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2015 Club Officers

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Tuesday Carving Sessions

Carving Every Tues. 8:30-Noon, \$3
Seminole Rec Center, 9100 113th St, N
Monthly Club Mtg every 2nd Tues: 10am
Next Mtg: Tues, Oct 13, 10am
\$15 Annual Dues to be paid Jan 2016

Sept 8, 2015 Suncoast Woodcarvers Meeting Minutes

Opening Business beginning at 10:05

Club approved of May minutes
Treasurer reported that to date the club has \$10,696.76
50/50 Mark Daly won. \$12.50

Announcements

1. Last spring our club received thank you notes from Indian Rocks Baptist Church for the club's donation in memory of Greta Murphy, and from Bay Pines Lutheran Church and Suncoast Hospice for the donations in memory of Judy Wolf last week. Other member updates.
2. New Tues Carving Schedule 8:30-Noon, \$3; Dues due in Jan 2016
3. Draft Membership Directory-Glad distributed a draft copy of the fall 2015 directory and asked people to make corrections. She will email the draft copy to the membership for corrections in preparation for an updated fall directory

New Business

Pinellas County Fair will be held November 12-15 in Pinellas Park (see article for details)

Holiday Party was suggested to be held the beginning of December. Another suggestion had the meeting was to have it when more members are in town, like in February or March.

Heritage Village is looking for carvers to demonstrate their skills either on the log cabin porch or the demonstration hall. It will host the **Country Jubilee**, Sat, Oct 24, 10—4pm. Once again they are looking for woodcarvers (see article for details)

Old Business

Carving/Camp Fun Oct 27-Nov 2 at Travelers Rest in Dade City. Anyone interested contact trip host, Bill Kowalski @ wmkowalski@sbcglobal.net or club member Ron Singerman, ronsails@gmail.com

Steve Brown Caricature workshop Dec 3-5. According to Chuck Harrison, nine people have paid at least the initial installment of \$80. There are 3 only spots left. Contact Chuck or Glad.

Club Show update Jan 16-17 John Roush has sent out requests to vendors and exhibitors. He expects replies in December although some of the regulars have indicated they will be there. He has sent magazine publicity, including article for *Chip Chats*, whose editor has died and daughter took his place. He will send flyer to our wood supplier, who said he would include Show fliers in wood orders that he ships to this area. John asks that more people and club members buy tables. John has contacted a new advertiser, www.festivalnet.com , which lists our events.

February RoundUp Feb 2-5 will be held at the Long Center in Clearwater. Organizer Jim O’Dea will publish class list around December 1, the date will pre-registration may begin. For more information, go to <http://webspaces.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

Pinellas Park Library request update by Chuck Harrison and Bob Jump The library had requested that Suncoast Woodcarvers make a Free Book Library Box. We will buy a metal box from J&M Aluminum Co. and decorate it with wood carvings.

Karl Allison introduced his neighbor and visitor Charles Betts.

Tips Joe Kane said that adding cornstarch to glossy paint will make it flat. He had a problem with a non-functioning ink cartridge. A squirt of WD-40 proved to be the solution to his problem.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30. Submitted by Glad McCurtain

Country Jubilee, Saturday October 24, 10-4pm Heritage Village

Woodcarvers are needed at the demonstrate shed next to the blacksmith shop. People enjoy watching people carve and listening to any carving tips, anecdotes and information on carving tools. Shifts are 10-1pm and 1-4pm. Demonstrators attend free and are asked to sign in as volunteers/waiver of liability. Parking passes are needed. There will be a sign up sheet at Tuesday meetings. Parking passes will be

available. Anyone wanting to sell their crafts are to call the Pinellas County Historical Society, 727-582-2233, for vendor information.

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

(The following information appeared in the August newsletter)

Mark Calendars with Upcoming 2016 Dates



Suncoast Woodcarvers Club Show Jan 16-17, 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://workspace.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 Zepherhills 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/>