



# OCWC News

## Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club

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**Volunteers for September**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Refreshments, Door Prizes and Hospitality by**  
**Fred Self**

**REMINDER —**  
**September Meeting will be at Fred's Sign Co,**  
**522 Classen Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK**

### Things You Need to Know

>> We have the Pre-Show Tickets and Nativity Raffle Tickets printed, and available to begin selling to the Public.

#### >> Field Trip

Our trip to the Museum of Osteology was very interesting to those that showed up and even though our number was a little short, they gave us their group discount. They had whales, elephant, hippos, birds of all types, cats from lions, Saber toothed tigers down to the smallest of lemurs, canines from hyenas to chihuahuas, fish, turtles, and crocs, and more!! It was fascinating to see the skeletons and how the body forms are shaped. Those that want to carve animals are welcome to view and take measurements of body proportions to make carvings more accurate.

This was a very worthwhile trip, and the only place in the US that does this work.

Steve Brandt

>> Last month while Walt and Harriot were on the 'Voyage of the Viking', Holland America Cruise, they met XXX from XX. When she found out Walt was working on 'Comfort Birds', she wanted one. After Walt found out about her chronic anxiety, he gave her a bird. She wanted to pay him for it. He ended up saying a donation to our club would be OK. The donation arrived in their mailbox after they got home, along with a note. The note says:

"Dear Oklahoma Woodcarvers Club,

"Enclosed is a contribution to help continue your efforts in creating "Comfort Birds". The contribution is in the amount of \$18 because in the Jewish religion the number eighteen is translated by the term "Chai", which denotes Life. I'd like to thank Walter and Harriot again

for giving me a "Comfort Bird" which has been a great help. May, God Bless All of You.

Sincerely XXXXX"

SPECIAL thanks to Walt and Harriot.

#### >> Fee for Class

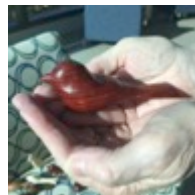
The initial payment of \$80.00 is due by the September meeting in order to hold your place in the Woodcarving Seminar to be held immediately after our show. Checks should be made out to OCWC and either given to John Amicon or Kent Wallace.

#### >> Nativity Scene Pieces

Please give any remaining nativity pieces to Kent Wallace so they can be finished and ready to exhibit at the state fair.

#### >> OCWC Continuing Project

Twenty-six (26) Comfort Birds were given to Vicki Muir of the Mercy Oncology Center on behalf of the OCWC Continuing Project. They will be calling for more as needed.



The flock and one.

Mercy Hospital Oncology Center's said:

"Thank you for thinking of our cancer patients, Mr.

Fosdyke! Please thank all of the thoughtful carvers at the Oklahoma City Woodcarvers Club."

Integris Cancer Center and the Integris Proton Therapy Center have asked that OCWC provide them with two (2) dozen Comfort Birds EACH. So that is twenty-four birds plus whatever may be requested by Mercy. Please provide the new birds to Clyde Fosdyke.

>> Another flock of Comfort Birds flew to Ms Kimberlee Bourgeois, Concierge for Integris Cancer Institute and the Integris Proton Therapy Center as a part of the OCWC continuing project. A few birds were dedicated for the smaller hands of children, see photos below.

Kim said:

"Thank you so much for the special delivery of hand-carved Comfort Birds made by the members of your club. They are absolutely beautiful, and it was so thoughtful of you all to donate to our cancer patients! I was so pleased that you could witness our first gift to a patient – he was thrilled with the walnut bird.

I appreciate your kindness and our patients will appreciate your special gifts as well.

Thank you again!"

Kim B.

Concierge

INTEGRIS Cancer Institute



2 Flocks and Dedicated for Children



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Forty-five carved comfort birds were presented to the OU Pediatric Oncology Center by the Oklahoma City Wood Carvers Club (OCWC).

On Thursday, September 1, Dr. William H. Meyer graciously accepted the hand carved birds with a smile, warmth, and enthusiasm. Dr. Meyer said that he would match the comfort bird's size to the size of the pediatric patient's hand.

Representing the OCWC at the presentation were Pete Zachary, Richard Dalke, Kent Wallace and Sam Escobedo.

A special "thank you" to all the club members who participated to make our first planned community project a success.

>>**MORE BIRDS.** If you have any more Birds please give them to Sam Escobedo or Clyde Fosdyke.

>> **Show and Tell**



Larry Wilrath  
Electric Wood burned Cane



Pat Priest –  
Chip Carved Cross



Pete Zachry – Four (4) Practice Low Relief Boards



Fred Self – Bark Carving, Wood Burning and Christmas Pin



Richard White – Carved Cane



Bill Medina – Baby Rattle and Small Bird



Bob Smith – Dogs carved from roughout made in his shop



Richard Dalke – Comfort Birds Stable for Manger Scene



Ralph Green – Sheep for Manger Scene



Did not sign – For Manger Scene



Did not sign in – For Manger Scene

## Things to Learn and Refresh

### How to stain basswood wood carving

Watch Fred Zavadil to see how he prepares one of his basswood (linden wood) relief carvings for staining.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXczoOA5Fs>

### Mixing stain and staining a basswood relief carving

Watch Fred Zavadil to stain one of his basswood relief wood carving Fred mixing stain and staining a basswood relief carving - Full Version.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW5Evi2VtvU>

## Auction



Steven Brandt conducted an Auction of items donated by Les Stottler' family, Life Member, Joyce Stanton, and family of GW Blackwell.

At the request of Les's family, the items donated on behalf of Les Stottler accrued to the benefit of OCWC. As a result of the Auction \$219.00 were raised for OCWC.

Joyce Stanton, donated a number of books to the OCWC Library.

The family of GW Blackwell provided for sale a number of tools, roughout's, study sticks and other assorted items.

Many thanks to the members of OCWC for their generosity and the families of Les and GW and Joyce.

## Membership and Meetings

**Membership** is open to individuals who are interested in woodcarving or the promotion of woodcarving. Annual dues are \$24.00 per family.

**General Meetings** are held on the second Monday of each month (except September) at the City Arts Center, 3000 Pershing Blvd., on the State Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, at 7:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome. Refreshments are provided by Club members.

**Board of Directors Meetings** is held on the third Wednesday of the month at Woodson Senior Center in Oklahoma City at SW 29th and May Avenue at 10:00 AM.

**News Letter** is published each month and mailed or emailed to all members during the first week of each month. Anyone having news of interest to the membership or having an announcement relating to the Club or woodcarving should contact the Editor prior to the last day of the month. Articles are welcome from all members and can be emailed or called to the Editor.

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