



CARVING TALK

November 2011

President's Notes :

Greetings to All.

RVWC's Open House was the "BEST" we've had in the 12 years existence!

I am so proud of all who participated and showed their artistic abilities of wood carving and wood burning. Every available table was set up and in use with each individuals special type of wood working.

Thanks to Don Potter for handling the table set ups. GREAT JOB DON!!! Thanks for the ornaments that were donated for the "Ornaments For Kids" project that RVWC sponsors each year. To the three judges, Barb Belcher of Belcher Carving Supplies, John Dotson, member of RVWC and President of East Fork Carvers, and Ken Liming, instructor at Grant Vocational School in Bethel, OH. You are very much appreciated!

To those who won ribbons, "CONGRATS!!! and THANKS!"

To Hilltop Church of Christ, Taylor Mill, KY. for the use of the Fellowship Hall for our meetings each month and annual Open House Event, Thank You and God Bless You All.

To Klostermans, for donating the hot dog buns, and Blue Grass Meats for donating the hot dogs. For the individuals who helped in the kitchen with lunch and clean up. THANKS!!

To Ferd and Tom Denton for taking care of raffles.. Good Job.

Several people donated towards the prizes for the winners of the ornament contest. We thank you all very much.

Linda Litzler, Edward Hattenbach, Jim Swingel, and Hydro Control.

Thanks so much for your support.

If I missed anyone, it was not intentional.



As of January 1, 2012 there will be a new president in place for River Valley Wood Carvers, and Rob Witzke will be handling Special Projects Seminars.

Mickey and I are retiring from active duty, but we will continue our membership and some activities with the club. It's time for new blood to take over. It's been fun for all these years we've served in office, but we're tired and having some health issues and just need to relax some. There comes a time in life when you slow down and need to cut your pace a little.

We have both enjoyed serving the club since it's beginning.. For the years we have served you, THANKS for the GOOD TIMES and GREAT MEMORIES, We ARE NOT saying goodbye.

Till next month, KEEP them CHIPS FLYING AND THE SMOKE RISING,

Jackie

RVWC President

Ron Collins Update: Ron and Lucy need a LOT of Good Thoughts and Prayers as Ron has had a set back. Ron was admitted to Bethesda North Hospital ICU with a kidney stone and Pnuemonia. He went into surgery and a stint has been put in place as they were unable to get the stone. He has since been moved to a halfway/step down room which means he can now have visitors. Two at a time, 30 mins, and have to be 14 years of age or older. Room 2335.

He is proving to be a fighter and gaining strength slowly.

Their address is: P.O. Box 800

Union, Kentucky 41091

If you would like to send some words of encouragement or just say hello, they would be well received.

Halloween Treats

Don Potter



Joe Caminiti



Joe Caminiti



Bob Manning



Rob Witzke

Sandee Sansfacon



Rob Witzke

Change is coming to RVWC

- Effective December 31, 2011 President Jackie Huston will be stepping down.
- Effective immediately Mickey Huston, RVWC Seminars and Shows chairman, has also stepped down from his position leaving it in the capable hands of Rob Witzke (Seminars) and Don Hogue (Shows).

Thank you Jackie for all your efforts and time on behalf of the club.

Thank you Mickey, one of the original founding members, you served this club well.

Our Club has prospered for having you both helping to guide it over the years.

Thank you also to Rob and Don for stepping in to continue serving our Club with future offerings that will continue to see our Club grow.

Ornaments for Kids

Ornaments have been coming in slowly. Please finish up the 5 or 8 ornaments you are, or have been working on and give Ferd some peace of mind.

With ornaments from last year, 1 from New Mexico, 1 from Arizona, a couple/few dozen turned in during Open House, the total number of ornaments turned in to date has fallen short of what will be needed for December.

This is the call to get out your carving knives, fire up those burning sticks, and sharpen your chippers.....(try saying that 3 times fast)

**The deadline is fast approaching
and**

The time to get working is NOW!

Thank you to all who have turned in ornaments.



**Autumn is a second spring
where every leaf is a flower.**

Albert Camus

2011/2012 RVWC Board

Club Officers

President: Jackie Huston

V. President: Ed Carlson

Secretary: Rex & Sandee Sansfacon

Treasurer: Pat Scott

Trustee: Ron Collins

Trustee: Barry Pennington

Trustee: Rob Witzke

Past President: Dick Middleton

Chair Positions

Open House: Ed Carlson

Tables: Don Potter

Donations: Don Hogue

Awards: Jackie & Mickey Huston

Awards Dinner: Donna Waller
Jackie Huston

Seminars: Rob Witzke

rob@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Shows: Don Hogue

Ornaments for Kids: Ferd Kruetzkamp

Club Exchange: Bob Trame

Demos/Library: Dick Middleton

State Fairs: Don Hogue

Librarian/Sunshine: Pat Scott

Newsletter: Sandee Sansfacon

Ron Collins (on hiatus)

Website: Sandee Sansfacon
Rob Witzke

Ron Collins (on hiatus)

Your Website now has a **Classifieds Section**

Free to members

Information needed to get started:

- Type - Sale, Free, Trade, or Wanted Item
- How much— \$\$
- Description – 200 words or less
- Contact Information – Phone #, email, ?
- Pictures (optional) - up to 4

Once you have the above ready, email the information to Rob at:

classifieds@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Or call Sandee at 859/525-6841 and we will get it posted for you.

Seminars

Seminar—Stu Martin
Date: Nov. 9 & 10, 2011
(Wed & Thur)
Time: 9 AM to 5 PM
Cost: \$ 130 plus blank

Location: Hilltop Church of Christ
Taylor Mill, KY



Seminar— Vic Hood **Woodcarving Illus. 2011 Woodcarver of the Year!**

Date: January 19, 20, 21 2012 Location: Hilltop Church Of Christ
Time: 9:00 to 5:00 each day Taylor Mill, KY

Cost: \$205 includes butternut block

<http://wagcarvingschool.com/vichood.aspx>

Club & Show Calendar

NOVEMBER

RVWC month long at Exhibit at Durr Library in
Independence, KY

3 Club Meeting

5 Franklin, IN Woodcarving Magic Show
info: larrycarter1215@bcglobal.net

9/10 Seminar, Stu Martin

12/13 Artistry in Wood, Dayton, OH
daytoncarvers.com/artistryinwood.html

17 Club Meeting

17 Deadline Oregon Ornament Exchange

17 Last meeting to turn in Ornaments for
"Ornaments for kids".

28 Decorate Tree at Hospital (Pending)
Last day to accept ornaments for trees!

DECEMBER, 2011

1 Recognition/Christmas Dinner

15 Club Meeting

JANUARY, 2012

Boone County Library Exhibit at Florence Branch

5 Club Meeting

9/10 Seminar-Vic Hood

19 Club Meeting

FEBRUARY

Campbell Co/ Library Exhibit at Newport Branch

2 Club Meeting

16 Club Meeting

MARCH

1 Club Meeting

15 Club Meeting

Carve-ins are scheduled for the 4th Saturday
of the month, pending Church schedule. Watch
your RVWC website for continuous updates.

To check on upcoming Seminars contact Rob Witzke at:

rob@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

To keep up with current RVWC
happenings, pictures, classifieds, and
new Seminars in-between newsletters,
check out your RVWC website.

www.rivervalleywoodcarvers.org



Recognition Dinner: December 1st - 6pm

Jackie Huston and Donna Waller are in the
planning stages. Please help them by calling
one of them and letting them know :

- if you plan to attend
- how many will accompany you
- What kind of dish you can bring (meat and
dessert are provided)

Thank you. Donna and Jackie 513/734-2556

Updates and Alerts.....

RVWC OPEN HOUSE

The River Valley Wood Carvers held their annual Open House at Hilltop Church of Christ on Oct. 15th. The tables were all filled with carvers and carvings. The attendance appeared to be up somewhat from previous years; well over 75 people in attendance.

The Ornaments for Kids was, as usual, the highlight of the event. The judging was very amply provided by Barbara Belcher, John Dotson and Ken Liming.

In the Novice category the winners were: 1st place-Sandee Sansfacon, 2nd place-Pat Scott, 3rd place-Sandee Sansfacon.

Intermediate category: 1st place-Bob Trame, 2nd place-Tom Denton, 3rd place-Jackie Huston.

Advanced Category: 1st place- Rob Witzke, 2nd place-Dick Middleton, 3rd place-Dick Middleton. The Best Table award went to Donna Waller.

This year for the first time the Concession Stand was operated by the members of the club. There were quite a number of compliments

on the food from the customers and best of all we actually made a little money for the club.

A great time was had by all. The carving and exhibits were very well received.

Best of all we did promote the hobby of wood carving and burning. In fact I believe we have acquired some new members from the attendance at the open house. So that makes for a quite successful event. By Dick Middleton

Thank you to Ezra Smith for all the Open House Photos. More will appear soon on the Website.



River Valley Wood Carvers will host a month long Exhibit at the Durr Library in Independence, KY

Requests for pieces will be forthcoming

Artistry in Wood Show Dayton Airport Expo Center (Exit #64 off of I-75)

Nov 12 10-6pm and Nov 13 10-5pm

If you could go to any woodcarving show in the area **THIS is the ONE.**

200 exhibitors Demonstrations Seminars

door prizes tools supplies

And the biggest gift of all: Inspiration!

Stop by and say Hello to RVWC's John Broughton and Joe Caminiti who will have tables set up. Don't miss it.

Tip: if you go to a demonstration and someone is there with a camera, make sure your glove is on the correct hand. It might go in a national carving

Ornament Swap with Coastal Carvers Club

Swap an Ornament with another carver across the country.

Guidelines are:

- Create an Ornament
- Sign ornament along with short bio of yourself and place in zip lock bag
- Due by Nov. 17

For more info. Contact Mickey at:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org



**Gorman Heritage Farm
Sunflower Festival
October 2011 - Update**

Gorman Farm was a two day event that brought young and old to the park. Music, Food, Beautiful weather, Crafts, pumpkins, and Sunflowers were enjoyed by all.

Mickey Huston and Jim Cable represented RVWC on Saturday. Our tables were located indoors and eventually so were the Chickens!



They looked through our boxes, under the tables, chairs, our feet until finally they found that perfect spot and layed their eggs..... both days!



Sunday saw Bob Manning, Dick Middleton, Sandee Sansfacon, and Don Hogue at the tables.

We talked to many interested people, invited them to our Open House, and demonstrated our craft. It was a relaxing weekend afternoon and one you should consider attending next year.



Getting to know us:

Rex Sansfacon

How long have you been carving: 1.75 years

How did you get started: My wife dragged me into a demonstration at the local library.

First Carving: 2x2x3 house with shingles and siding, Stones for the base.

Currently: Boots seem to be the thing of interest of late. They are fairly easy to carve and I can make them look half way decent.

Note of Interest: I built a Kentucky Long Rifle from a kit I got for Christmas. I was able to first shoot it at an outdoor range in London, KY. It shot straight and true at 25 yards and got a bullseye! I have since increased my interests in Black Powder weaponry with additional purchases and builds. I took a 44 caliber St. Louis Hawkin, stripped the stock, increased the barrel channel to accommodate a 50 caliber barrel, then stripped the wood and polished all the brass pieces. I range tested it in Lloyd Park in Crittenden and it shot great. In a previous lifetime (before kids) I was into HO model railroads. In a near retired future, I hope to have a layout back up and running with all the bells and whistles in someplace warm.

Most Proud of: My relationship with my father-in-Law. We didn't have long together, but Lee became a very good friend and got me involved in RC airplanes. We flew here in KY, Flint MI, and Anderson SC at various events and flying fields. We kit built many planes together and watched them go from kits to finished airplanes and then sometimes back to kits with a crash. Someday I would like to try flying again and relive those days of balsa and monocote.



****5 interviews = 75.75 years experience**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mickey and Jackie take Texas



Mid-September saw Mickey and Jackie Huston of Bethel, OH attending a 60th class reunion of Perryton High School in Texas. Mickey is a 1951 alumni of PHS in a small class of 60 students. Jackie by vote was made an honorary student and accepted it proudly.

They will remember this as the Reunion of Reunions. It all started on a Wednesday night with dinner at a local cafe with their former classmates and ended Sunday morning at the same local cafe. No smoking, drinking, or cursing was heard or seen or necessary during the festivities.

In Remembrance of classmates that had passed on, they went down to the county lake. One member is a collector of cannons and brought the biggest he had: a 1,000 lb 1884 Mountain Howitzer. A small number of classmates, dressed in Civil War attire, unloaded it from the truck it was transported in. Mickey got the honor of first shot. They then read the names and threw a rose onto the lake for each of the deceased classmates. At the end of the list, the cannon sounded again.

Then as a class, they hiked down a County memorial brick pathway, where a brick was placed in honor of the Class of 1951.

The County Museum asked some of the classmates to bring in examples of their woodworking, portrait paintings and sand paintings, they had perfected over the years to be put on display during the reunion.

The County Museum made one more very special request: Would Mickey and Jackie bring their wood carvings, burnings, chippings and leave them on display between August 25th to October 1st. Three locked Glass display units full for One Month at the County Museum. What an Honor!

This was a reunion they will never forget.

More pictures can be seen on the website soon.

Congratulations Mickey and Jackie

And Texas Wins!