



PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Message from Sharon

As we close out another year I want to say thank you to all of our club members for your support. When asked to participate in events you have all stepped up when and where needed.

We have attended festivals, show and tells and held carving classes As we go into 2025 we need to continue to support each other and reach out to our community to share our knowledge of carving.

Remember that your ideas of what you would like to see the club involved in for next year is always welcome. You can always let your board know of any ideas you have.

The board is compiling a list of items from the show to help us with the 2025 show. So if you have any suggestions let us know now while it is fresh in your mind. Share any positive or negative suggestions . Both our welcome.

We will be losing a few board members this year so we need you to volunteer for the board. New members this is a great way for you to get involved and learn about the club. I think that if you asked any of the current members that with the board we have been able to split the responsibilities so that it is not over whelming for any one person.

We need new ideas and any new perspectives

So now is the time to step up and volunteer.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Education Director Dick Card

SEMINAR ONE DAY CLASS WITH CHARLIE ARNOLD

FEBRUARY 8TH 2025

9 A.M. until 5 P.M. WITH 1/2 FOR LUNCH

COST \$50.00 PLUS

\$10.00 FOR HALEY REFSAL BASSWOOD BLANK

Charlie recommends a wide thin flat ground honed blade for this type of carving. Charlie is usually at the Wednesday meetings so please ask him for advice on your existing knives. The most important features for the knife will be 2 “ long thin sharp blade, “the sharpest tool in your box”.

Be sure to sign up for this class ASAP. This is opened to all carvers & clubs, not just PWCC members. For this class to become reality, we need a minimum of 6 carvers with a maximum of 8.

Registration form must be received by January 31, 2025.



Education Director Dick Card

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 from (dickcard2020@gmail.com). 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.

Workshop Description

Instructor	
Workshop Title/type	
Date(s)/ Time(s)	
Cost	
Location	Mauldin Cultural Center (Artisan Room) 101 East Butler Road, Mauldin, SC 29662

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:

Revised 2023

Education Director Dick Card

PWCC has hopes that we can pull together a few classes in the year 2025 for our in-house classes and seminars. Several are being worked on as this newsletter is being compiled. Possible in-house with Dave Sikkellee, possible 2 day seminar with John Kalwalchuk of medium size or larger bark house. Possible in-house class or seminar with Marc Blanchard on some type of bark carving.

Bark classes are now a problem due to bark wood sellers going out of business. We can get thinner pieces but for the larger houses and other items thicker Canada wood is preferred.

Any ideas of what type of classes you would like, let Dick Card know. There is no guarantee that the space for the classes can be worked out but he will do all he can.

Meanwhile, we will have Greg Wirtz teaching in April. More news to follow on that.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE CARVING AT THE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CARVE. BUT NO CLUB MEETING. LOOK AT SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY.

FIRST CARVINGS FROM MEMBERS

Just as we did at the last club meeting, at the next club meeting after this issue is published we will all have a chance to put out guessing skills to work and guess who the owners of these carvings are.

This idea was started by Tom Gow. It will show our new members how we all had to start somewhere and if there is a story behind the carving, the owner (if present) can tell that story to all of us.

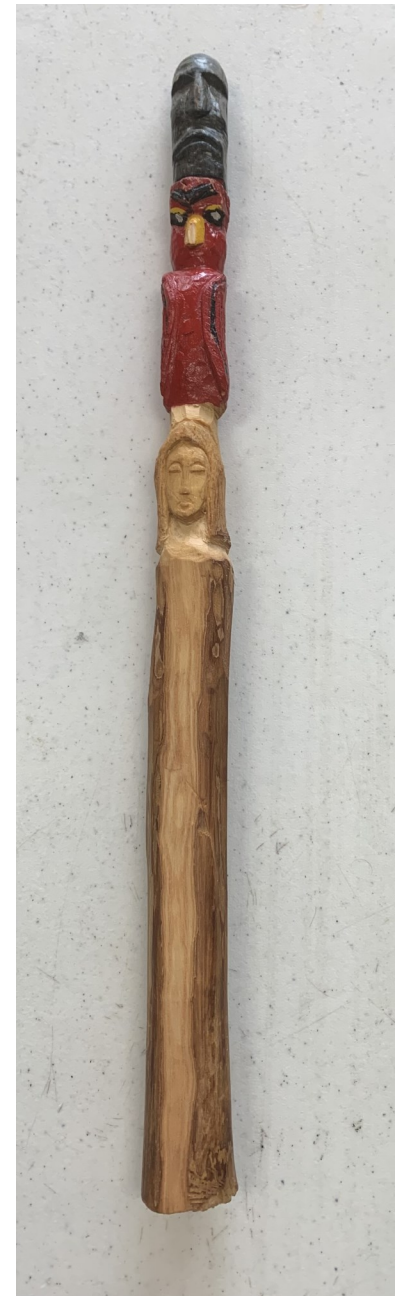
There are no prizes or winners involved. Just SHOW AND TELL.

Item #1. The 2 bears are from one carver.

Item #2. The bird.

Item#3. The flower

Item #4. The walking stick



MEMBER'S CREATIONS

Tom Gow's quote: "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 have done up to your last carving"

The following pictures show that carvers are often helped by the input from another carver. Jim Hartwig showed the picture on the left in our November issue as #4 of 4 sides of this house. Ideas from Dick Card had him continuing his work on it and the pictures on the right are the result. The most outstanding change is the water fall. What a stunning piece of bark Jim produced.

Don't be afraid to ask another carver for advice on your carvings. You don't have to listen but sometimes it helps



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These carvings won prizes at the Mountain Traditions Woodcarvers Show.

Bill Haddox did well and brought home 3 ribbons. Good job Bill.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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2024 New Member:
Skio Rentz

34th Annual PWCC WOODCARVING SHOW

Winner's Creations



From Left to right:

Novice Division Winner: Chip Carved Clock Casing
by Mary Z. Johnston

Intermediate Division Winner: Duck by ????????

Best of Open and Best of Show: The Crucified Jesus
by Gene Rivard

Best of Theme: Farmer by Richard (Dick) Card

34th Annual PWCC WOODCARVING SHOW

Every year PWCC honors one of our members who has contributed above and beyond for the club over the years. In 2024, Russell (Buddy) Amos was added to the list of past members who have received this honor. And as always, thanks go to his wife, Barbel Amos for her constant support of Buddy.



Although few people who are still members of PWCC know of Buddy's tenure as President during a trying time for the club many years ago, there are many more that he taught to "chip carve" that remain members who have gone on to become excellent in that craft. One of them is Mary Z. Johnston who won first place in the Novice division this year. I've met several young people over the years who are now passing on the art of chip carving to their nieces and nephews. Thank you so much Buddy for your help and inspiration.

34th Annual PWCC WOODCARVING SHOW

Just a few pictures of members of our club who are hoping to see the younger generation take up this wonderful hobby and craft as they did many years ago. In the pictures below from left to right on top row. Charlie Arnold (a past president) and Larry Lawing. Jim Woods and his wife Donna (Jim was our raffle co-ordinator for years setting up the system we use today. His wife Donna was at his side always helping. In the bottom row many of you know Heyward Davis (past president who did much for this club) and his wife, Teresa who did a wonderful job with photos for PWCC for many years. Eugene Blake is on the right. All of these men and women did more for the club than people realize and their legacy continues as our club continues. Let's make them proud and keep it going.



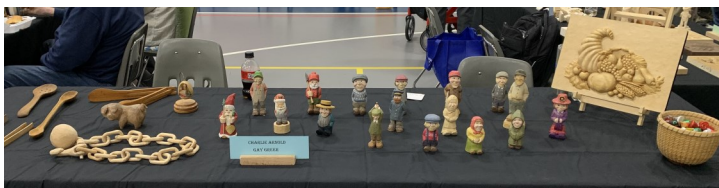
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Just a few of the members from PWCC that were at the SHOW.

Pictures from Teresa Davis and others.

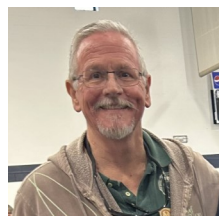


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The above table is Dave Sikkelee's. The rest you can tell by label on table. These are just a few of the member tables.

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I know I missed many PWCC members, many old members but found a few pictures of interest. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Just wanted people to see how much interest there was in the show by spectators. And found a few more photos of interest. There were new vendors for us also.. Jim Ligon is one of them. And Rod Gatlin set up a table also.

This That and a Little Bit More

COMING SOON TO OUR WEBSITE WILL BE A SLIDE SHOW OF THE PWCC 2025 SHOW DEVELOPED BY BRUCE JONES (OUR WEBMASTER). WATCH FOR IT. PIEDMONTWOODCARVERS.COM.

I'm sorry I can not show all the wonderful pictures that tell the story of this show into the newsletter but watch for more from Bruce on the website.

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CARVERS WILL BE AT MAULDIN ON THE 18TH OF DECEMBER FOR OUR REGULAR MEETING BUT THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEMBER MEETING THIS MONTH DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

ENJOY THIS TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. MAY YOU ALL ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASON.

PWCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please refer to past newsletters that can be found on www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com for the hourly times for Carve-Ins. Wednesday will be at Mauldin Cultural Center, Mauldin, S. C. Tuesday will be at Wood Craft Store on 1327 Miller Rd. K. Greenville, S. C. 29607

Wednesday December 18th: PWCC Carve In normal times

Tuesday December 19th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

No club meeting due to the Christmas and New Year's celebrations

BOARD MEMBERS OF PWCC WISH ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL , HEARTFELT CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF WONDERFUL HAPPENINGS.



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS BEGINS:

Tuesday January 7th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday January 8th: PWCC Carve In normal times with board meeting at 1:30

Tuesday January 14th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday January 15th: PWCC Carve In normal times

Tuesday January 21st: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday January 22nd: PWCC Carve In normal times with Club Member Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday January 28th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday January 29th: PWCC Carve In normal times

