



# PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY EDITION 2025

### Message from Sharon

Welcome to our new board members, Steve Bailey, Mike Freeman and Libby Basher. I look forward to serving on the board with you this year.

I would like to thank our members who have decided to step down this year, Mary Johnston, Tom Gow, and John Kawalchuk for their service to the club over the past two years and all of the help and support that they provided to me.

Last but not least a big thank you to the board members who have agreed to stay on the board another year, Betty and Dick Card, Bev Palier, Skip Rentz, and Stewart Bauknight.

During the February board meeting we will list our action items for the year so if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact any of your board member.

If anyone has any ideas for classes you would like to have this year please reach out to Dick with your suggestions

Also if you would like to teach or demonstrate a carving class for our members please let Dick know.

We need to have a variety of classes available for our members, so help us know what you are interested in.

Thank you all for your support.

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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.

# 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	

<b>Tuition Information for above described workshop: to be filled by Dick Card when received</b>	
Tuition and Registration received: (date)	
Check #:	
Dollar Amount:	

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# 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 are of FIRST carvings .

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.

AT THE FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING, Check our the JANUARY issue for FIRST CARVINGS FROM MEMBERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS THE RIGHT CARVER THAT GOES WITH THE CARVINGS.

The carvings from this issue will be voted on at the MARCH Member Club Meeting. And by then Betty or Mike might actually know the answer. Hope to see you at both Member Club meetings.



Betty says: “I think I goofed again. I have a picture of the cutest little dog that got lost. He might be a first carving from one of our members or he just might have liked my crazy picture filing system and decided to invade it. BUT... IF YOU ARE THE OWNER AND WOULD LIKE TO LET THE NEWSLETTER USE IT FOR OUR MARCH MEETING FIRST CARVING GUESSING GAME, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER BETTY CARD OR MIKE FREEMAN BY EMAIL. IF YOU DO IT AT A CARVING NIGHT AND WHISPER IN THEIR EAR, I CAN GUARANTEE EVERYONE WILL KNOW THE ANSWER.

PARENTS KNOW THAT THE SLIGHTEST WHISPERS ARE HEARD BY THEIR CHILDREN EVEN IF THE ROOM IS BUZZING WITH SOUND.

CARVERS ARE LIKE KIDS WHEN IT COMES TO A SECRET.”

# 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"

Carvings that Greg Barnes gave me permission to put in the newsletter. I hope I have the correct carvings to the right name. I've saved so many in the past.



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From Dave Fisher comes a few of his previous carvings.



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Two different views of a bark house by Mark Blanchard. Good work Mark.



Looking forward to another class with Mark on the pumpkin houses when and if he can get the bark.

# MEMBER'S CREATIONS

From John Kawalchuk's collection of bark houses. He never ceases to amaze.





# MEMBER'S CREATIONS

BETTY SAYS: I COULDN'T MAKE THIS MY LAST NEWSLETTER WITHOUT INCLUDING SOME MORE TOM GOW CREATIONS BUT THERE WILL BE MORE COMING FROM OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER CREATOR. TOM'S CREATIONS HAVE MUCH TO INSPIRE OTHERS. DON'T MISS THEM.

If my memory is correct, this creation of Tom Gow is inserted into an old piece of bark. But look at the detail of the little house inserted in the wood. Fantastic. A great idea for any carvers looking for a way to display their smaller bark houses.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TO THE PWCC CLUB DURING THE FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING. PREVIOUS MEMBERS STAYING ON THE BOARD ARE SHARON HADDOX, BEV PARLIER, DICK CARD, STEWART BAUKNIGHT, SKIP RENTZ AND BETTY CARD. NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS ARE MIKE FREEMAN, STEVE BAILEY AND LIBBY BASHER. THE POSITIONS OF EACH OF THESE PEOPLE WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. WATCH THE MARCH ISSUE FOR THE RESULTS.

Correct answers for the First Carvings of the December Issue were: #1: The bear owner is Larry Lawing. #2. The flying bird owner is Mary Z. Johnston #3. The flower owner is Debra Jennings #4. The walking stick owner is Dave Sikkelee **#3 and #4 had the most correct answers from our members.**

Who will guess the answers to the First Carvings published in the January issue? I guess we wait and see. But I find it refreshing to see that I am not the only one who struggled with a first carving.

Another issue brought up at the meeting was the Charlotte club issuing extra raffle tickets to outside clubs as well as their members. Unfortunately, the news came too late for us to let you know about the January offering from the Charlotte group but the February offer is on board right now. So if anyone is interested in obtaining a few extra raffle tickets for the raffle at the Charlotte show, here is what is now available.

Regular cost of the raffle tickets at the show in April are 40 for \$20.00. In March also 40 for \$20.00. February the cost is 50 tickets for \$20.00. IF INTERESTED, give Dick Card the \$20.00 for the tickets BY FEBRUARY 19. IF THE CHARLOTTE REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVES THE CHECK AFTER FEBRUARY 28TH, THE TICKETS WILL BE THE MARCH PRICE AND YOU WILL END UP GETTING 40 TICKETS FOR YOUR \$20.00. The same price you will pay at the April show in Charlotte. .

# NEW MEMBER

PWCC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER RICHARD LAKE.



Richard Lake is a retired woodworker and has produced some beautiful crafted pieces. Even though he is retired, he still takes orders for projects that he works on in his workshop at home.

In November of 2023 he attended the PWCC Show in Simpsonville and became interested in this new way of creating art from wood. In 2024 he once again attended the PWCC show in Simpsonville, got information on where we meet etc. and showed up in December for a Carve-in. He has been at-

tending regularly since then. Right now, he is interested in learning to carve lettering and numbers for a large sign he intends to put up near his workshop someday. Welcome to the club Richard and I am sure that Piedmont wood carvers can help you attain your goals.

# PWCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please refer to past newsletters that can be found on [www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://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 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

Tuesday March 4: Woodcraft Store Carve-In 5-7 Mardi Gras

Wednesday March 5th:: PWCC Carve In normal times Ash Wednesday

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

Wednesday March 12th:: PWCC Carve In normal times with board meeting at 2:00

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

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**PLEASE WATCH EMAILS FOR LAST MINUTE BAD WEATHER CLOSINGS FOR OUR CARVE-INS AND MEETINGS.**