

Catawba Valley Wood Carvers Club

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Our 24th year

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Next meeting is Saturday. March 18, 2023

2023 Meetings Schedule

NEXT MEETING WILL BE April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19;

CVWC President's Letter – Alvin Woody

Fellow Chipsters,

Welcome to Spring! Maybe? The weather is balmy enough to do some outdoor woodcarving and we welcome all our new members. If you are a new carver you might want to check out some of the spring craft fairs coming up in the next few months.

Have you paid your due's yet?

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

Here are some upcoming fair dates for those who may wish to attend or even show or sell your carvings.

- RockyFest (north of Hiddenite, NC) will be Saturday April 22 at Rocky Face Mountain State Recreation Area. Vendor fee is \$30.
- The Hickory Downtown Development Assn City Walk Stroll is scheduled for May 6th, also \$30.
- The Iredell Garden Fair in Statesville will be Saturday, April 29, at the Iredell Cooperative Extension on Bristol Dr. where Piedmont Woodcarvers meet and will be participating.
- The Charlotte Woodcarving Show and Competition will be April 14-16. Charlotte NC

I encourage you to continue inviting your other whittling buddies along to our March 18th meeting. 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone. Don't forget to bring your knives, gouges, thumb guards and glove.

Remember to bring something you don't use anymore for the Club Visitor Loaner Tool Box.

This month carvers will work on a **shelf elf** out of basswood 2 x 2.5x 6" long. It's the **Allen Goodman project** from Carving Magazine, Spring 2006, issue no. 14. This is a great beginner to intermediate level carving project.

Here is a link to the first Allen Goodman video for those that want to follow and learn this on line.

<https://youtu.be/qUu4r6BMfM> Part one of five.

The photos of Jerry's elf carving are attached to the email.

Regards,

Gerry Shaw

2023 CVWC Show and Competition

After asking for show themes the members voted on **Spooktacular**.

Other themes considered were Whittling your time away, Animal Life, Farm Life, and Beach.

What does Spooktacular mean?

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

- 1) The IWCA Style Shorebird Division.
- 2) Young Guns – 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](http://internationalwildfowlcarvers.com)

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

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 2/18/2023

CVWC BOD meeting 12:00pm - Present: Alvin Woody, Richard Grant, Mike Bennett, Gerry Shaw, Business Conducted.

1. Club Standing Committees were reviewed and the need for committee chairs. was noted. The needs are to be brought to the club members. who may for any be interested in volunteering.
2. The BoD discussed the Show synopsis, and what needed to be done and when, in order for the show to be on schedule. SYNOPSIS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER
 - a. Confirm dates with Klingspor
 - b. Select "SHOW THEME"
 - c. Prepare "DRAFT" Show Brochure and initial "SHOW BUDGET"
 - d. Begin searching for 6-8 "JUDGE's" preferably not CVWC Club members.

CVWC Club meeting 2/18/23

15 attendees included 12 members

Alvin welcomed everyone, and told the group of several upcoming show/sell opportunities.

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The members voted on the 2023 SHOW THEME, and selected **Spooktacular**.

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

Gerry Shaw handed out the name badge project, carve as each individual desires.

Respectfully. Submitted. Richard Grant,

2023 NAME BADGE PROJECT RE-CAP

CVWC provided a 1-1/2 x 3" piece of 1/4" basswood and pin clasps.

You the carvers will decide their how they want to carve their names and what they want to put on it as well.

- It definitely needs to include "CVWC" if you don't have one of those yet.

Other considerations include:

- Will it be incised letters?
- Or will the carver carve out the letters and other items on their name tag.
- Both first and last names?
- Carvers will decide their font or just do it freehand.

Some name tags from 2016.....





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.

Thank you. Richard Grant

Welcome to our newest members:

2023 Club Officers

President: **Alvin Woody**
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2023 Show Chairperson.....LOOKING

2022 Murrays Mill Chair.....Steve Robertson
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Club Directors

Bennie Robinson 12/2023
Danny Parks expires 2024
Mike Bennett expires 12/2025

Parliamentarian: vacant

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