

# PIEDMONT WOODCARVERS CLUB NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM BEV

Welcome summer! At our June club meeting, 22 members enjoyed Steve Bailey 's presentation on his Swiss army knife collection. He has over 300 Swiss army knives! I was surprised at how many had special functions - flashlight, USB port, pen, and unusual knives. Very interesting! Our July 11 club meeting (2:00) will be Christmas in July. We will be carving ornaments (furnished by the club) for our Show tree.

Don't forget PWCCs newest outreach carve in-Holly Springs Center, Thursdays from 4:00-8:00.

We are still growing -- membership is at 93 now!

Your Board has been working on cleaning up our Bylaws. You will receive a copy by email the first of July. Please vote yea or nay. We need all to vote!

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# Education



In House Class w/ Libby Bashor

## Hearts

Carve as a stand alone Heart  
or prep into necklace or pin

Wednesday June 24th

Mauldin Cultural  
Center Carving Room

4 pm to 7 pm

In House Classes are open with no fee to all PWCC Members

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SEMINAR WITH DICK CARD CANOE OR KAYAK CHOICE.

Friday & Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Kayak pictured is butternut: Canoe pictured is basswood. Wood provided will be basswood with bark

Place: Mauldin Cultural Center  
Carving Room

Cost: \$75.00 includes wood

Maximum # of students : 5

Registration forms must be received by Dick Card by September 13<sup>th</sup>. If PWCC does not have 3 students signed up by September 13<sup>th</sup>, the seminar will be cancelled. Your money will be refunded or check returned.

Registration forms can be found at  
[www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com) or at the club carve-ins on  
Wednesdays. If at the carve-in, be sure to ask for forms.

If there are more than the maximum number, all entries will be marked from date received. If someone backs out or can not make it, others are given a chance to take the seminar by the date their entry was received.

## 2 Day Pyrography Seminar with Michele Parsons

**Dates:** Monday and Tuesday: September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Cost:** \$175.00 will include materials for the project. And, if you need a burner or pens, Michel has 7 loaner kits and pens/tips available on a first request basis at no charge.

**Where:** Michele's studios at Union Mills Learning Center. 6495 Hudlow Road Union Mills, N. C,

Minimum: 5 students      Maximum: 12 students

If enough Greenville people are going, they can probably carpool from Greenville. If anyone wants to drive to the Card's house in Spartanburg, they can carpool with Betty Card.

When PWCC receives a registration form which is mailed or handed to Dick Card (address on the form), you will receive by email, snail mail or hand out of complete tool list needed. **If you will need pens or burners, make notes of your needs on bottom of forms please.**

Note: PWCC policy is that if a class does not meet the minimum number 7 days before the seminar, the class will be cancelled and your money refunded.

Another rule is that if we have an overflow of people wanting the class, you can pay with the understanding that if someone cancels for any inability to make the class, if someone is lined up for the class and has paid, they will take your place. You will then take the class and they can get their money back.

If no one cancels meaning you cannot take the class, your check or cash will be returned to you.

**Registration forms can be found online at**  
[www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com) **or at the Wednesday carve-ins.**

## PYROGRAPHY SEMINAR WITH MICHELE PARSONS

Michele is well known for her artistry in pyrography.

When: Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or later if needed.

**MAULDIN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**BIG FRONT ROOM**

Cost : \$110.00

Minimum Number of students: 7

Maximum number: 12

The cost will include the wood for the lesson plus the use of Michele's equipment (and or tools) on a first come, first serve basis. If you want to learn about this craft, Michele is the best teacher you could ask to have.

Sign up for use of burner and/or tools when you fill out your registration form. Number of burners are limited. **To sign up, just make a note at bottom of form. And note whether it is just a burner or tools, or both.**

**Registration forms must be received by Dick Card by August 17<sup>th</sup>.** If PWCC does not have 7 students signed up for the class on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The class will be cancelled and your money refunded or check returned.

Registration forms can be found at [www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com) or at the club carve-ins on Wednesdays.

# PWCC Show Update

## Friendly Updates and Reminders

- Entry Forms/Guidelines are now available at each Carve In or website, [piedmontwoodcarvers.com](http://piedmontwoodcarvers.com)
- Table Rental Forms are available for the Fall Show. Book your table now! Forms available at the Wednesday Carve In.
- The request is still out for Raffle items.
- The Club will again have a silent auction of a Christmas Tree filled with carved ornaments. There is a big need for carved ornaments. No time like the present to start and keep carving Ornaments for the Tree.

To date details are:

2026

36<sup>th</sup> PWCC Annual Woodcarving Festival

Simpsonville Activity and Senior Center

310 W. Curtis St.

Simpsonville, SC 29681

One Day

Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, (Set Up Friday afternoon, October 23rd)

7:00 am - 9:00 am, Registration

9:00 am - 12:00 noon, Judging

(Competition Area Closed to the Public during Judging)

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Raffle and Silent Auction

3:30 pm, Show will Close

To date there will be:

Whittling Contest

Seminars

Vendors including food vendor

Show and Sale

The Theme of the Show will be “Monster Mash”, which will tie in to the Seasonal time of year, any carving Halloween related is encouraged. The Show is now listed with Chip Chats and is included in the most recent issue of WoodCarving Illustrated.

Registration Chairman

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# Odds and Ends

The Club By Laws have been amended and they need approval from the Club. It is necessary for all members in good standing to cast a vote either in person, email, or postal mail. Bev's message stated first of July but they have been distributed by email.

The Show Info/Update on Page 4 is being posted again and will be in each upcoming edition to keep the Show front and center to the Club. Several reminders as listed are to keep carving Christmas ornaments for the Raffle Tree, Collect and submit items for the general raffle, and no time like the present to reserve a table to show off all your great carvings. As of our last Club meeting there had only been one carving submitted.

Note all the great pictures from the outdoor Festival at Hagood Mill. The Club was well represented and we showed off our new Club Flag.

It was great to see Harley Anderson, a former active member, stop by the Holly Springs Carve In. Harley brought some of his pieces (pictures listed) and they were very impressive. He is not currently carving a lot but is active making Archery Bows.

Dick has some good education opportunities listed. Libby will be teaching a Social Carve In Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Remember the Social Carve Sessions are of no charge to all members in good standing. Apologies for the visual quality of the announcements for Dicks Relief Class and the two Pyrography Classes. There was some technical issues getting the original documents posted but all the necessary information is there. As Dick mentioned if you are wanting to learn about Pyrography then Michele Parsons class is not to be missed.

As always if there are any items of interest or pictures of finished pieces for the newsletter please direct them to our club email, [piedmontwoodcarvers@gmail.com](mailto:piedmontwoodcarvers@gmail.com)

# Photo Section



Hagood Mill June 2026



PWCC Tent Hagood Mill with new Club Flag  
Linda, Bev, Steve C., Libby, Skip, Dee;  
Steve B./John Moore not pictured



PWCC Tent Setup Hagood Mill

# Photo Section



Dee greeting visitors Hagood Mill

Member Pieces Displayed Hagood Mill



# Photo Section



Steve Bailey Featured Speaker June Member Meeting



Just a "few" pieces of Steve's Swiss Army Knife Collection



Member Pieces  
Show/Tell  
June Member Meeting



Harley, Stewart, Libby at Holly Springs Carve In



Pieces Shared by Harley Anderson  
Holly Springs Carve In

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# PWCC Calendar of Events

## June Events

Tuesday June 23rd Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

Wednesday June 24th: PWCC Carve-In normal times; Social Carve w/ Libby; Hearts 4-7

Thursday May 28th PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center

Tuesday June 30th Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

## July Events

Wednesday July 1st: PWCC Carve-In normal times

Thursday July 2nd; PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center

Tuesday July 7th Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

Wednesday July 8th: PWCC Carve-In normal times

Thursday July 9th; PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center

Saturday July 11th PWCC Member Meeting 2 pm Mauldin Cultural Center; Christmas in July Ornament Carve

Tuesday July 14th; Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

Wednesday July 15th: PWCC Carve-In normal times;

Thursday July 16th; PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center

Tuesday July 21st Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

Wednesday July 22nd: PWCC Carve-In normal times

Thursday July 23rd; PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center

Tuesday July 28th Woodcraft Store Carve-In 4-6 pm

Wednesday July 29nd: PWCC Carve-In normal times

Thursday July 30th; PWCC Carve-In 4-8 pm Holly Springs Center