



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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2019 Officers	
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>REMINDERS

Next Meeting – 7:00 Tuesday, July 23 at Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center.

Topic: **Club Auction** - Please bring useful items that others would want.

Refreshments: Coffee

Door Prizes: Richard Dalke

Hospitality: first volunteer

All donated items that do not sell at the auction must be removed by the donors. Please do not leave unwanted items behind.

At our June 10th meeting, Evan Vinson gave a helpful and instructive presentation about knife sharpening. He began by wetting his extra-extra-fine diamond sharpening stone with lapping fluid, then carefully running the blade back and forth across its length.



Next, he stropped the blade, once again using the lapping fluid.



When he finished stropping the blade, he honed it again on his sharpening stone. As he worked, he would occasionally wipe away the darkened lapping fluid and replace it with fresh, explaining that it contained bits of metal from the blade, which would interfere with the sharpening process.

After using the stone and the strop, he put an even finer edge on the blade using increasingly finer grits of lapping film, which ranged in roughness from 15 to 0.3 microns. The coarsest felt similar to filter paper. The finest felt like smooth plastic.



Throughout the demonstration he gave us helpful tips about the types of tools and materials to use and where to purchase them. When he was finished, he impressed us by easily cutting away large chips of wood from a tree branch with the sharpened knife blade.

We had four members who brought items for show and tell.





Fred Self shared a very nice bas-relief carving of an elk, his fire bird, his finished carving of "Jonah and the Whale" that was roughed out by Chuck Wright, and the finished ear that he painted during his April demo.



Evan Vinson brought a couple of interesting mallets that he carved.



Kent Wallace brought a few tiny angels that he carved to bring comfort to people who are seriously ill or otherwise in need of solace.



Bill Dalke shared his solution to a broken electric skillet handle – he carved new ones. He also brought a mirror frame that he made from a piece of wood that he found on the beach. When he sliced it in half, he found that it was beautifully worm-eaten inside.

At our June 25th meeting, our webmaster, Richard Dalke, took us step by step through the club's website on the TV screen in our new meeting room at Will Rogers Park.



For those who missed the presentation and haven't visited the site in a while, it's well worth checking out. It has links to a lot of useful and interesting information. Richard also promotes our club through Instagram and Twitter. Clyde Fosdyke maintains a Facebook page for our club, and links to it can be found on our website, www.OKCarver.org.



Pete Zachry brought two examples of his work, a bas-relief of a girl and a carving of a dog and her puppies.



Jackie Hitchcock brought a carving of a cat sitting atop a trashcan that she painted using techniques she learned from Fred Self.



Walt and Harriot LaGrone were in attendance, and Harriot shared one of Walt's canes that was carved from a root.

Nativity Scene

We need volunteers to carve pieces for the nativity scene that will be given away at our Artistry in wood show in October. Below are some of the patterns that are still available:



Richard Dalke shared two nativity carvings that Fred Self did. He also reminded us not to paint or finish any carvings that we complete.

Volunteer Work

John Luna, who recently volunteered to help with a wood burning project for the Calm Waters Center for Children and Families, reminded us that as members of a 501C nonprofit organization, we each need to keep track of our volunteer hours and convey that information to one of our club officers.

Display Bases for Carvings

If anyone is looking for display bases for his or her carvings, Evan Vinson has several walnut boards that may work. Please contact him if you're interested.

Workshops

If you sign up for a workshop, please attend! The club has to pay a set amount whether everyone shows up or not.

NOTES from President: Keep making chips and having fun.

STATE FAIR OF OKLAHOMA

The OK State Fair is coming September 12-22! Creative Arts Online Registration is July 1 thru Aug 15. Get your entries carved and entered. Competition is the same as in previous years. Let's make sure the Club is well represented again this year. Our carving demonstration will be on Wed. Sept. 18 at the usual place. Kent should have parking passes, etc., closer to the date.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Rogers, AR – The *Woodcarvers of Northwest Arkansas* show will take place Sept. 7 & 8.

Wichita, KS – *Great Plains Woodcarvers Annual Woodcarving Show & Sale* will be Oct. 5 & 6.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

COMFORT BIRDS: If you have any more finished birds, please give them to Clyde Fosdyke. If you give any birds directly to others rather than going through Clyde, please provide him with their names and pictures of the birds whenever possible.

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