



CARVING TALK

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Presidents Notes :

Glad to report to all of you that preparations for RVWC 2011 Open House is coming together real good, thanks to all for volunteering and accepting requests with a positive response. Don Potter is in charge of renting tables for those who want to set up, display and sell their woodworking pieces. Don't wait to long as several have already reserved tables. We only have so many to rent and no back up extras. The menu for the lunch is planned and thanks to Sandee for contacting Blue Grass Meats, they have donated 2 cases of hot dogs towards the lunch menu. THANKS to everyone who has agreed to fulfill various positions for pulling the OPEN HOUSE together.



My congratulations to you guys and gals who set up at public events and have won awards for your talents!!!!!! Myself and RVWC is very proud of all of you. We are very Blessed to have so much active talent within our club.

Mick and I have been working on carvings and burnings to put on display at the Plains Museum in his home town of Perryton, Texas in the north panhandle. The 60th year Class Reunion for his class is mid-Sept. The museum asked us to display our work during the event so class mates who attend can see our work as well as other visitors to the museum. We are very pleased and proud to do this. We were there 10 years ago for the 50th celebration, and his classmates voted to make me an

honorary member of their class and presented me with a proclamation so stating and an etched crystal goblet, "P.H.S. Class of 1951." Mick and I presented his class mates who had celebrated 50 years of marriage, with Chip Carved anniversary bread boards with their name and wedding date carved on it. Also the printed story we wrote for what each cut on the boards represent. He carved and presented 23 boards ten years ago. Last year he presented several more, and this year he will present the final ones to those who have not celebrated 50 years. This year will have all of them covered. It's been fun and they have all been most pleased. The boards are chip carved on one side to hang on the wall as decoration, and plain on the back side to use as a cutting board for butter-bread-cheese etc.. An Old World Butter Board.

DON'T FORGET YOUR ORNAMENTS FOR KIDS---ORNAMENT EXCHANGE WITH OTHER CLUBS---AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE WITHIN OUR CLUB AT RECOGNITION DINNER.

I have filled up my space for this month, so will stop now with one finale comment: I AM SO PROUD OF OUR CLUB!!!!!!Thank you for the Priviledge of Working and Serving with You.

Keep the Chips Flying and the Smoke Rising,

Jackie

Keep your Club Dues Up to Date

If you are not sure—Ask,
Pat Scott, your Treasurer

The Fair Report:

RVWC has left the **Kentucky State Fair** with a few ribbons.

Honorable Mentions include: Joe Caminiti, Dick Middleton, Don Hogue

3rd Place: Dick Middleton and Joe Caminiti

2nd Place: Ed Stover and Ed Stover (2 separate pieces)

1st Place: Dick Middleton

At the time of this post, these were the most current results thanks to Jim Cable.

Watch for the rest of the story in the October issue and your RVWC website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Ohio State Fair

On Tuesday, 8-2-2011, RVWC demonstrated carving and burning at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus. Don Hogue showed people his inevitable technique in burning one of his classic carved ducks. Mickey Huston demonstrated the art and history of chip carving. Dick Middleton displayed a variety of carvings in the round.

We spent the whole day there and got a lot of interest from the crowd at the fair and may have ignited some future carvers. Best of all we had a lot of fun in the process. As always we were treated very well by the fair staff and were assured RVWC would be invited back again next year for the fair. If enough of our carvers were to sign up we certainly could man the two tables for two days instead of just one next year.



Boone County Fair - August 12-13

RVWC was invited to participate in the Boone Co. Fair as part of the Heritage skills demonstrations. Bob Manning, Rex and Sandee Sansfacon, Pat Scott, Donna Waller, and Rob Witzke spent the evenings demonstrating our varied wood carving skills and inviting interested folk to our Open House on October 15th. We all enjoyed ourselves, but a couple of us were smiling maybe, just little more.



Whittling: Pat Scott 1st

Sandee Sansfacon 2nd

Wood Carving: Sandee Sansfacon 1st

Pat Scott 2nd

Wood-Novelty: **Pat Scott 1st and**

BEST of SHOW!

Congratulations!

Ohio State Fair
recognizes
Bob Manning
Best of Show



Oregon "Coastal Carvers" Club

Ornament Swap update:

The Challenge is on! As of this newsletter the Oregon Coastal Carvers have now completed 4 gift carvings! Start planning yours today.

Guidelines are:

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

Sign up sheets at club meetings or email Mickey for more information at:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

2011/2012 RVWC Board RVWC Club Officers

President: Jackie Huston

V. President: Ed Carlson

Secretary: Rex & Sandee Sansfacon

Treasurer: Pat Scott

Trustee: Ron Collins

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 & Shows: Mickey Huston

Mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Ornaments for Kids: Ferd Kruetzkamp

Club Exchange: Bob Trame

Oregon Exchange: Mickey Huston

Demos/Library: Dick Middleton

State Fairs: Don Hogue

Librarian/Sunshine: Pat Scott

Newsletter/Webmaster: Ron Collins

Interim: Rex & Sandee Sansfacon



Open House

Reserve your exhibit table today through Don Potter. The cost is \$10 and they are going

SunFlower Festival at Gorman Farms

Saturday & Sunday

October 1-2, 2011 10 –4pm

Still need a few more volunteers to demonstrate carving/burning for this annual event.

Come out to help support and enjoy the sunflowers, gardens, arts and crafts, entertainment and family fun that makes the Sunflower Festival a special day at Gorman Farms.

To volunteer or for more information talk to Mickey at:

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

WANTED: Looking for a GOOD 10" table saw. If you know of one within a 30 mile area of Cincinnati, please contact Mickey.

mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

2011 RVWC Club Gift Exchange

If you are considering taking part in the annual club gift exchange, there is still club wood available in these sizes:

- Carvings 2x2x7
- Burnings 5x7
- Chip Carvings 5x7

Contact Bob Trame for more information and to get started on your gift!

Military Care Package:

Hilltop Church of Christ is collecting supplies for our overseas military. RVWC voted to give \$100 to this worthy project plus a few personal checks. Ed Carlson took the money and went shopping. Looks like he did a great job. If you would like to donate, please contact Jackie Huston. She has the shopping list of needed donations or go to the RVWC website to download a copy.

Seminars

RVWC Open House

Date: October 15, 2011
 Time: 10am-4pm
 Cost: Adm. free
 Table Cost: \$10 per

Location: Hilltop Church of Christ

Judging: Ornaments for kids will be
 Judged today.

Stu Martin will bring rough-outs for Mountain Men, Indians, and possibly a Santa. You choose what you want to work on. He will sell you the rough out and help you to create it.

<http://www.stumartin.com>



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: Stu Martin

Date: Nov. 14, 15 & 16, 2011
 (Mon, Tues & Wed)
 Time: 9 AM to 5 PM
 Cost: \$ 185 plus blank

Location: Gorman Farms

CANCELLED

Calendar

AUGUST

29 - Pick-up carvings from KY State Fair

SEPTEMBER

Scheben Library Club Exhibition

1 - Club Meeting
 15- Club Meeting

OCTOBER

1 & 2- Gorman Farms Sun Flower Festival
 craft fair www.gormanfarm.org/

6 - Club Meeting

15- RVWC Open House

15-Deadline to turn in Ornaments for Kids for
 judging. 10:30am

15 - Ornaments For Kids Judged

NOVEMBER

3- Club Meeting

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

9 & 10 - Seminar, Stu Martin

12 & 13 - Artistry in Wood, Dayton, OH

14 - 16 - Seminar, Stu Martin **CANCELLED**

17- Club Meeting

17 - Final Deadline for "Ornaments for Kids"

17- Deadline Oregon Ornament Exchange

28 - Decorate Tree at Hospital (Pending)

DECEMBER, 2011

1- Recognition/Christmas Dinner

15- Club Meeting

JANUARY, 2012

5 -Club Meeting

19 -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 a Seminar Contact Mickey Huston at : mickey@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

At the Table.....



Donna Waller



Jackie Huston



Dick Middleton



Mickey Huston



Ferd Kruezkamp

The Wessley's Ford Anglia flying car from Harry Potter



Bob Trame



Bob Manning



Joe Caminiti

Getting to know us:

Don Potter



How long have you been carving:

He carved off and on until 10** years ago when he joined Cincinnati Carvers Guild and then RVWC having more time to practice his craft.

First Carving: He learned to carve at Boy Scout camp with his first pocket knife and made an Indian head neckerchief in 1945.

How did you get started: He remembers a museum center exhibit, Bruce Smith, and Ron Sonderman influencing him.

Most Proud of: Don has a special place in his heart for the Amputee Veterans returning to the states. He carves Eagle Heads for Cliff Reeder, who puts them on canes, which they then present to the veterans.

Noted For: His knowledge and crafting of knives. Soon after taking up carving, he started making his own. From the co-op job at a machine shop where the workers taught him their craft, his metallurgy classes in college, an engineering background, and the use of a straightedge blade to shave when he was younger, all served to help with his growing new passion.

His interests are not limited to his personalized knives. Freehand art classes in college led to dabbling in silver jewelry making, wood working, Christmas Cards, and water color painting.

Note of Interest: Back during his college years, about the 1950s, he worked on the engines and raced 1937-38 Ford Stock Cars.



**3 interviews = 69 years experience



To new member
Veronica Olson



Wood Burners Corner

Four Ways to make darker burns:

1. Turn up the heat.
2. Press harder.
3. Slow down.
4. Change angle of blade on the pen.

Touch and Pull

Do not overdo the touch part. Come down behind the point, pull and lift. Do not push off. This works well on feathers and going from shadows into light areas.

Always go from dark to light

Anytime you first touch the wood will be hotter than when you pull back. Don't pull back too fast as you will get no line, just a dot and slash.

RVWC Website: www.rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Your website is being updated and cleaned up to make it easier to find what you need and to share all the current news and needs of the RVWC club.

If you have pictures, questions, sales, shows, anything of interest to other members, please go to our website and **CONTACT US**.

A big welcome to Rob Witzke as a new member of the Website Team.

Coming Soon: the website will open a classifieds page where you can sell your wood carvings, burning items tools, etc. Watch for more information coming soon on the website and this newsletter.

Ornaments for Kids

The carved and woodburned ornament collection has begun!

We have expanded to include St. Elizabeth Pediatrics, Redwood School, and the Diocesan Catholic Childrens Home this year. Each child will get to choose and keep an ornament for their own.



Your help is needed to fill these trees up. All ornaments should be created with the children in mind and ready to hang on the trees. They should be turned in by 10:30am, October 15th at the RVWC Open House to be entered in competition. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive ribbons. Final date for collection is Nov. 17th.

For further information or if you would like to help decorate the trees, please contact Ferd K. at:

ferd@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

This special project is open to all who would like to share their talent and the spirit of the season with these children.

Carving Terms:

Cut Out—Usually cut with a bandsaw with a front and/ or side pattern.

Rough Out—Very similar to a cut out, but more refined with the use of a lathe. Usually sold by a well known carver.

Question:

What program or means do you use to resize your carving patterns?

Please forward your answers to sandee@rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

Answers will be posted in next months newsletter.

Thank you for all the kind words reported about the newsletter.



Admission
is
Free



Annual OPEN HOUSE



Dick Belcher Sales
for knives, wood,
supplies.



Come for the Art
Ask questions
Find a new Hobby

Directions:

South– 275 East to exit 79-RT 16/Taylor Mill Rd
Turn right, 1 mile on left

North– 275 West to exit 79-Rt 16/Taylor Mill Rd
Turn left, 1 mile on left

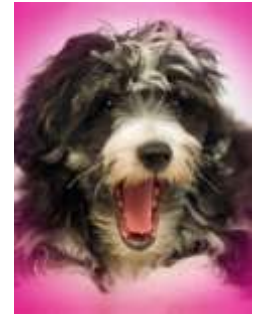
WATCH FOR SIGNS

Lunch is Available



www.rivervalleywoodcarvers.org

The Clermont County Humane Society Auction Needs our Help!



The Clermont County branch of the Humane Society holds a fund raising dinner/ auction every November. The money raised is used to help maintain the wonderful services they provide. The River Valley Wood Carvers and Eastfork Carving clubs have donated tax deductible items for their auction in the past. CCHS will provide us a table to display the pieces we donate to the auction and we can also set out flyers about our club.

Won't you please get involved in this tax-deductible charity event? All you have to do is get a finished piece to Jim Cable by October 6. Include your name, address and a suggested selling price for the piece. In return, besides getting that heart warming feeling inside, CCHS will send you a thank you letter for your contribution including the price you put on your item. This letter can be used for income tax purposes.

Your donation does not have to be a carving! Wood burnings, kolrosings, turnings or any other type of woodworking would be great! And the subject does NOT have to be an animal just because it's for the Humane Society.

