



October 2014

2014 Club Officers

President - Bill Briggs, briggs4@tampabay.rr.com

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Directors: Joe Lutz, John Roush

Web site: <http://suncoastwoodcarvers.com/>

Tuesday morning carving sessions: 8:30—Noon, \$3; first time free

Seminole Recreation Center-2nd floor

9100 113th St. N., Seminole

The fee covers the cost of the room and light snacks. Many thanks to Carl and Barb Smith for offering to pick up snacks each Tuesday upon their return after a summer in Michigan.

Welcome Back Winter Carvers

It's great to see our winter carvers as they return from the north. Please share with the club any tips, new carving projects, or interesting patterns. Our President Bill Briggs will return soon from California, New York and other points along the way.

Reminder: Club Dues for 2014-15

(September—May) \$15

For those who haven't paid, please bring \$15 to the Tuesday session or mail a check to Glad McCurtain, 261 1st Ave. SW Largo, FL 33770

Some of our winter residents paid before they left for the summer.

(Picture to right-Barb Smith wood burning a canvas bag)



News from Tampa chapter of Suncoast Woodcarvers

The Tampa chapter of the Suncoast Woodcarvers is alive and well. We invite the Pinellas side to come and carve with us at the Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Rd., Tampa, every Friday 1- 3pm . We are planning a trip to visit the Seminole location in the near future. Officers were appointed for the following year and plans to gain new members were made. We may have another class on painting and mixing colors by Nancy, our resident artist. --Richard Nannis

Heritage Village Seeks Woodcarvers

Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N, Largo, a 21-acre living history museum located at the heart of Pinellas County. Its hours are Wed-Sat, 10-4pm; Sun 1-4pm. Free. Visitors are fascinated by the artisans who work with fabric and the woodcarving that is demonstrated on-site. The club has people who carve in the demonstration hall on Thursday with Bill Dewald and Glad McCurtain, who sits on the McMullen/Coachman log cabin porch on Wednesday mornings 10-1. Anyone who would enjoy carving at Heritage Village, particularly at a time when there are no woodcarvers in the Village, please contact Glad McCurtain.

Heritage Village hosts its annual Country Jubilee, Saturday, October 25, 10-4pm, which will include more than 100 food and craft vendors, craft demonstrations, tours of the historical buildings, live music and antique cars. Suggested donation \$2, children under 12 free.

Carvings for Display Case

Our club maintains a display case in the Seminole Recreation Center. Nick Stella handles this for us by rotating items on display. Please contact him if you have something that you can loan a little while. Please check your wood bag and closets for something you carved this summer or sometime in the past.

Important 2015 Dates:

Suncoast Wood Carving Show: January 17-18, 2015, Seminole Rec Center

Two of the best ways to insure that it is a success and foster this folk art are:

1. Enter carvings in the show and
2. Encourage family, friends, and neighbors to attend.

There are many opportunities to assist in other ways. This includes helping to set up on Friday, January 16. There will be upcoming information on the various divisions. In preparation for the event, the latest edition of the magazine *Chip Chats* published a wonderful article by John Roush on our January 2014 Show. John's article is included as the last page of this email. The article along with pictures will be posted soon on the club's web site.

Florida Woodcarver's Roundup Feb 3-6, 2015, Long Center, Clearwater

1501 N. Belcher Rd, Clearwater

Pre-registration starts Nov 1, 2014, according to Roundup organizer Jim O'Dea. Class descriptions have NOT been firmed up, and pre-registration forms will be available November 1. People can find registration forms, general information and class information on the following web site: <http://webpace.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/> Currently on the web site is the list of last year's classes. Jim will be updating 2015 class information as their descriptions become available

via the Yahoo Group newsletter. To join this newsletter group, click on the upper left corner of the web site's front page.

Our Roundup is one of the few Roundups in the USA that has Pre-registration. Most just have walk-in where if you are not there very early you may not get a seat in the class you wanted. Pre-registration must be postmarked on or before Monday, January 27, 2015, as per the pre-registration form instructions. Pre-registration is encouraged for several reasons: 1. You stand a better chance of best choice in classes although most classes will have empty spots if you walk in; 2. Instructors travelling long distances with expenses want to know that there will be sufficient student participation. Pre-registration makes class cancellation less likely. The Long Center will open "gates" for walk-in registration at 7:30 am. Classes are: 8:30 am—4:30pm. For lunch you may bring your own or there will be sandwich plates with chips and drinks available. There is a grocery store and subway shop nearby.

Woodcarving Resources:

September/October **Woodcarving Magazine Online (WOM)**

<http://carverscompanion.com/cewom/wom/>

The Carvers Companion: For woodcarvers, By woodcarvers

Pictures from a Recent Tuesday Carving Session



While Karl Allison sharpens a tool, Ron Singerman gives Mike Abbey a few tips



Three busy chip carvers: Nick Stella, Chuck Harrison, and Bob Ingersoll

Recap of Suncoast WoodCarvers January 2014 Show

By John Roush , Photography by Bob Ingersoll

On January 18th and 19th, 2014 the Suncoast WoodCarvers staged their twentieth annual exhibition and competition at the Seminole Recreation Center located at 9100 113th St. North in Seminole Florida. This was our tenth year at this excellent facility. The show was the extremely successful, drawing good crowd on both Saturday and Sunday. The show hosted a number of exhibitors and vendors. Rod Wilcox had an excellent assortment of hardwoods and blanks. Ralph Rossignol had a wide variety of patterns, blanks, and tools. Demonstrations included power carving techniques, pyrography on canvas, and sharpening techniques.

More than forty of our members displayed their work at tables set up in the auditorium. The Tampa woodcarving club, which meets in the Carrolwood Community Center joined with us for the show and contributed strongly to the success of the show. A record number of our members entered the competition at various levels with a total of 127 entries. Best of... awards went to: Randy Janowiak for his sailfish at the Advanced Level, Virgil Hanneman's turning of a segregated bowl in the Open Level, Michel Samson for his mallard at the Intermediate Level, and to David Johnson's intarsia of a robin on a twig at the Novice Level. Randy Janowiak's sailfish also won the Best of Show Award. John Roush's intarsia of a pelican won the Peoples' Choice Award. We had a number of first time blue ribbon winners at the novice level this year, Ron Golly, David Johnson, Charlene Powers, and Nancy Intini all brought home Blue Ribbons. Multiple first place winners this year included Ron Golly, David Johnson, Michel Samson, Richard Gage, Karl Allison, John Roush, Holly Roush, Walter Walsek, Joe Kane, Nick Stella, and Virgil Hanneman.

A few of our participants were first time entries, although most were veteran carvers. Our members come from as close as Seminole to as far away as Alberta, Canada. Most of our carvers are very diverse in their skills, carving in multiple genres. They also represent a wide range of ages.

We had excellent Florida winter weather the weekend of our show. This no doubt contributed somewhat to our turnout. However, most of the credit must go to Joe Lutz, our show chairman, and the many club members who worked hard on the show preparation and set up, as well as to the staff of the Recreation Center and Becky Gunter, Director. Members of the Seminole Recreation Center's youth council provided refreshments for both days of the show.

The Seminole Recreation Center is centrally located in Pinellas County and is easily accessible from I-275, US 19 and Alternate 19. Inquiries by vendors are welcomed and encouraged. If you are interested contact John Roush at the phone number or e-mail listed below.

The Suncoast Wood Carvers meet at the Seminole Recreation Center weekly on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 till 11:00. The club welcomes all carvers. The skill level of our members ranges from new carvers to advanced carvers and instructors. In the winter months we have between fifty and sixty members at our weekly workshops working on all types of carvings. In the summer months our numbers drop as Snow Birds head north, but we continue to meet every week to carve, eat donuts, drink coffee, and swap ideas and stories.

Several members demonstrate carving each week throughout the year at the Heritage Village Historical Park in Largo. The club's business meetings are held at the Center on the second Tuesday of each month September through May. The meetings feature show and tell as well as instruction, tips, and demonstrations.

The club's 2015 show will be held on January 17th and 18th at the Seminole Recreation Center from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission will continue to be \$3.00. We welcome inquiries from vendors and exhibitors. For more information contact John Roush at (727) 667-4362 or jroush2@mac.com