

1st Thursday of each month

7:00 PM Meeting time

Jan 2012



<http://www.jrcarvers.com>

**James River Woodcarvers'
Association**

Holiday Party

Another great party was had by all. Linda, Fran, Amy and the other Thursday afternoon carving ladies did all the set-up and most of the take-down. Rollie was there to supervise. A great turn out with folks we haven't seen since last year's party. We even had some leftovers (not the devil eggs, I ate them all).

Next month demo is Sheep (club will pick up cost of 1 sheep pack); bring your knife, gouge. On 3rd Saturday we will finish the sheep. 22 sheep packs are ready for a new home. Bring \$9 on Sat. (\$5 for class + \$4 /Sheep pack). Sign up to be sure you get one.

Think about what you want for demos & workshops for next year. We have openings in both areas.



President's Corner By Wayne Thornton

Happy New Year James River Wood Carvers!

We had a carving packed year and have lots to look forward to in the coming months. Betsy will be starting us off with a sheep in January and Michael Denton will be following in February. That leaves plenty of room for you to step in and volunteer to conduct a workshop. We have added mini workshops on the first Thursday night club meeting and continue to search for ideas and projects that interest club members. Please come to the club meeting January 5th and give us feedback. What do you think is working? In what direction should the club be heading this coming year?

In regard to nationally known carvers, Wayne Shinlever's class last October sold out and Vic Hood has already filled his rooster. Also, there are signup sheets in the blue folder for the classes offered by Steve

Brown and Floyd Rhadigan. Signing up does not obligate you to take the class, but merely serve as a barometer for me to go ahead and set up a class. If there is little or no interest I will not be contacting them.

Michael Denton, Betsy and I discussed hosting a carving round-up and, although it seems like a lot of effort to host, it also sounds fun and interesting. Starting out small is the key I think. This is a topic we should explore at our next meeting.

I would like to thank everyone that helps make the carving club the great club. Without your help and support we could not function. I ask everyone to find their voice for the club either through service or simple participation. A lot of people go to great lengths to put on programs and workshops for you each month. Please show your appreciation by coming out to carve. Thank you,

New Members: Jonnie Kinney

Christmas Party



Show & Tell



S&T: Rollie, James, Wayne, Kathy, etc

Club Stuff

Carving Blanks: Merv is adding some croaking frog blanks to the collection (icicles, potbellied bear, shelf mice, shelf wizard) of wood blanks for sale. The cost for these blanks will be as priced on the bags. Price of the blanks is the cost of wood and any printed material. If anyone wants a particular blank cut out please contact Merv (320-4416) or at mervinwa@gmail.com.

For Sale: The club has JRWC **club patches** for sale. They are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Patches will be in the file cabinet along with the carving blanks.

Publicize Club: We are trying to publicize the availability of JRWC to existing and new carvers and have created a club flier and card that can be handed out at events or left in select locations for anyone interested to pick up. If you have any ideas on how to promote club membership, please contact Wayne Thornton, Merv Warner or Tom Lasser.

Photos of your work: Missed the Thursday meeting? Send photo (solid background) to Merv & Betsy to get them into the newsletter & web site. No cropping & big as possible is best.

Nametags: Please remember to wear you nametags at all club functions. This will help new members and those with poor memories like mine to get to know each other better.

Show and Tell: Each month at our Thursday night meeting (**1st Thursday of the month**) we have show and tell of work you have recently completed. Bring it in and at the end of "show & tell" we draw from the participants for a \$10 gift card to the *Woodcraft store* (9862 West Broad Street).

Club Officers 2011 - 2012

President	–	Wayne Thornton
Vice President	–	Tom Lasser
Treasurer	–	Paul Pettesch
Workshop Chairman	–	Linda Garthaffner

Program Chairman	–	Fran Hazelwood
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Carving Competition Chairman – Tom Lasser

Newsletter Editor	-	Betsy Mack
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Website Manager	-	Kathy Overcash
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Membership Dues: Dues (\$15 / year) can be given to Paul Pettesch or Wayne Thornton. They can also be mailed to Paul at 15519 Hampton Crest Terrace, Chesterfield, VA, 23832.

Thursday Carving: For those carvers arriving first on Thursday, please help set up the tables and chairs if they are not already set up. The tables are located in the closet across the hall. We meet at 11:45 to set up the tables and go to lunch at 12:00. All are welcome to come join us; we are back by 1:00 for carving. 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

Saturday Workshops: Held at Woodcraft on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Members: \$5 minimum + cost of materials. Non-members: \$20 minimum + material cost. Register first please before showing up. Limited space in some workshops. Linda 539-8399.

Newsletter Entries: If you have a carving tip to share with fellow carvers, or a newsletter entry (250 words max and no embedded photos; send photos separately as attachments) please send it to bcmack@comcast.net for publication in a future newsletter. *Must be received by 22nd of each month to make the current newsletter.*

2012 Thursday Programs and Saturday Workshops

1st Thursday's Programs 7:00 PM

JAN —Sheep @ Betsy

FEB – TBA

MAR – Bark House– Kathy

APRIL – Relief Carving-Merv

3rd Saturday's Workshops 9:00AM

JAN —More Sheep @ Betsy

FEB —Michael Denton

MAR —More Bark House

APRIL —More Relief Carving– Merv

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY Jan 5

Events, For Sale & Other Things

For Sale: Cottonwood Bark: Fran Hazelwood has a NEW supply of cottonwood bark for sale. If your interested in buying some, be sure and talk to her at the Thursday night meeting or during Thursday carving.

Upcoming Demos:

Jan 5: Betsy and Sheep, bring knife, gouge & carving glove. Sheep are small. Limited number of sheep packs (22) so extras will not be available until after the workshop. Club will pick up the cost of 1 sheep pack on Thursday night. Saturday workshop will be \$9 (\$5 + \$4 /sheep).

Jan 19: Cindy Drozda free demo She turns, burns, paints . Check out her web site www.cindydrozda.com or www.richmondwoodturners.org to see what she might do that Thursday.

Jan 28-29: Vic Hood sign up with Woodcraft. Still had 2 spots at last count.

February Workshop: is Michael Denton. He will show us how to make the cute little knife covers he uses.

February: Charlotte Carving Competition

Possible Demonstrators

Steve Brown: Fee \$160.00 per person Minimum 10
3 day class, 9-5 Fri, 9-5 Sat, 9-3 Sunday.

Will stay with a club member (no reduction in class

fee) <http://sbrownwoodcarving.com/>

Floyd Rhadigan: Fee: \$150.00 per person, plus the cost of a roughout; Minimum: 10 people

Format: Friday evening, Saturday, half day Sunday (or any combination of these) www.fantasycarving.com

Remember there is a \$25.00 classroom fee in addition to the instructor fee and the price of the blanks you choose to carve. These guys want their money up front and guaranteed by the club, which means we are taking a \$1500+ gamble. I will put a sheet in the blue notebook for each carver and when we get enough interest I will contact the carvers. If you can't get by to sign the book email Wayne your interest.

Those of you who know **Gordon Saxon**, I have been informed by Linda Philips, that Gordon is now residing at the Crossings which is just off Pinetta Road (Pinetta Road and Midlothian Turnpike) behind the Bon Air post office. Gordon had a couple of falls and was moved to the Crossings about 4 weeks ago, he is apparently in assisted living, has his cat and is doing some physical therapy. Merv

Ray Deyo offers a 10% discount to club members on our meeting night only. You must show your membership card to be eligible