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2015 Club Officers

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Tuesday Carving Sessions

Winter Hrs resume Sept 1:
Carving Every Tues. 8:30-Noon, \$3
Seminole Rec Center, 9100 113th St, N
Monthly Club Mtg every 2nd Tues: 10am
Next Mtg: Tues, Sept 8, 10am

Update on Members:

Longtime club member Judy Wolf died of brain cancer August 13. The club made a donation in memory of Judy to her church, Bay Pines Lutheran Church and extends its condolences to her husband Gary and family. Joe Lutz has been hospitalized in SC for an infection. He is scheduled to go to rehab 8/31.

Annual Club Dues are now to be paid in January each year. Therefore, the next time we pay dues is January 2016.

Steve Brown Caricature Class Dec 3-5 in Largo

Caricature woodcarver Steve Brown will be teaching a three-day class December 3-5 (Thurs-Sat) for \$160 per student plus cost of rough-outs at UMC Ministry Suncoast Building, 403 1st Ave SW, Largo. The class size will range from 8 (minimum) to 12 (maximum). Eight people have already committed to the class. Only four spots remain. To reserve a spot, a person pays \$80, non-refundable (refundable only if Steve is unable to come), either in cash or a check to treasurer Chuck Harrison, 9935 40th Lane N., Seminole 33772. Checks are made out to Suncoast Woodcarvers. The additional non-refundable \$80 is due November 15. In the December class people can fine tune their carving skills for Christmas and the club's show in January. There are four openings for the December 3-5 class. Remember to reserve a spot, pay \$80, and the remainder will be due November 15. This class provides an excellent opportunity to hone carving skills for the January Club Show as well as for carving some Christmas decorations and gifts. This class is open to all carvers (far and wide). Please tell your friends. For more information, contact gladmccurtain@gmail.com.

Simple Carving Tip from Steve Brown: When making stop cuts always go deeper than what you actually need. This helps in eliminating the fuzzies.

The Greater Pinellas County Fair November 12 – 15, 2015

England Bros Park,
5010 81st Avenue N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Woodcarvers and other craft-persons are invited to enter.

Please feel free to contact the Fair manager directly:

Heidi Herriott, Fair Manager
5851 Park Blvd., Suite 203, Pinellas Park, FL 33781
[407-399-5600](tel:407-399-5600), fairmanager@pinellasfair.org
www.pinellasfair.org

Smoky Mountain Woodcarvers Festival

Show and Competition

Oct 3-4 (Sat: 10-4pm---Sun 12-4pm)

Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center,
Townsend, TN

For more information, contact Chris Rayburn
chrisrayburn@charter.net or 865-309-0690

Carvers may sell carvings at rentable table
space

<http://www.woodcarvers.com/>

Carving/Camping Fun Oct 27-Nov 2

There has been some interest in having a carving camping get together for those carvers who have RVs. On Oct 27- to Nov 2 the Suncoast Airstream Group will be having a Rally at Travelers Rest RV Resort. I will be giving a carving program for Airstream members in addition to carving during the day. This is considered a "Buddy Rally and friends of members who have an SOB (some other brand) are invited to join us. Nick and I will be carving during the day and there will be scheduled events such as a Pumpkin carving contest for all as well as joint dinners and lunch in Dade City one day. If anyone is interested in joining us, touch base with the trip host, Bill Kowalski @ wmkowalski@sbcglobal.net. I've spoken with Bill and just mention that you are a friend of mine. He will put you on the list to get all the info.

Travelers Rest is a very nice campground with full hook ups and located in Dade City close to the Interstate. Pets allowed. If I remember correctly the group rates last year were around \$22 a night.

Practice practice,

Ron Singerman, ronsails@gmail.com

(Ron will have rough outs to carve ornaments as shown on the right.

Please contact him if you have questions and are interested in joining the FUN!)



Mark Calendars with Upcoming 2016 Dates



Suncoast Woodcarvers Club Show Jan 11-17, 2016

Seminole Rec Center

More information will be forthcoming. John Rousch asks that people consider renting a table (very reasonably priced) to display their carvings and have them for sale. Also, soon the club will republish the competition categories so that carvers can plan to enter their works. Please look for announcements of ways to help make the 2016 Show a huge success. Last year experienced a greater interest from the community and had more visitors than in past years. The club's purpose is to promote the art of woodcarving, and our show brings focus on the value and enjoyment of this folk art.



The Florida Woodcarvers RoundUp Feb 2-5, 2016

Long Center, Clearwater

According to Roundup director Jim O'Dea, the annual Roundup offer a variety of carving instructors and types of carving at a very reasonable price. He says, "Keep in mind when selecting a class that the objective should be to take classes from several different instructors during the Roundup with the idea that you will learn many new techniques and skills vice coming home with all finished projects. Many of the projects offered as a one day class could take more than one day to complete but, in that day, you can learn the techniques needed to finish the project at your own pace. This is a great opportunity to see the instructors projects and sample their teaching techniques." The typical day begins at 8:30 and ends at 4pm. Pre-registration begins around December 1. For more information, go to:

<http://webspaces.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>



Second Florida RoundUp, Feb 8-11, 2016

Turner Center, Arcadia

The Arcadia Roundup will have pretty much the same instructors and classes as at Clearwater, but is far enough away that I believe it will attract a completely different set of students. Hopefully it will also attract back the many RVers we lost on the move from Zephyrhills to Clearwater as Arcadia has many RV parks and the Turner Center itself has many RV spaces with water and electric available at a cost of about \$28.00 a night

This brings the benefits of a Roundup to more Florida carvers and provides more incentive for out of state instructors to make the trip to Florida. So in future years I anticipate several new classes and types of carving to be offered as more instructors discover the opportunity to leave the cold behind.

A few new instructors are already considering coming to Florida this year and if they decide to do so their info will be included in the 1 Dec update. 2016 class descriptions won't be posted until 1 December. You can check out the Arcadia facility and committed instructors at <http://arcadia-roundup.webs.com/>

Descriptions of Some Well Known Types of Carving Woods

Basswood: Easy to carve, with a fine grain. Light and cream colored. Best for whittling.

Butternut: Easy to carve, with a coarse grain. Light brown colored with a distinct wood pattern.

White Pine: Easy to carve, with a medium grain. Soft and cream colored.

Mahogany: Intermediate difficulty to carve, with a medium grain. Distinct reddish color.

Black Walnut: Hard to carve, with a medium grain. Very dark brown.

Cherry: Very hard to carve, with a fine grain. Pinkish brown with a wavy pattern.

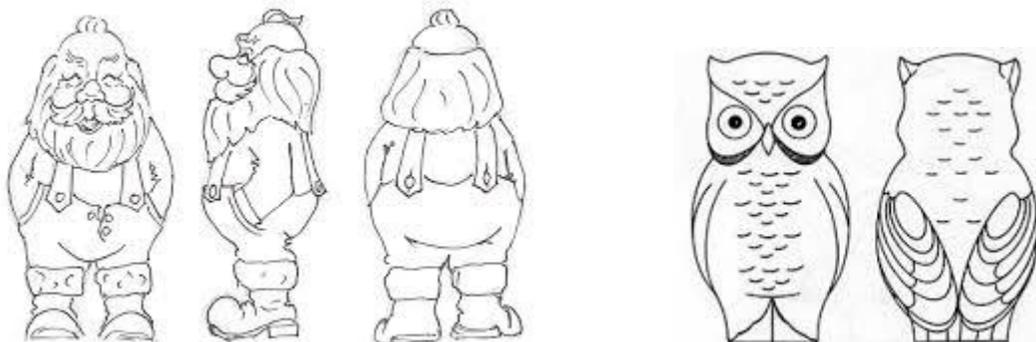
Sugar Maple: Very hard to carve, with a fine grain. Very light cream color.

White Oak: Very hard to carve, with a medium to coarse grain. Very light, yellowish color.

Woodcarving Tips Web Site by Greg Wilkerson

He put together a listing of links to some pages of woodcarving tips and information he hopes that people might find something useful for their own woodcarving endeavors. This list is not put together in any particular order of importance. <http://www.wilkersonwoodcarving.com/tips.htm>

Simple Woodcarving Patterns



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