

North Texas Wood Carvers Guild

Local chapter of the National Woodcarvers Association

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May 2013

Next Meeting

May 9, 2013

**Door Prize: \$30 Piece of Basswood
Donated by WoodWorld!**



Paul DeMars with his gorgeous
wood burned plate

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April Meeting

**“TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE,
AND PERPETUATE THE ART
OF CARVING”**

President's Comments

From the President,

First let me thank you for allowing me to serve as President of NTWG again. We, your officers, will try to make the club and its activities more exciting. Understand we cannot do it alone, you, all of you, will have to help and trust me I will be asking you to step up

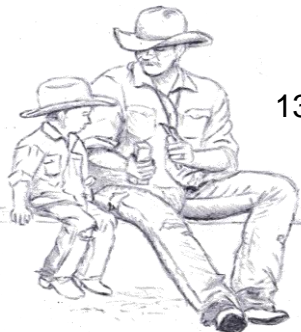
What a way to start out, I will be missing the first full meeting as President, I am sure our VP, Jennifer, will hold court very well, however. I have to tell you that I am excited for what the future holds for our club....if you will help me. As you know I was at the TWG Spring Round-up in New Braunfels where I made contact with several Instructors that have expressed interest in coming to Dallas and teach classes for us, one from as far away as Nebraska. We will be talking more about this in the future.

Speaking of classes, we have Dallas Degee coming this month and we have a full class. Thank you for that. For those of you that have not been to my house and shop the address is 8107 Greenhollow Lane, Dallas 75240. General location is 1 mile northwest of the High Five. Coit and Spring Valley is the nearest major intersection. When you come don't bother to knock on the front door, just come around the west side of the house and proceed to the back yard. You cannot miss the shop. In addition to your tools be sure to bring a drawing pad or tablet and pencil as that you will need to get started. Also please do not bring an excessive amount of tools and equipment as there is just not room. Bring the tools you will need to carve a small caricature carving. There will be 14 of us including Dallas together for 2 days, let's be as comfortable as possible.

I am always open to your questions and comments and want to hear from you. My one hard rule is very simple, "if you have a criticism you must also have a solution". I don't work well with the "why don't you's" of the world. If something is wrong let's fix it. And remember, just because you see it as wrong, not everybody is necessarily in agreement with you.

So let's get together and, CARVE ON!

Walt Wharton



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Featured Carver



Al Smith

Former President
Of NTWG

Wife: Donna
Small poodle: Jenny

How long have you been carving?

I think I have been carving about 17 years I don't remember but I have enjoyed every minute of it

Why do you carve?

I find carving relaxing, soothing, I like helping others and the competition at our club, New Orleans and World.

When did you begin carving?

When we were first married I always wanted a duck for our mantle (the thing to do in the 50's & 60's); but I was working and didn't have the time or the know-how. In 1999 I took a class from Dan Foshee on bird carving and carved my first real bird (Cardinal) since then I have carved many ducks.

What is your favorite thing to carve?

I have enjoyed the monthly projects at NTWCG because it gives me a different perspective of other types of carving and I have taken classes on other types of carvings. I think this makes me a better carver. I enjoy the projects because it makes me focus on something besides wildfowl. Another thing that really makes me happy is carving something that would help someone else like our angel project.

What is one tip you would give to a new carver?

New carvers should start by thinking about the type of carving they would like to do and then take a class in that type of carving and buy some **good** tools. They could come to our club meetings and get a lot of help on about anything from someone who is qualified.

Letters to the Guild

Donna and I would like to thank all of you for the gift you gave us. It was really fun for me to be the president and provide leadership the past two years. We had a few bumps but all came out well. I was truly thankful that the club joined me in making angles for others. As you know, I think the club has a responsibility to help others whether it is carving something or in personal caring. Again

THANKS!

Al Smith

Happy Birthday

Jean Wharton – May 12

Joan Nelson – May 15

Flo Morrison – May 21

Walter Wharton – May 26

Bud Tabor – May 30

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Beverly Chambers – May 2 (39 Years!)

Paul & Lari DeMars – May 18 (29 Years!)

Jen & Jay Laughlin – May 29 (3 Years!)

Bill & Margaret Killian – May 30 (44 Years!)

Project Schedule

Month	Leader	Month	Leader
May 9, 2013	Steve Davis	November 14, 2013	Steve Davis
June 13, 2013	Robert Schutz	December 12, 2013	Christmas Party!
July 11, 2013	Bob McIver	January 9, 2013	??
August 8, 2013	Ray North	February 13, 2013	??
September 12, 2013	??	March 13, 2013	??
October 10, 2013	??	April 11, 2013	??

May's Project is led by: Steve Davis



Dean Walden Leading April's project on carving Angels

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Welcome to our New Members at the April Meeting

Stu Alleman

David LeClair

Todd Ross

Please continue to spread the word and invite new guests to the meetings

HELP!

I'm New, What do I do?

Those of you who are just beginning carving and have questions should go to our designated project leaders during the meeting. Walter Wharton, Doug Sandling and Patsy and Doug Wilson will do a great job helping you to use and improve your carving skills! Don't know who they are, Find the girl with the hat (Jen) and she can point you in the right direction!

Wednesdays with Walter

Don't forget that Walter Wharton has extended an invitation for carvers to come to his shop on Wednesday nights for tips, tricks and advice on their projects. His number is 469-579-8328 and he asks that you call a day or two in advance to set up the time.

I can't cut it out?

Here is an offer for those of you that do not have band saws to cut out new projects. Take your piece of wood and the pattern to Walter Wharton, Doug Sandling, or Patsy and Doug Wilson and they will cut it out for you.

April 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Laughlin at 7:00PM.

Attendance: Doug Sandling, Bob McIver, Steve Davis, Jack Sims, Walter Wharton, Vicki Faurote, Dean Walden, Ron & Bernice Reeves, Mike & Beverly Chambers, Stu Alleman, Paul DeMars, David Robertson, David LeClair, Todd Ross, Sally Miller, Robert Schutz, and Jennifer Laughlin.

New Business

- The 1st quarterly Class will be on May 25 & 26 at Walter Wharton's shop. It will be taught by Dallas Degee on design, layout, and carve a face on a block of wood. Cost is \$95. Please contact Walter Wharton at 469-579-8328 or wj8107gre@att.net to reserve your spot \$45 deposit to reserve
- The Roster is in the process of being updated, if you have not verified your information this month please inform Jennifer Laughlin at 361-894-5744 or woodcarverette@gmail.com
- Nominations were asked for President and Treasurer.
 - Walter Wharton volunteered for president
 - Paul DeMars volunteered for treasurer
 - Mike Chambers motioned to accept the nominations
 - Steve Davis seconded the motion
 - Paul DeMars should be added to the checking account signature card since he is now the club treasurer. The address on checks should also be changed to his address

Old Business

- Doug Sandling has located a new business to make our nametags. The new cost of a nametag is \$8.00. If you are in need of a nametag please contact Doug Sandling
- Angels and Crosses - We are carving Crosses and Angels for Baylor Sammons Cancer Center. Please bring completed carvings to next meeting or if unable to come to meeting talk to Jen Laughlin (woodcarverette@gmail.com) to arrange delivery or pick-up. We have had a wonderful turnout, let's not let up on the project!



David LeClair, Todd Ross, and Mike Chambers at April's meeting

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Upcoming Events

- May 4-5 Mountain Home, AK – 32nd Annual North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale. For more information go to www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org/annualshow.html or contact Dick Dulaney at (870)424-3976 or email 76rd@centurytel.net
- July 13-19 Creede, Co – Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous in Creede Colorado. For more information call Karen Oquin at (303)940-3505 or email wnwcarver@aol.com or enroll online at www.creedewoodcarvers.com
- Jun 15-16 Tulsa, OK – Wonderful World of Wood. Union 8th Grade Center Commons. 6501 S. Garnett. For more information go to www.eowca.com or contact Flo Handcock at (918)899-1946 or email woodcarver001@yahoo.com
- Sept ? Burleson, TX – North Texas Woodcarvers Rally at the Russel Farm Art Center. For more information contact Steve Schooler at ssorss@hotmail.com
- Sept 8-13 War Eagle, AK – War Eagle Week 10-14, then Rogers Ark Show Sept 15-16 Contact Charles Wolfe at carverwolfe@sbcglobal.net or at <http://wareaglewoodcarvingseminar.weebly.com>
- Oct 2-3 Amarillo, TX – Artistry in Wood Show. Classes on 26th, Show on 27-28. For more information go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSWoodcarvers/>, or contact Ginger Webster at (806)352-2417 or email gingerwebster@ang.com
- Oct 6-13 New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Fall Extravaganza. For more information contact Bill Bang at (830)367-3304 or see www.texaswoodcarvers.com Classes 1-5, show 6-7
- Oct 20-24 Branson, MO – Woodcarving Rendezvous II. For more information visit their website www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminarii.htm
- Oct 19-20 Oklahoma City, OK – Artistry in Wood. For more information visit their website <http://okcarver.org/> or contact Kent Wallace at (405)819-0460 or at president@okcarver.com
- Oct 28-Nov 2 Big Springs, Mustang Draw show and classes: Classes Oct.28-31 Show Nov 1-2 Contact: Jim Fryar at (806)399-4510
- Nov 9-15 Glen Rose, TX – Show 9-10, Classes 11-15. For more information contact Tara Jenszen at 254-897-3081 or email tara@glenrosetexas.net
- Jan 2 Pharr, TX – Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers Show
- Jan 31 - Feb 8 Aransas Pass, TX – 2 day show followed by the seminar. Costal Bend Woodcarvers Club. For more information visit their website at <http://www.show2012.philroets.com> or contact Philip Roets at (361)758-0906 or Philip@philroets.com
- March 1-2 Grapevine, TX – 38th Annual Rhapsody in Wood show by the North Texas Woodcarvers Guild. For more information go to ntxcarvers.com or contact Doug Sandling at (214)564-9308
- Apr 21-27 New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Spring Classes. For more information contact Bill Bang at (830)367-3304 or see www.texaswoodcarvers.com

If anyone knows of any changes to the above shows or would like to add shows please contact Jennifer Laughlin at (361)894-5744 or woodcarverette@gmail.com

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Have Something to Say?

Input for the NTWG Newsletter must get to the Editor by Monday of the week before the meeting. We will print information on items you might want to sell, instruction you may be giving at your studio or at group seminars, or other information that may be of interest to our membership. Input should be in writing via electronic via email. You may also contact the editor for input/comments at: Jennifer Laughlin, 361-894-5744 or woodcarverette@gmail.com

