture of the Birthday Brat Fry that these friends have been having for the past 7 years. They are celebrating the birthdays of Gene Rivard, Dave van Gorder and Jim Hartwig..



Yet another riddle from my great grand daughter:

Q. When Santa sprained his ankle, what did he use to walk?

A. A candy cane.

# PWCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Calendar of Events

Unless noted otherwise, our Wednesday club carve-ins will be held at the Mauldin Cultural Center on 101 East Butler Road Mauldin, S. C. The room is generally open earlier than noted so feel free to go in and carve. If not in the artisan room, we can generally be found in the large meeting room at front of building.

December 20th: PWCC Carve in and CLUB MEETING. Please bring a snack to share. The meeting starts at 2:00 and continues to 7:00 p.m.

December 27th: MCC will be closed

January 3rd: Regular Carve-in normal times

January 10th: Regular Carve-in normal times with Board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

January 17th: Regular Carve-in normal times

January 24th: Regular Carve-in with Club Meeting beginning at noon.

January 31st: Regular Carve-in normal times