



# THE WHITTLER

## *From the Prez;*

We had 30 people who signed in at our June meeting.

There were 10 people carving patriotic gnomes with JR. There was another four in the wood burning class with Linda.

There was not a 50-50. Claudette won the table drawing.

In our July meeting, Dave Cummings will be teaching us how to sharpen knives by hand. He can show you how to sharpen

"V" tools and gouges as well but that is harder to do and better done with power. Everyone will get a chance to sit in on a lesson. More info to follow.

As we are working our way to the October Fall show, let us not forget the East TN Valley Fair in September. Direct your questions to Ellen.

A thank you to the ladies who brought snacks in for us to enjoy.

Do not take the tape off the floor when cleaning up. I put it there when sitting up for our meeting. The tape shows me the approximate place to return the tables when we are through. Yes, I do take a picture as well BUT the picture will not show the spacing of the tables.

Until then, keep making chips.

Richard D. Phillips, President



## 2026 Show Update

We are 99 days from our first day of the pre-show training. I really want to encourage you to consider taking a training class. These classes help you in many ways. First, you get great help from the instructor, second, you learn a bunch from your classmates since several will be from out of town and very helpful and friendly and finally you will have a great project that the instructor will help you with. Club members get a 20% discount on classes. Caricature carving, realistic bust carving, chip carving and wood burning are all available before our show. After the show, there is a clay sculpture class, bark carving and realistic/caricature carving.

This year, we have another raffle for a Helvie knife. We are trying to increase the general public attendance at the show. Anyone that you can get to come to the show, gains you a ticket. (does not include your immediate family who always comes!). Neighbors, relatives, church members...even the Walmart clerk....all count. You will get tickets and they will fill them out and bring to the show. They will also be entered in a free raffle for a carving. Cards will be available at the July meeting

We need carvings donated for the general public show raffle. This helps promote our hobby and shows appreciation to the folks that attend our show. Yes, it counts in the participation raffle for a Helvie knife.

Last, but definitely not least, please plan to enter a carving in our show. We have a novice, intermediate and Open division with 29 categories in each division. Brochures will be available at the next meeting. JR 309-620-1197

## This Is How I Do It

Study sticks are examples that we can use to make carvings. The common examples are facial features such as eyes, noses and mouths. They provide detailed steps to complete the objective. While study sticks can be handy, I found that best way to use the study stick is to duplicate it...yes carve a study stick from the one you just bought. It's amazing how much you learn from duplicating the study stick. In July, we will do a study stick on eyes, noses and mouths. When you get home, duplicate that study stick and you will be surprised on how much that will help you on your carving journey.

That is how I do it!

JR

Smoky Mountain  
Woodcarvers Show

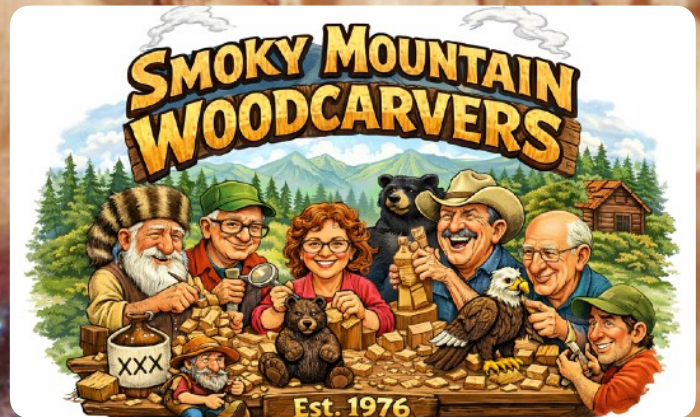
**Oct. 3 & Oct. 4**

**10 - 4pm**

**Wood carving show & sales,  
training classes,  
carving demonstrations,  
vendors, raffle, food & more.**



# June 13, 2026



# Club Demonstration Projects

Here is the schedule for the remaining year. Guess what, it may change again!

July-Knife sharpening, Study stick for facial features Dean, JR

August—Bark house with Ed Lampert, Jim Ferguson, JR

September—Painting all the projects for the October Show!

October—Pumpkin project!

November—Christmas Ornament

December—Blake Lunsford will be leading a Christmas project

David Cummings sharpens tools at our show and other events. He will be conducting classes in July on how to sharpen our knives using hand devices. This is a must do class for all of us. Dave will show you the proper sharpening techniques using sharpening blocks that you can take home. Bring your problem knives and get them fixed...by you!!! You can take the sharpening class and the study stick class. To set up this dual class, we need to get reservations for the knife class in advance. The plan is to have three sharpening classes to give you more time with Dave. Please let Richard know if you are taking the class. Most of already done that, but it's not too late to sign up.

Remember all the completed projects this year and from Oct-Dec last year are eligible to be entered in club display at the show. Each project earns a raffle ticket for a finished carving. The club table with these projects helps more promote the club. Also, we will be doing the general public carving so you can help there. This activity gives people a chance to see if carving is a hobby that they may like.

Blake Lunsford will be leading a project this year. He is a CCA member and leads the International Woodcarvers Associations. The meetings have guest carvers demonstrating of different types of carving. It's a great place to learn new techniques and good tips on equipment. You can find past events on YouTube and frankly just as easy to watch as the real time events. The meetings are Saturday at 3 pm weekly except during the summer it's monthly.

JR



## Previous Projects

*Did you finish yours, come on let's get them painted and finished!*



Owl



Hillbilly Bears



Ddalo Little Girl

# What We Are Working On



Dean Irving



J. R. Hemmerlein



Lillie Wece



Ellen Yatteau



Phillip Pugh

# What We Are Working On



Jim McCutcheon



Claudette Pridemore



Dan Young



Gary Smith



Ed Lampert

## *Here for You in 2026 Board Members*

President...Richard D. Phillips

Vice President...Maria D'Elia

Secretary...Ellen Yatteau

Treasurer...Dan Young

Board Member...J R Hemmerlein

Board Member...Gary Smith

Board Member...Dick Barnet



Richard



Maria



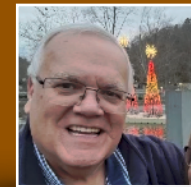
Ellen



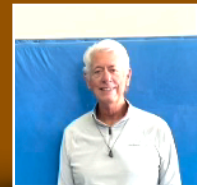
Dan



J R



Gary



Dick

## *LOCAL CARVING OPPORTUNITIES*

### **Monday**

East Tennessee Carving Guild, 6-9pm, Edgewood Primitive Baptist Church,  
807 McCammon Ave, Maryville. Any questions, give JR or Dean a call.

### **Tuesday**

1- 5pm, Woodcraft store, 8023 Kingston Pike, Knoxville  
9am - Noon, Senior Citizens Center, 1611 Depot St, New Market

### **Wednesday**

9am - Noon, Senior Center, 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge  
9am - Noon, My People Senior Activity Center, 1220 W Main St (Chapman Hwy),  
Sevierville

### **Thursday**

9am - Noon, Senior Citizens Center, 807 W Jefferson St, Jefferson City

### **Friday**

9am - Noon, My People Senior Activity Center, 1220 W Main St, Sevierville  
10am - Noon, John T O'Connor Senior Center, 5th & Winona, Knoxville