



# The Whittler

## From the Prez!

- We had 27 people present at the July meeting. Looks like we're still in our vacation mode.
- There were 16 in the fridge magnet hillbilly carving class conducted by Dean and Chet.
- Marie and Jane brought in snacks for us to enjoy.
- Ellen won the drawing for the free instructor class...again. This gives her two opportunities for the grand drawing to be held in September. You have two more opportunities to win a spot. When we do these drawings I implore you to bring the correct change. It just makes it easier on everyone.
- Those of you holding onto the friendship cane pieces...I would like to have them all in August, that is if you want to see the completed project before the October show.
- Chet Bley won the table drawing. There was no 50-50 this month.
- As you know Dean is stepping down this year as club Secretary and Newsletter Editor. I am asking once again for someone to PLEASE step forward and volunteer to be our newsletter editor. I would hate to see our monthly club newsletter end publication. The club will provide the software and Dean will provide any help. So please, we need an editor
- Until then, keep making chips!



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# Treasurer's Report for May 2025

## 2025 Show Update

- WOW, less than three (3) months until the club show. Show will be held Sat & Sun, 4 & 5 Oct, at the Sevierville Senior Center; same place as last year's show. We're going to need lots of volunteers to help out again, but more on that later.

### TRAINING

- Training will be held both BEFORE & AFTER the show. First training sessions will be Wed-Fri, 1-3 Oct, before the show; 2nd session will be Mon-Thu. 6-9 Oct, after the show.
- Gary Falin's 3-day caricature carving class held before the show is full; however, we have a 'wait-list' you can get on.
- Here's a list of the other training classes that will be offered BEFORE the show"
  - Richard Holden, Caricature. 2 days, Thu-Fri, 2-3 Oct. Cost: \$100
  - Ed Lampert, Christmas ornament from Bark. 1or 2 days, 2-3 Oct. Cost: \$60 for 1day; \$100 for both days.
  - Linda Feagan, Pyrography. 3 days, 1-3 Oct. Cost: \$150 [project piece included or bring your own]
- AFTER the show we'll have:
  - Richard Wetherbee: 2 days, 6-7 Oct, Clay; 2 days, 8-9 Oct, Bark, Roughouts, Realistic or Caricature [just about anything you want to carve]. You can take a class for 1 day. Cost: \$75/day
  - Bill Johnson, Chip Carving. 2.5 days, 6-8 Oct; Cost: \$225,

## 2025 Show Update (Continued)

### SHOW Volunteers

The show isn't a success without your help. And to encourage your participation, we will once again have a "Participation" prize drawing. The prize this year is a NEW Helvie knife.

Here's how the raffle works. For each activity you volunteer for AND do, you get a raffle ticket. Here's a list of the activities:

- ♦ Attend the show [How easy is that?]
- ♦ Enter a carving in the show [and maybe win an ribbon and prize money]
- ♦ Rent a table
- ♦ Help Set-up the show Fri morning, 9am -12 noon
- ♦ Help Tear-Down the show Sunday evening, 4-6pm
- ♦ Take a carving class
- ♦ Donate carving items for the auction/raffle
- ♦ Work at the show (e.g., help with registration, help with the auction/raffle, help a the beginner carving table, etc)

Be sure your activity is recorded. Raffle drawing will be held at the Oct club mtg after the show. Remember, the key to a successful show is YOU!

### Club Projects

Please bring your finished demonstration projects to display at the show. This will show folk what we do as members and hopefully, encourage new members. To encourage participation, JR is going to hold a special raffle. You'll get a raffle ticket for each carving displayed; no cost to display. Winner receives a carving from JR or wood for carving....your choice!

# Club Demonstrations

JR, who normally leads the monthly demonstrations, couldn't be at the July meeting so Chet & Dean volunteered to step in. The July demonstration was their take on Ddalo's "Simple Hillbilly" fridge magnet.

To speed up the carving, we started off with 1.5x1.5x4" blocks cut on the diagonal. This gave us roughly the same dimensions as Ddalo who starts with a 100x50x20mm block and cuts the sides to form a triangle.

To make the carving look more "Hillbilly-ish" Chet added the corn cob pipe and a patch on the hat. He also demonstrated his technique of pushing the hat brim back and adding a "swooping" cut just above the edge. This really makes the hat look like it's sitting on the nose. Chet also changed the mustache, using Bruce Ankeny's technique to enhance the smile. Picture to the right is Chet's carving.

Here a list of the demonstrations scheduled for the rest of 2025. NOTE, this schedule is EXTREMELY flexible. If you have ideas for demonstrations, let JR know as soon as possible.

August JR (Tennessee fan??)

September Painting/Finishing up projects for show

October Halloween Pumpkin (plan is to carve and paint...end at 2pm);

November Christmas themed??? Ideas please!





Here's a picture of Dean's carvings passed around to use a "Go-Bys"





# July Table Display

Looks like Richard's been busy and enjoyed Blake Lundsford's cute pig toothpick holder.

To the right is Ellen's chip carved star.







Dan Young celebrated the 4th with his Uncle Sam carving and brought in his finished pig toothpick holder. Nice job.

Larry Eubank's displayed his "Shoe Tree" carving . The picture doesn't come close to showing all the details of the shoes.







Carl Rosser brought in his flower relief carving and Maria D'Elio displayed some of the monthly club projects she's finished. Way to go Maria!







Chet Bley's display.







# July Meeting

















## This is how I to do it!

Fed up with not being able to draw symmetric faces? Have a lot of carving gifts you want to be the same and need to get done in a short time? Well, here's my secret: 3D printed stencils. These stencils help layout carvings with clean crisp symmetrical lines that are repeatable from carving to carving.

The artist/carver who creates these stencils is Angel Nunez; he's on Facebook. He's designed more the two dozen stencils and has video tutorials on how to use/ carve them on YouTube. You can buy the stencils via the Etsy link below:

[https://www.etsy.com/shop/Ronan3DPrints?](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Ronan3DPrints?fbclid=IwY2xjawLia3FleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETE2cE0xTUdPR3dDQ01Cb3VUAR5Cjw-renYNKT_TG_fQDr5WzIYiQtAah_faeiJKdKvDc7CbDQD3r8W8DM6iCA_aem_chKWmOsVyK5m89XjVG1gw&dd_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Ffacebook.com%2F)

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Here are some examples of his stencils:



## 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