



The Whittler

From the Prez!

- ◆ WOW, another great turnout. We had 43 people sign in for our Feb meeting; a record turnout. Pretty sure JR's monthly projects are a big reason for these great turnouts; thanks JR.
- ◆ This month, JR demonstrated how to create a study stick to help set up the face to 22 eager members. Dan Young had 6 people at his table showing how to carve an owl in relief. And Denny "Sandman" Carlisle had 4 visitors and members at his beginner's table. A big thanks to you folks.
- ◆ Also thanks to Charles Rosser and Dean Irving for being the first two to turn in their cane pieces. You still have six months to go, but you do not have to procrastinate either.
- ◆ There's lots of information later in the Newsletter on Larry Nowell's class next month; be sure to read it. I've sent out some information as well and will be sending more info out as class draws near.
- ◆ JR has some thoughts on future monthly projects/demonstrations. So many (close to 20 or more) are sitting in on the projects that's it's too many to give proper instruction. We'll be discussing options and hope to have something worked out by the June meeting.
- ◆ Thanks to the ladies who brought snacks in for us to eat. Making chips makes us hungry!
- ◆ Denny Carlisle won the Table Display Drawing.
- ◆ Hope everyone enjoys the Easter Holidays. Until next time, keep making chips.

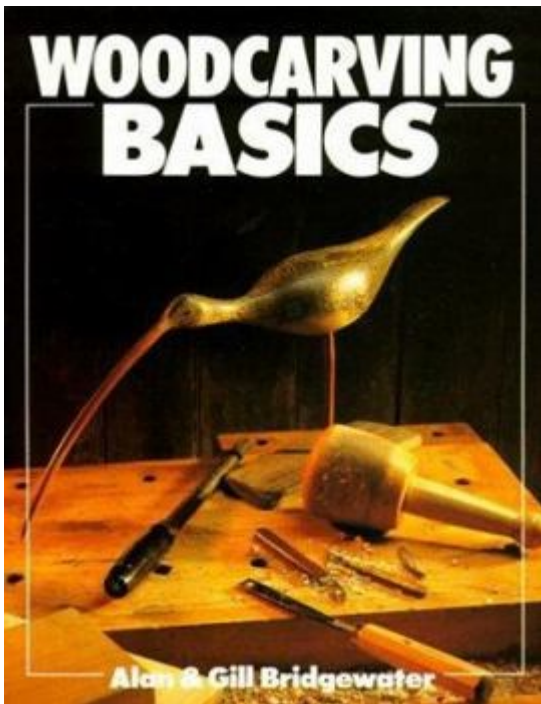


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Treasurer's Report a/o 3/1/2024

New Book—Irene Gomez, Club Librarian



We have a new book donated anonymously to the club library: Woodcarving Basics, by Alan & Gill Bridgewater.

This start-from-scratch guide to woodcarving begins by showing the shape and function of basic tools, including gouges, knives and mallets, and how to look after them. It then familiarizes the reader with various types of wood and their characteristics, and moves on with ideas for projects. Chip carving, relief carving & pierced carving are covered.

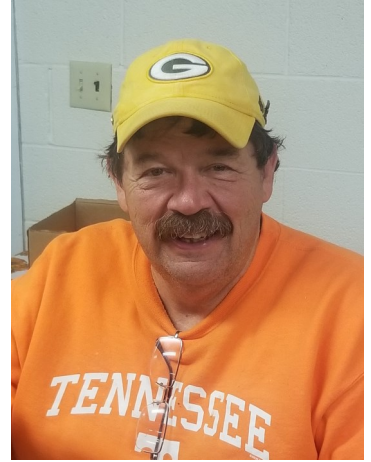
You'll find lots of great books in our library. Check it out next club meeting.

Monthly Projects/Demonstrations

March Project

My take, our study stick demonstration did not go as well as expected. While I liked the subject, I feel we didn't get as far along as we could. So, this is a team effort and I need your ideas on how we can improve our demonstrations. Of course, if you like the current methods, we can continue with no changes; let me know that too!

My passion is teaching and learning. If you feel like you are improving at the rate you are happy with, that is fine. If not, please let me know (corngrinder50@yahoo.com or text/call 309-620-1197) or contact Richard. I don't mind the suggestions or criticisms, i just want you to improve and you be happy with your progress. We have some great projects ahead, let's try to deliver them to get the most impact for our membership.



— JR —
Project Coordinator

April/May Demonstration

We have a great instructor coming: Larry Nowell. Larry is a former member and very experienced instructor having taught carving at UT. He has selected a great project to teach: Carving a Classic Santa Pin. Larry will have step-by-step instructions in a handout along with examples of the carving steps so you can see what to do; similar to what we had with our study sticks. The plan is to carve in April and finish up the eyes and painting in May. Hope to see you all in April.

Looking Ahead

This is not totally firmed up, but:

- I will be doing a June project
- Gary Falin will be doing a July project
- We haven't firmed up August but plan to do a cool Turkey and most likely a Santa project in the fall.

If you have ideas or instructors, let me know. We can do multiple projects on a Saturday.



Look who went down to Wetumpka AL. Yep, that's our very own Richard Phillips. Looks like he's paying close attention to Steve Brown in his caricature carving class.

APRIL Class—Carving a Classic Santa Pin

Larry Nowell, Instructor

For the April class, the tables will be set up differently. The instructor has asked that the tables be separated and that we only have 5-6 students per table. So, if you want to sit next to someone, come early so you can pick your seats.

Richard will pass out to the paid club members the piece you will need. Those of you who ordered extra pieces will pay Larry directly.

Recommended Tools:

- * Pencil
- *Dividers
- *Carving Knife
- *Eye Knife- Any knife with a pointed small blade
- *U-gouge/veneer: 1/8" & 1/4" *#3 Gouge: 1/8" & 3/8"
- *Soft "V": 1/8 for hair *1/8 Diamond Ball, Oval Burs and Holder
- *Sanding Pad 120 Grit and paper

Any questions contact Jim McCutcheon at 423-506-6779 or Richard Phillips 865-766-7272.

Local Carving Opportunities

Monday

East Tennessee Carving Guild, 6-9pm, Edgewood Primitive Baptist Church, 807 McCammon Ave, Maryville. We usually meet up around 5pm for dinner/supper and then get to carving. 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 (Chapman Hwy), Sevierville

10am - Noon, **John T O'Connor Senior Center**, 5th & Winona, Knoxville

What We've Been Carving

The following carvings were the "Table Display" at the March meeting















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