

1st Thursday of each month

7:00 PM Meeting time

Oct 2011



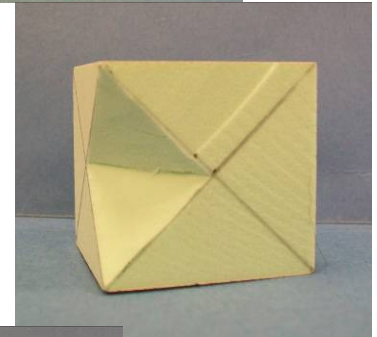
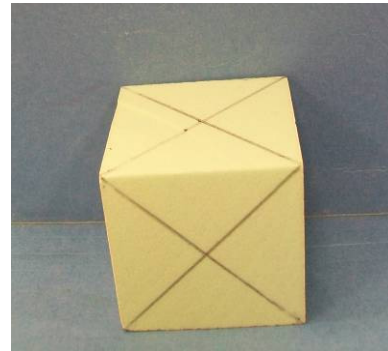
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**James River Woodcarvers'
Association**

Stars with Linda G

Linda gave a mini demo/ workshop for the last meeting night. More people showed up than for other meeting. Made the business part more interesting. For those who could not make it, Linda gave another lesson at Field Days.

1. Plan, saw a perfect cube. Draw lines point to point all over
2. Cut across planes, keep lines sharp & edges meeting
3. Apply 2 coats of sanding sealer, sand & paint.
4. Make a hole for the eye screw with a hot needle (dense foam)



President's Corner By Wayne Thornton

Hello James River Woodcarvers,

As we approach the holiday season we have lots of workshops and projects scheduled with more and more people volunteering to lead them. Linda Phillips, Clark Brummett, Calvin Winston, Dennis Overcash, Brent Sevy and Bob Soderholm are just a few that I can name right off the top of my head and I know I have missed a few. Some workshops will have to be shifted around to accommodate schedules, but we are fortunate to have so much to offer our club members.

Our special program by Kaare Loftimey from Colonial Williamsburg was not as well attended as I would have liked, but those that made an effort to attend were treated to a professional presentation by a man with vast knowledge of furniture carving.

The last time I checked, we had 11 people signed up for Wayne Shinlever's class. That leaves just one slot open. If you are inter-

ested in the class and no slots are left, ask to be put on the standby list. Vic Hood will be coming in January again and you can sign up at the Woodcraft store for his class. Last year it filled very quickly so don't delay if you are interested.

We had lots of participation at Field Days this year. Everyone did a nice job of explaining their craft to the general public. Hopefully, we will be seeing some new faces in the carving club from our efforts. We will not be attending the State Fair this year so if any opportunities arise for the club to advertise itself please let us know. If you are doing a craft fair or bazaar, please take along some brochures to hand out. See you at the next meeting.

Addie's 100th Birthday Luncheon is Oct 6 with the club meeting that night. Come eat, carve, eat some more and carve some more. Make a day of it!

Field Days of the Past

Ball & Claw

We had 12+ show up Friday at Fields Days of the Past. There was painting & bark house carving and star carving going on. 3 folks tried to sell their wares but the weather and increase of Saturday's admission cut into everyone's play money. Sunday with the rain and cool weather the crowds were reduced from the year before. They moved us away from the chainsaw'ers but closer to the "Cannon" and on the slope down from the house. No food preps this year although Martin did make coffee. What no cocoa? It was colder and wetter each day. Linda was even wrapped up in a blanket one afternoon. BUT it was better than Arbor Day with its tornado warning and constant rain.

What a neat class! We each got a pattern, a blank and plaster ball & claw foot. We all learned a lot about the different ball & claw carvers and how you can change the design to fit your ideal foot image. If nothing else it was a great opportunity to buy more tools. I have 5 more. Karre learned the finer points of a Tormek sharpening system. I have 1 foot so I think I will make a 1 foot milking stool. Maybe later I will try for another leg and make a pair for a chair.



Show & Tell



Michael Denton
Paul, Linda,
James deles Dernier



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 2010 - 2011

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

Carving Competition Chairman – Tom Lasser

Newsletter Editor - Betsy Mack

Website Manager - Kathy Overcash

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.*

2011 Thursday Programs and Saturday Workshops

1st Thursday's Programs 7:00 PM

OCT—Spiral Ornament @ Dennis O

NOV –Dreidel @ Betsy

DEC—Christmas Party

JAN 2012—Sheep @Betsy

FEB 2012 ——

3rd Saturday's Workshops 9:00AM

OCT—Chickens—Calvin

NOV— Tree Santa @ Wayne

DEC—No workshop

JAN 2012 — Sheep @Betsy

FEB 2012 ——

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

THURSDAY OCT 6

Events, For Sale & Other Things

For Sale: Cottonwood Bark: Fran Hazelwood has a 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:

Bob & Brent workshop—Veterans Day, Friday Nov 11, Pencil Santa. Space for the first 12 to sign up with Linda G.

Wayne, the reason that I am writing is to invite your members to our annual *Showcase of Woodcarvings - 2012* scheduled for the third weekend in February. Our show theme this year will be "Tom Wolfe Carving Traditions". Tom is a member of our club since the early 1980s when he first began writing the first of his some 50 plus books on woodcarving. You may download our show brochure and application from our website:

www.Showcase@charlottewoodcarvers.com

The Charlotte Club was founded in the early 1980s and now has a membership of almost 100 carvers. About 35-40 carvers carve weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. We demo carve in local libraries, festivals, clubs, etc. We don't have any fundraisers as such but usually fund the show - which is our major expense - from vendor rentals and raffles at the show. We have four or

five carvers who teach others at other clubs, including Tom Wolfe. We do a lot of in-house instruction with new carvers in the club.

Ray Branch

President, Charlotte Woodcarvers Club

raybranch@carolina.rr.com

Welcome new members

Elizabeth Lowe & Roger Baker

Treasures' Report club has ~\$3000

Addie's 100th Birthday Luncheon:

Oct 6 @ noon. Bring finger food. Afterwards carve with us until the meeting at 7pm.

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