



PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Message from Sharon

We will start off the new year with our nominations of new board members. If you are interested in joining the board now is the time to speak up.

I would like to thank the following board members who have decided to leave the board in 2025. They will be missed as part of the board., Tom, Mary, and John.

Thank you for all the support you have provided over the past two years.

Planning has already begun for 2025. We want to continue our out reach programs of attending festivals and show and tells. So if you know of any events please pass this information to a board member.

Again I want to say thank you to all of you who provided your support by volunteering at these events. We had a great turn out each time we asked.

We have been compiling a list from the show of ideas we could do differently or things we thought worked well. Please give any ideas you have to Bev, These ideas will help us have an even better show in 2025.

If you haven't checked out our web site recently please go take a look at it. Bruce has added a slide show of pictures from the show. Great job Bruce. Thank you.

Don't forget to pay your 2025 dues as soon as possible.

I hope 2025 is a great year for everyone.

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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:

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Education Director Dick Card

SEMINAR: 2 DAY RELIEF CLASS WITH GREG WIRTZ

April 12th & 13th, 2025

\$100.00 plus cost of wood

Time: 9 am until 5 pm with break for lunch

Registration form must be received by Dick Card
by March 29th, 2025.

Send in your form. We need a Minimum of 8
carvers to bring Greg to this area. Maximum for class is 14 carvers.
You can carry lunch and eat in or go. There are various restaurants
in area.

You pick your pattern from those Greg brings which are many.

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.

Check our the December issue for FIRST CARVINGS FROM MEMBERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS THE RIGHT CARVER THAT GOES WITH THE CARVINGS. They will be guessed at the January Club meeting.

The owners of the carvings from this issue will be guessed at the February Member Club Meeting. Hope to see you at both Member Club meetings.

Carving #1



Carving #2

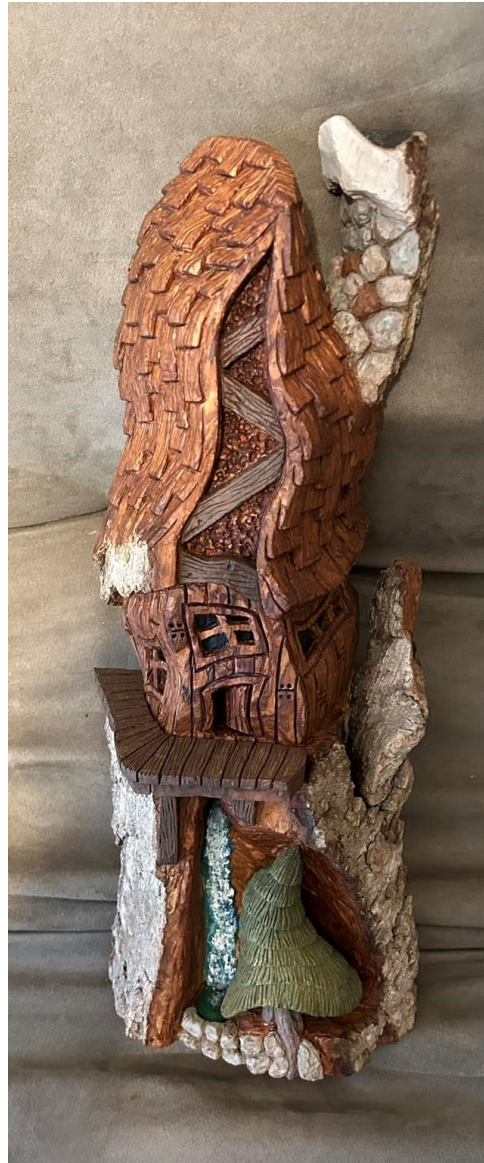


MEMBER'S CREATIONS

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"



Three views from another unique John Kawalchuk bark house.



MEMBER'S CREATIONS

Carvings from Betty Card



The carvings shown here **are not my first carvings done by myself alone** but 2 of the first I finished at the club after becoming a member. I had 2 different helpers for both of them and not sure if both helpers helped me partly on each or not but I think the elf was done solely with the help of Greg Barnes while the Santa might have started with Greg's help but Pete Erbskorn also helped on that one when Greg was not available.

At the time, I thought I did pretty good but those of you who have had help know that usually the right eye is done by instructor and the left by student. I look at them now and know I did not do well. But I also now know that everyone must learn one step at a time. I think I still need some more steps, however.

MAULDIN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



The Mauldin Cultural Center invited the PWCC to participate in the Mauldin Tree Lighting Ceremony in December 2024. Several of our members showed up to help with the display.



I may not have all the names but I'm going to insert those I know. Dave Fisher, Charlie Arnold, Gay Greer, Lila Gilmer and Steve Bailey. I'm told the evening was exceptionally beautiful.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PRESIDENT:
SHARON HADDOX



VICE PRESIDENT:
TOM GOW



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BETTY CARD



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PUBLICITY/PLANNING:
MARY Z. JOHNSTON



2024 New Member:
Skio Rentz

TRIBUTE TO BOB DAVISON

Bob (Robert) Davidson, long time PWCC member passed away toward the end of 2024. Bob enjoyed carving and the fellowship of the PWCC members. Years ago, he was the biggest contributor to the **Angels of Hope** program. Among other things to keep him busy during CoVid isolation, he started carving some caricature heads. When he found some pine boards the thickness of the Angels of Hope, he started carving those again, as well.

PWCC has a spectacular library program that was developed by Bob. You can find it on our website. Bob spent countless hours completely organizing and categorizing the PWCC library. The information was meticulously hand written by him in his very neat script. Then another member, Nancy Holtzman typed it up and gave the typewritten information back to Bob to check for errors. This information can now be found on our website. www.piedmontcarvers.com.

Interested? Go to the website, click on RESOURCES. Then click on CLUB LIBRARY. Then click on any of the following 3 headings. BOOK INVENTORY, or MAGAZINE INVENTORY or PROJECTS FOR MAGAZINES. And follow the directions to find what you want.

Bob was a kind, gentle man. I found it refreshing that whenever to talked to me on the phone during CoVid's hideaway years, he ended the conversation with "Keep safe and enjoy life even if it is quite different from what we knew as normal."

Not too long ago, Bob passed away and left a hole in many of our hearts. His wife Ellen spent some time in NY with the family and on her return announced t there will be **a memorial for Bob January 14th, 2025 : Time: 11 a.m.: Where at THE GARDEN GREENVILLE on 725 Garlington Road Greenville, S. C. 29607.**

The phone number for the GARDEN is 1-864-297-0105. If you can make it, you might want to pay your respects to his family. All are welcome.



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

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 2pm

Election of New Board Members 2025/2026 during the meeting.

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

Wednesday January 29th: PWCC Carve In normal times

Tuesday February 4th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday February 5th:: PWCC Carve In normal times

Tuesday February 11th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday February 12th:: PWCC Carve In normal times with board meeting at 1:30

Tuesday February 18:: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday February 19th:: PWCC Carve In normal times

Tuesday February 25th: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7

Wednesday February 26th: PWCC Carve In normal times with Club Member Meeting at 2pm