



THE WHITTLER

From the Prez;

We had 22 people sign in at our Trump came to Knoxville SMWC meeting. 😊 I know many stayed home because of concerns with the traffic. Some stayed home to tail gate for the big UT game. Go Vols! 😊

I appreciate those who brought snacks in.

There was no 50-50 and Larry Eubank won the table drawing.

Dick and Canice brought in the pieces they had put in the East TN Valley Fair along with their many ribbons they won. Congratulations.

We signed a "Get Well" card for Ed Lampert.

Final preparations were made for our October show being held in Sevierville.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the clean up after our meeting. It went very fast with all your help.

Until then, keep making chips.

Richard D. Phillips, President



2026 Show Update

It's Show time! We still have openings in the Chip Carving class 9-4pm Thursday and Friday. Just show up, you can take the class. John Griscti does provide a small project for students who take both days, but you can take one day if that works for you.. There is room in Phil Gentry's class for roughouts, and same offer, you can take less days. The other class, Rich Wetherbee's clay sculpting and roughout class have some openings but, let me know if you are interested.

We need some volunteers for manning the welcoming table during the show and helping the general public carving the project. Remember, these activities increase your chances to win a Helvie knife. The other items earning you raffle tickets are attending the show, entering a carving, renting a table, donating an ornament and donating carving supplies. We have a free raffle for folks attending the show, if you have an extra ornament, please bring it.



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Also, a second knife will be raffled off for getting people to attend the show. If you didn't get a card, let me know at the show, I can get you one. The person attending gets in a raffle for a carving as well.

Your completed demonstration projects earn you raffle tickets for a carving by me or you can get some wood. You get a ticket for each one you bring in. This gives you a chance, but the big winner is the club. You are showing folks what they can do if they join the club. Let's promote the carving hobby! JR 309-620-1197

Smoky Mountain
Woodcarvers Show
Oct. 3 & Oct. 4
10 - 4pm
**Wood carving show & sales,
training classes,
carving demonstrations,
vendors, raffle, food & more.**



This Is How I Do It

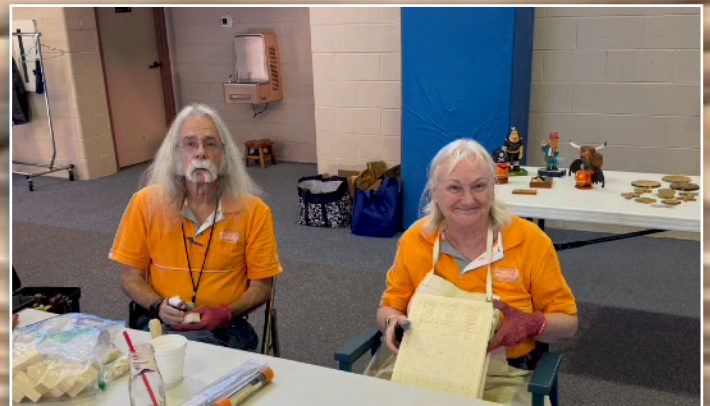
This column is for everyone to participate, if you have an idea, please let me know. We all get better by sharing our ideas.

Painting. Painting is a challenge since most of us started carving because we wanted to carve...not to paint. But my mentor, Gary Falin, said you can improve your final product by 20% by painting...probably true. So here are some quick tips on painting.

1. Stop avoiding painting by building up a bunch of unpainted projects. Paint after you get 1-2 projects. You will do a better job, you won't need to hurry, and you can focus on a few projects versus a dozen. Ed Lampert shared this with me.
2. Dilute the paint, 7 parts water and 1 part paint for dark colors, lighter colors 2 or 3 parts water to 1 part paint.. If you want a darker look, add more coats not thicker paint.
3. Dip your project in water before painting. It keeps the paint from laying on top and you can see the wood grain. Test the paint on a carved scrap board before painting on your project. This is especially important till you get comfortable with mixing.
4. When mixing the paint, do not use the mixing brush to paint your project unless you wash it out first. It has too much full-strength paint that will get on your project. I use a designated mixing brush.
5. Paint the face first on human projects to avoid bleeding other paint into the face. Bleeding is reduced when adjacent areas are painted. Do not start painting on the edge of an area...I start paint in the middle to see how much bleed than slowly move to the outer area.
6. I like to paint my lighter colors last since the paint is heavier so I can fix some bleeds.
7. You can re-dip newly painted project to keep the wood damp...just wait a couple minutes. It's very important to paint on damp wood.(not dripping wet)
8. Wait to seal your project, often you see issues if you let it wait till the next day.

Hope this helps, painting can be fun, if you think about all the smiles, you see when you give your masterpiece to someone. This Is How I Do It! JR

August 8, 2026



Sorry there were 3 more tables
with people at them,
however, some how I did not
get home with their pictures
Gary

Club Demonstration Project

We had painters and carvers this month. Most of the carvers did the project we are planning for the public carving at the show, a "5 minute" owl. Of course, our owl had more detail on it. Lillie and Angie carved a pumpkin.

Next month, we will be doing a pumpkin or pumpkins on a stick. I might try to get an alternative carving project as well.

November, we will focus on Christmas project. If you have an idea, let me know. Blake Lunsford took another job and had to cancel on his visit. He has canceled all his carving classes this fall due to his new responsibilities.

JR



Owl front



Owl side view



Owl side view

Previous Projects

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



Bark House



Uncle Sam Gnomes



Little Girls

What We Are Working On



Ellen Yatteau



Glenda Phillips



Richard Barnett
Ribbons from the Fair

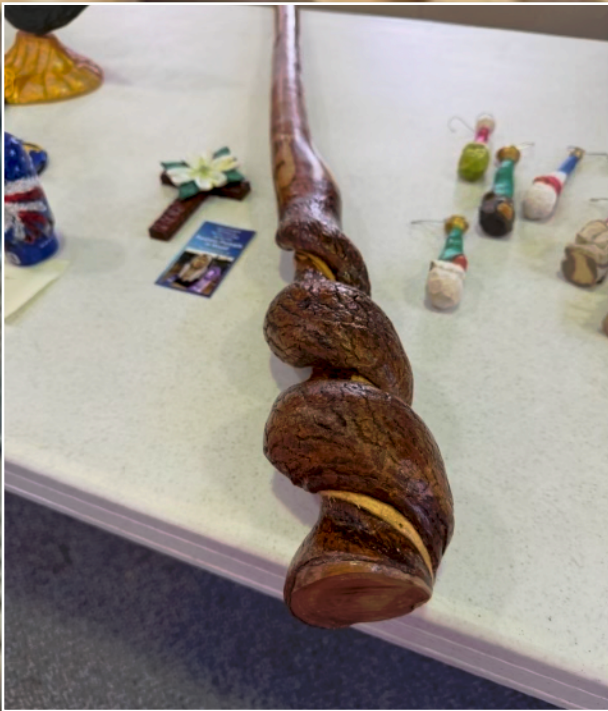


Richard Phillips



Canice Barnett
Ribbons from the Fair

What We Are Working On



Larry Eubanks



J R Hemmerlein



Lillie Wece



Gary Smith

Here for You in 2026 Board Members

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Board Member...J R Hemmerlein

Board Member...Gary Smith

Board Member...Dick Barnet



Richard



Maria



Ellen



Dan



Dick



J R



Gary

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