



OCWC News

Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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2021 Officers	
President	Evan Vinson
Vice President	Keith Newark
Secretary	Elaine Nealey
Treasurer	John Schaller

NEXT MEETING

When: 7:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday, August 24
Program: Elaine Nealey Wood Burning Demo

DUE TO A LACK OF PARTICIPATION, WE WILL BE PHASING OUT THE USE OF ZOOM DURING OUR REGULAR MEETINGS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A MEETING VIA ZOOM, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH RICHARD DALKE IN ADVANCE.

To join the Zoom meeting, please click on the following link just before 7:00 pm:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76242667597?pwd=azBUOGZHUDY3WDJXRWRsaW4ycWx6UT09>

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

Nine members showed up for our last meeting – all were there in person. We had a scarcity of pieces for show and tell, but most members came equipped with knives, ready to carve.

Show and Tell:



Richard Dalke shared a woodcarving kit that he put together to give to people who are interested in learning to carve. The kits are for beginners and will be made available, free of charge, at various carve-in locations. Each kit comes with three 1"x 1"x 6" pieces of basswood, a knife, and an information sheet on how to carve a letter opener. He has also added a new "Learn to Carve" page to the okcarver.org website that is designed to reach out to anyone who may be interested. If you would like to have a kit for beginners on hand when attending carve-ins, please contact Richard.

Carving Competition:



Richard Dalke, Dan Manning, Honey Witcher, Pete Zachry, and John Schaller competed in a contest to see who could carve the best teepee in a limited amount of time.



The chips were flying!



Even though no one was able to finish, some made more progress than others. Evan didn't compete, but he carved a teepee (on the far left), just for fun.



The winners from left to right were:
 1st place – Honey Witcher
 2nd place – Richard Dalke
 3rd place – John Schaller



A special thank you goes to Evan Vinson for providing the wood and the prizes.

If anyone is interested in doing a presentation, please contact Evan Vinson to make arrangements.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you're all keeping cool inside to beat the heat. Luckily all our carve-in locations are climate controlled, or I would have melted into a puddle by now. I hope to see y'all at the meeting because we have a spot carved out

with your name on it. Let's show everyone what we have been working on and catch up with one another about what we've been up to recently.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW

On July 24th, Evan Vinson, his wife, Robin, and Richard Dalke, staffed a booth at the Scissortail Park Outdoor Adventure Show. While there, they were able to display a few examples of carving, talk to folks, and hand out information about our club and carve-ins.



The two new signs shown in the above picture gave the booth a little more modern look.



Many people stopped to admire the work on display, and several were interested in learning to carve. Jim Christ's daughter stopped by and visited for a while. Jim was a past President and long-time member of the Club. His daughter has the carving of the guy who is

sitting on a stool, carving an Indian – the same one that we use in our ads and flyers.

Evan and Richard both consider the display and visit a success, and they believe a few of the people that they met will show up at our carve-ins. We expect to be invited to the show again next year.

2021 OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR

We have been asked once again to demonstrate our carving skills and promote our club at the State Fair. The date is September 22nd. Please let Kent Wallace (405-819-0460) know if you will be able to help out with this worthwhile project and whether you would prefer a morning, afternoon, or all-day shift.

2021 and 2022 ARTISTRY IN WOOD

As of this writing, no one has expressed an interest in volunteering to help with the upcoming mini show nor the 2022 Artistry in Wood show. Without volunteers we will not be able to get these shows off the ground. If we're going to have a show at the fairgrounds next year, we will need to pay a large deposit soon, and unless we're able to get a commitment from a few of our members to help put the shows together, we will need to cancel plans for both the 2021 mini show and the 2022 show at the fairgrounds. If you would be willing to help out with either, please contact our Show Chairman, Evan Vinson. Even if you don't have much to contribute, every little bit helps!

OCWC Caps and Shirts

Caps and Shirts with our club's name and logo embroidered on them can be ordered through John Amicon.

Tee-Shirt with Club Name and Logo	\$15.00
Plain Tee-Shirt	\$5.00
Caps with club logo:	
Regular Solid Top	\$16.50
Regular Mesh Top	\$20.50

The shirts come in your choice of black, red, royal blue, or sport gray. John can be reached by phone at 405-830-5634 or by email at j.amicon@cox.net.

ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITE

For various information about upcoming events, carve-in locations, links to other sites, and more, please visit our website at www.okcarver.org

OCWC Facebook Page

Our club's Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and to see what other carvers have been doing. Here is a link to the page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/217513548580943/>

A link can also be found on our club's website. Be sure to visit the page and share pictures of your work.

The International Association of Woodcarvers hosts a meeting via Zoom that takes place each Saturday at 3:00 PM EST, (2:00 PM here in Oklahoma City). Each meeting features a skilled professional carver or someone from a related field who discusses his or her work with the attendees. More information can be found on our club's website.

JOHN ENGLER SEMINAR & CLASS

September 13 – 15 (carving only)

September 16 (painting)

If you're signed up, please be sure to send any amount that you still owe to John Schaller as soon as possible.

John Engler will conduct a three-day relief carving seminar this fall, followed by a one-day painting class. The cost is \$180 per person for the seminar, while the painting class is an additional \$65, which includes paint and supplies.

John Engler will also be at the Ozark Woodcarving Seminar in Springfield, MO in March, 2022. More information will follow in the newsletter as it becomes available. Up-to-date information can be found on the club's website, www.okcarver.org. Just click on the "links" tab. A link to the Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar can be found under "Useful Web Sites."

If you've been watching and waiting for a particular carving class to come along, it's time to speak up! Please contact Evan Vinson with your wish list of classes or instructors. We need your input so that we will know where your interests lie.

CARVE-INS & MORE

NEW CARVE-IN COMING TO MOORE

A new, Monday evening carve-in is slated to begin in January at **The Station at Central Park**, 700 S Broadway Ave, Moore. Watch the club website and newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

Woodcraft

9301 N May Ave
Saturdays, 9:00 am – noon
Contact store at 405-748-8844

Woodson Park Senior Center

SW 33rd & S May Ave.
Wednesdays, 9:00 am – noon
Contact Pat Priest at 405-250-5654

Will Rogers Senior Center

Beginners and More Class/Carve-in
Senior Center at Will Rogers Park
Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Instructors are John Luna and Clyde Fosdyke.
Contact John Luna at 405-919-7103

Yukon Senior Center

Robinson Activity Center
Highway 66 & Mustang Rd
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am – noon
Contact Earl Feese at 620-629-3479

Edmond Senior Center (gone back to Thurs.)

Mitch Park near Santa Fe & Covell Rd (206th St)
Thursdays, 12:30 – 3:00 pm
Contact DJ Boyce at 405-341-1111

Church of the Epiphany

7336 W Britton Rd (Enter on the west side of the church.)
Tuesdays, 9:00 am – noon
Contact John Hale at 405-283-0057

Church of the Servant

14343 N MacArthur
Mondays, 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Contact Bill Medina at 405-888-0919

Midwest City Senior Center

Midwest Blvd & Reno (behind the post office and fire station, just east of the library)
Mondays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Contact Pete Zachry at 405-732-2888

Brand Senior Center in Moore

501 E Main, Moore
Thursdays, 9:00 am – noon
Contact Fred Bidwell at 405-464-0290

COMING EVENTS:

WOODCARVING AND ARTS FESTIVAL

September 10 & 11, 2021

Central Park Community Center

1500 S Main St.

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

This show is sponsored by the Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Club.

GREAT PLAINS WOODCARVERS SHOW & SALE

In Wichita, KS has been cancelled.

RENEGADE OCTOBER

October 18 – 22, 2021 - Lebanon, TN

Instructors will be Gary Fallin, Roger Steagall, and Dwayne Gosnell. More details to follow.

Woodcarvers of NW AR Show & Sale

November 6 & 7 – Rogers, AR

For more information, please visit OKCarver.org and follow the link to the Woodcarvers of NW Arkansas site.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Please mail dues to John Schaller
16401 Chablis Drive
Edmond, OK 73013

And finally...

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Rough humor by Steve Spiro



Woodworkers discussing a maple plank.