



2025 Best of Show by Neil Southerland

# 15th Annual Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Festival (Show & Competition) October 3-4, 2026

Show location:  
**My People  
Senior Activity Center**  
1220 W Main Street  
Sevierville, TN 37864

**Sponsored by:**  
My People Senior Activity Center  
Woodcraft  
Jeffries Wood Works  
Fan Carvers World

Admission to the Woodcarver's Festival  
Donations for Senior Center

### Show Hours

Saturday, October 3  
from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sunday, October 4 10:00 PM to 4:00PM

### Table Setup Hours

Friday, October 2, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday, October 3, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

### Submission of Entries

Friday, October 3, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday, October 4, 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
\$10 for 1st entry, \$3/ea. additional entry or \$20  
for unlimited entries (3 per category max if you  
use this option).

Judging is from 9:00-10:00 AM Saturday.  
Doors will open at 10 AM.

### Booth Space

SMWC Members - \$25.00 with 6' table.  
Non SMWC Members -\$35.00 with 6' table.  
Vendors - \$35.00 per table space with 6' table.  
Carvers can display and sell their carvings by  
renting a table space. It is not necessary to rent  
a table to enter the competition.  
You can request an 8 ft table

### Prizes

Best of Open . . . . . \$150.00  
Best of Intermediate . . . . . \$100.00  
Best of Novice . . . . . \$50.00  
People's Choice . . . . . \$50.00  
Blue (1st Place) . . . . . \$10.00\*  
Red (2nd Place) . . . . . \$5.00\*  
Best Caricature . . . . . \$50.00  
2nd Best in Show . . . . . \$50.00  
Clair Smith Carving Award Categories (1,3,4,5,6)

\*Cash awards on categories of 4 or more entries.

Instructor Assisted  
(1st Place) . . . . . \$25.00  
(2nd Place) . . . . . \$15.00  
(3rd Place) . . . . . \$10.00

For complete information about the  
**My People Senior Activity Center,**  
please visit their website at:  
[www.Seviercountyttn.org](http://www.Seviercountyttn.org)  
Or call (865) 453-8080

**JR Hemmerlein  
3446 Wayne Rankin Rd.  
Louisville, TN 37777**

## Reserve your booth for the 2026 Smoky Mountain Woodcarving Festival

October 3-4, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Booths are 6 ft. tables with 2 chairs. (Request 8 ft. table)

SMWC Member Booth: \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non SMWC Member Booth: \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor Booth: \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Assoc.**

Mail Payment to: **JR Hemmerlein**

**3446 Wayne Rankin Rd.  
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Reserve training spot by contacting JR Hemmerlein.  
Entry Form available online at:  
SMKYWCA.CLUB

*You must send in your money to reserve your booth for the festival.*

## Judging Categories

1. **Animals.\*** Exactly proportional, any size.
2. **Animals Misc.\*** Heads, Busts or Groups
3. **Aquatic.\*** Realistic.
4. **Songbirds.**
5. **Birds of Prey.**
6. **Game Birds and Waterfowl.\***
7. **Miscellaneous Realistic Birds**
8. **Human Figures.\*** Realistic, full body, proportional.
9. **Bust.\*** Realistic. Any human, shoulder up.
10. **Human Caricatures.**
11. **Animal Caricatures.**
12. **Caricature Group.** (human, animal or mixed).
13. **Bottlestoppers, Magnets, Toothpick Holders.**
14. **Stylized Carvings.** Not realistic - general or implied details.
15. **Chip Carving.**
16. **Relief Carving.** Shallow or Deep.
17. **Santa Claus.** Any Santa carving.
18. **Holiday Carvings** (includes all holiday carvings).
19. **Walking Sticks and Canes.**
20. **Ornaments.** (any holiday).
21. **Miniatures.**
22. **Religious, Mythical and Prehistoric.**
23. **Wood Burning.**
24. **Found Wood.** (includes cypress knees).
25. **Bark Carving.** (all bark carvings).
26. **Roughout.** (open category only. All other classes can use roughouts in any category).
27. **Utility Carving.** (spoons, letter-openers).
28. **Floral.** May be displayed in vase.
29. **Miscellaneous.** Any carving that does not fall into the before mentioned categories

\* Must be carved in the round.

## Instructor Assisted Class

All instructor assisted carvings completed by novice and intermediate carvers will compete in this class. Money awarded for 3 places with 10 or more entries.

## Competition Rules

1. Entries must be carved by person entering competition.
2. Carvings must be wood but, glass eyes and metal feet are allowed.
3. Mailed or shipped carvings will not be accepted.
4. The show committee has the right to add, divide or delete categories as deemed necessary.
5. Entries are submitted at the sole discretion and sole risk of the owner. Security is provided, however; The Sevier County Senior Center, Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Association and the shows sponsors are not responsible for the loss or damage of carvings.
6. Group carvings must be mounted on a single base.
7. Carvings entered in competition will remain in the competition room until the show is over at 4:00 on Sunday.
8. Judges decisions are final.
9. Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Assoc. has final decision over any and all competition related questions.
10. Carvings entered in competition must have been completed in last 3 years.
11. Carvings such as Wood Spirits and Relief Carvings larger than 8"x 8" must have a stand.
12. Carvings completed in Zoom classes can be entered in all classes.
13. Novice and Intermediate carvers can enter roughouts in all categories. Open roughouts in only category 26.

## Competition Classes

**Novice:** Anyone that carves at the beginner level and must not have won Best of Novice at our show. Instructor assisted projects must enter in instructor assisted class. Rough outs are allowed in all Novice categories.

**Intermediate:** Must not have won Best of Intermediate at our show. Instructor assisted, projects enter in instructor assisted class. Rough outs are allowed in all Intermediate categories.

**Open:** Anyone may enter. Instructor assisted carvings not allowed. Open carvers cannot enter in instructor assisted classes.

## Choose Class & Category

Choose a Class (Novice, Intermediate, Instructor assisted or Open), then enter up to 5 entries per category or 3 entries per category if you used unlimited entry method. Show Chairman has final decision as to suitability.

## Dinner

A get together with a free raffle for participants and guests will be 5:30 pm Saturday. Location will be announced at the show. (Meals purchased at your own expense)

Any questions about the  
**Smoky Mountain Woodcarving Festival,**  
Please contact JR Hemmerlein at:  
[corngrinder50@yahoo.com](mailto:corngrinder50@yahoo.com)  
(309) 620-1197

## Training September 30, October 1-2

Caricature Carving - Phil Gentry  
\$150 + Roughout Cost 3 Day  
Caricature Carving - Ed Lampert  
\$60 includes cutout 1 day, \$110 for 2 days  
2nd Day Painting available  
Chipcarving - John Griscti  
Oct 1 - Beginner Class \$50  
Oct 2 - Experienced Class \$50  
Woodburning - Doug Stainbrook  
Bark or Caricature - Rich Weatherbee  
\$85/day Oct 7-8  
Clay - Oct 5-6

**Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Association would like to thank this years sponsors an invite you to visit them at these locations.**

## TOOL VENDORS:

**Stadtlanders Wood Carvings**  
Stadtlanderscarvings.com  
Wide variety of wood carving supplies.

**David Cummings**  
Tool Sharpener

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**Woodcraft**  
8023 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
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(865) 539-9330 or (866) 539-9330

**Jeffries Wood Works**  
8807 Valgro Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37920  
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**Fan Carvers World**  
[fancarversworld.com](http://fancarversworld.com)