

Catawba Valley Wood Carvers Club

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Our 24th year

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Next meeting is Saturday. May 20, 2023 from 1-3 pm

2023 Meetings Schedule

May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; September 16; October 14; November 18; December 16

CVWC President's Letter – Alvin Woody

Fellow Chipsters,

Well, spring and summer are getting off to a busy start, two fairs and the farmers market already for me. Dean Wright and Danny Beach have been busy volunteering their skills teaching elementary students at the Hiddenite Center for the Arts and in Hickory at the Hickory Landmarks Society's spring celebration on April 20-21. Great job, guys!

Tom Scott (Piedmont Woodcarvers) and I plan to be at the HDDA rescheduled City Stroll event in the near future, date TBA. If you are in the Hickory area or the Lenoir area and would like to help with woodcarving groups there, I will be covering basic woodcarving skills at the West Hickory Senior Center on May 24th at 1 pm and at the Lenoir Senior Center on June 21st at 1pm.

We had 15 members and guests (4) at our April meeting and enjoyed getting started on Gerry's low relief project. Hopefully we will see many completed projects at Show and Tell on the 20th. Please remember to continue inviting new folks to our club and keep the art of woodcarving alive and well...

Have you paid your dues yet?

You can mail your \$24 to Treasurer Richard Grant, 609 Rock Barn Rd NE, Conover, NC 28613

I encourage you to continue inviting your other whittling buddies along to our meetings. We are developing a "new carver" program to introduce new members to the proper and safe techniques of woodcarving. Gerry is still looking for donations for our club tool box for this program in the form of unneeded but serviceable basic carving knives. Your help is appreciated.

Keep whittling

See you there.

Woody

Vice President Letter– Gerry Shaw

Hello. After 2 days of searching for basswood 5 Gal. Paint stirring sticks for a chip carving project I have given up. They are all now made in pine. Sign of the times I suppose.

For the May 20 project we're going to do a project from the Woodcarving Illustrated Summer of '17a "**Whittled sliding ball-in- cage**". Attached are pages from the WCI issue.

I look forward to seeing everyone there. Gerry Shaw

Be sure to look for the attachments to his email for more information on the following:

- Monthly project

- 2023 CVWC Show and Competition Show (flyer attached)
 - Flyer
 - 2023 Show Brochure and Entry Form
 - To Do Schedule
- Information on how to subscribe to the Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine (it is where Gerry gets many of the monthly project ideas) Also, available at KWS check-out counter.

2023 CVWC Show and Competition Show Theme is **Spooktacular.**

What does Spooktacular mean?

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For the October 2023 Show the Club will be hosting two IWCA Contests.

- 1) IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Championship.
- 2) Young Guns Championship – for carvers under 14

There are plenty of resources on-line for looking at pictures of shore birds and on-line stores for shorebird patterns. i.e. Hummul Carving <https://hummul.com/carving-patterns/>

You can carve one of the shore birds and bring it to the show and enter the shorebird contest, **BUT** you have to be a member of IWCA to accumulate points towards IWCA carver of the year (*like Beth Parham did!*).

If interested in joining IWCA go to their website:

IWCA Membership — IWCA (internationalwildfowlcarvers.com) Individual Memberships

Annual	\$15
Five-year	\$60
Life	\$120

Re-Cap of the Saturday. April 15, 2023 meeting

Alvin Woody called the meeting to order. He announced that the Charlotte Wood Carvers Club show was going on this weekend and ends Sunday.

Steve Robertson reported doing a demonstration at the Hickory Museum of Art for a group of teenagers on carving a Shorebird. Mike Bennett, Steve and Judy Robertson used the three Foredom machines and a dust collection vacuum.

Steve Robertson reported on the 2023 IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Championship and the 2023 IWCA Young Guns Championship which will be in conjunction with the October Show. (see the attachment for more info).

Other Show business:

- Alvin said that most of the Judges have been contacted
- Richard Grant said that the Show announcements had been sent to all the relevant magazines. And the Club's webpage has been updated, and that he needed the final Show contest rules and entry form flyer to add to the website.

The month's carving project, "Carving a Rosette" was handed out.
There were 15 members and four (4) visitors.

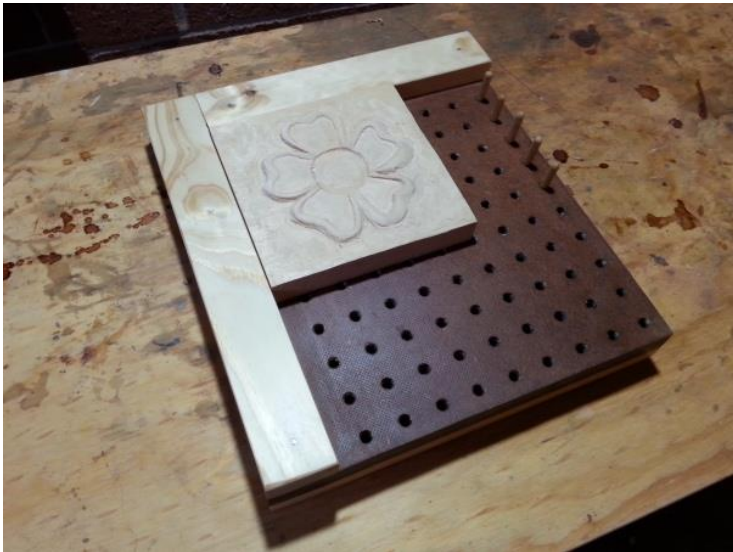
For the "Carving a Rosette" project, a homemade "bench hook" is an excellent and a very safe way to carve this type of project.

I looked on the WWW, and found this simple "bench hook" plan.

It can be made from scraps you probably have on hand.

(See the attachment for complete plans. Or visit

<https://thewoodworkgeek.wordpress.com/2015/05/02/making-a-carvers-bench-hook/>



The instructions from the Wood Carving Illustrated Magazine article "Carving a Rosette" are also attached.

If you weren't there Saturday, you missed another GREAT MEETING.

Gerry Shaw requested donations of Carving tools for the formation of "Guest Tool Box" to be available for visitors and new members.

Respectfully. Submitted. Richard Grant,

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

DUES for 2023 will be due at the January 21 meeting. \$24

Please pay your dues with a check.

It helps out tremendously in accounting for each member payment.

Please complete the membership form I have attached separately, so I have your current and up to date information.

You can mail me your dyes at: Richard Grant
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Thank you. Richard Grant

Welcome to our newest members:

Jerry Clark, Joe Candillo and Michal and Stephanie Keener joined the club at the March Meeting.



Piedmont Woodcarvers Club,
We meet the 4th Monday every month 7:00 - 9:00 (usually 6:30 - 8:30 ish ,)
Iredell Agricultural Resources Center
444 Bristol Dr
Statesville, NC 28677
Contact Mike Bennett for more info (704) 880-3606

Show and Tell from the April 2023 meeting



Richard Grant – American Crow (half size)
Danny Parks – Dog
Alvin Woody – toad stools and Shelf Elf (PROJECT)

Rowdy Tarlton – name tag and Shelf Elf (PROJECT)

Darlene Tarlton – Wren and Shelf Elf (PROJECT)

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