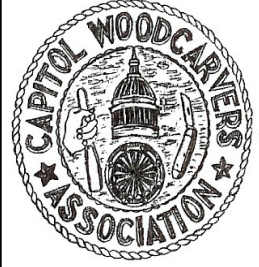


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Carving Sessions

- Monday 6:30-8:30 PM Capitol Place, 700 Black Lake Blvd, Olympia
- Tuesday 8:30-11:00AM Lacey Community Center, 6757 Pacific Ave, Lacey
- Thursday 9:00-11:00AM Fir Lane Health & Rehab. Center, 2430 N. 13th St., Shelton
- Friday 8:30-11:30AM Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St., Olympia

CABELA'S WOODCARVING SHOW!

Saturday, October 1

The Cabela's Woodcarving Show is upon us. Please remember to get there early to set up **BEFORE 8 a.m!**

*Remember to
Sign in at the employee entrance on the eastside of the store.*

We have Capitol Woodcarvers membership forms available for you to have on your tables so be sure to pick them up when you sign in.

Have fun, keep smiling and enjoy your day!

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 1-Cabela's Woodcarving Show, Lacey WA, 8AM to 5PM.

Nov. 12 - 13-Northwest Woodcarvers Association 31st Annual Show and Sale, Western Washington Fairgrounds Restaurant Building (Red Gate) 9th & Meridian Puyallup WA. Sat 10AM to 5PM Sun 10AM to 4PM.

Jan. 14 - 15-20th Annual Artistry in Wood Show, Chinook Winds Convention Center 1777 NW 40th St. Lincoln City Oregon. Sat.10AM to 5PM Sun. 10AM to 4PM.

Welcome New Members!

Everyone please take the time to introduce yourself to our newest members:

Anique Kwong, Gabriel Kwong, Grant Kwong, Priscilla Kwong, Les Lawrence-Mebbs, Cyndy Pippin, and Steve Pippin.

It's always nice to meet new people. Hope you feel right at home.

Welcome

2011 Fair Review

by Paul Kressin

Once again a successful opportunity to allow the club to show off its' talents at the Thurston County and Grays Harbor Fairs. This is a great opportunity to enlist new members for our club.

The Thurston County Fair had good weather and the carvers enjoyed a cool breeze in the fine arts building. Thank you to all who volunteered to carve during the sessions. Next year let's have more members help man the booth. It's nice to have three carvers to handle the questions; also it gives the public an opportunity to see our various forms of carving.

The Elma Fair is always our highlight of the summer, thanks to the fantastic hosting of Lila Stone. Her great work in organizing and arranging our booth makes the fair an enjoyable experience. The free coffee, drinks and snacks also help, compliments of Lila. While the sessions were supported, we could use a few more folks to cover the afternoon and Sunday sessions.

Until next year, keep carving so we can have even better shows to display what our carvers can do.

Note from the Editor

Sure hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter and the webpage. If there is anything you would like to add or see changed, don't be afraid to speak up

Sorry I haven't been very active in the club lately. I am hopeful that will change soon.

Hope everyone has the best time at the Cabela's show! If it goes well, maybe we can get them to invite us back!

**till next time,
Rob**

CWCA Picnic Minutes, August 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Ann Engle with 27 members in attendance. The new officers were introduced: Denise Taylor, President, Howard Merriott, Vice President, Ginger Anderson, Secretary & Ann Engle, Treasurer. It was good to see so many people in attendance.

We had a great show at the Thurston County Fair and at the Grays Harbor Fair and for those we want to especially thank Ginger Anderson and Lila Stone. They certainly went the extra mile to make sure the volunteers were lined up and enjoyed their times at the fairs.

The upcoming show at Cabela's has been well received and has 39 people signed up to participate. We appreciate the clubs who are furnishing the teachers for the classes at that show. Flyers were passed out and more are available if anyone wishes to get them posted around their areas.

Ken Betts is working on setting up an additional carving session at the Elma Senior Center. There were several people at the Grays Harbor Fair who showed an interest and further information will come on that as he proceeds with the research of availability.

New members since last year were announced as Joanne Brown and Sheila Sharp of Shelton and Neil Harris of Rochester. We welcome them to our group.

Asked if our members were happy with the way the club runs now and with their bi-monthly newsletter -- the answer was a resounded yes.

Treasurer's Report was given with a balance of approximately \$300 less than last year at this time. It was noted that our outgo includes the post office rent, newsletter, website, table rentals to support other club shows, locker rent, picnic, Christmas party, etc. One member asked to have specific itemized reports of where the money is going. That will be made available to interested members at the various carving sessions.

It was noted that we have 45 members who pay dues of \$12 each which gives us dues income of \$540 per year. A motion was made by Paul Kressin and seconded by Frank Gerringer to increase the dues on March 1, 2012 to \$15 per person. All were in favor, motion passed.

When asked if we want to contribute to the places where we carve it was suggested that our members donate money on their own or give a carving for any fund raisers the hosts may have. To date no one has stepped forward, however, we hope there will be donations from our group when the time comes. Thank you for your contribution.

Bob and Ann Engle will be going south in November to return in January. People were asked to take over the planning of the Christmas Party and to do the newsletter information and get it to Editor Rob Bononi for the December newsletter. No one offered to help so there WILL NOT BE A CHRISTMAS PARTY and there WILL NOY BE A DECEMBER NEWSLETTER.

Thanks to all of you who contributed items and also bought tickets for the drawing at our auction. We took in a total of \$111 and that certainly helped our treasury.

In closing, the food was great, the weather beautiful, and the carvers were in their usual happy visiting mood.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Anderson, Secretary"

Featured Artists

Chuck Stoddard and Edie Owen



Chuck Stoddard is being featured for his array of carvings. He always had a knife in his hand since he was a kid on the farm. During the long evening nights in Kodiak, AK, he picked up a piece of wood and ended with a chain with a ball and dumbbell on the ends. He did all that with a pocket knife.

During his carving career he has done chip carving, miniature items and anything you can imagine, except characters (he doesn't like to do faces). His accomplishments are with the hard cuts when he makes his pliers. He did his first chain in Tahoe to show someone he could carve a chain out of a match stick. He said he had to really sharpen his knives. He did a toothpick chain approximately four years ago. Chuck loves carving hard

wood -- iron wood, etc.

Chuck was born in Arco, Idaho, September 24, 1919. He went to school in Idaho and to San Jose State College in California where he learned to be a watchmaker. He was a motorcycle mechanic before joining the Army and was in communications during World War II stationed in the Aleutian Islands.

After the war he settled in Concord, CA where he started his own jewelry business and continued there for 25 years. There he married and had two children, moved to Lake Tahoe and lived there for 42 years. His activities included skiing, snowmobiling, boating, ski patrol, plus he taught skiing.

He married his second wife in Lake Tahoe and they traveled (through the American Watchmakers Institute) to Europe five times, visiting watch factories and museums and the general countryside. Under the same program they went to Japan and China where they again took in the countryside and factories.

His wife passed in 2002 and Chuck moved to Lacey to be near his son. He joined the CWCA organization February 23, 2007.



Edie Owen met Chuck while volunteering at the Lacey Senior Center. He started Edie carving and she joined the club November 19, 2010. Edie has done several carvings including a ball on a stand, star, boat, spoon, little boots and has now moved on to bark carving.

Edie was born in Warren, Rhode Island on May 27, 1931. She went to a convent school in Canada for six years, a Catholic school in Providence, RI and then to a public school. She married and has six children – three girls and three boys. She has 18 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Edie worked in a jewelry store, in electronics at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica and at TRW in Manhattan Beach. She lived in West Chester, CA for 31 years, moved to Arkansas for 3 ½ years and has resided here for 4 ½ years. She and Chuck have been together for the past year and she is extremely happy.

Both Edie and Chuck volunteer at the Lacey Senior Center five days a week. They have proved to be a genuine asset to the CWA club as they also volunteer to work fairs and other club events.

By Ann Engle

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