

# North Texas Wood Carvers Guild

Local chapter of the National Woodcarvers Association

August 2013

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**Next Meeting: August 8, 2013**

**Door Prize: Basswood and a tool donated by WoodCraft!**



- "I will never speak to you again"
- "Did Paul just Fart?"
- "UMMMM!!!!!! that's alot of toothpicks in that wood!!!!"
- "Walter said WHAT?!"
- "Beverly, Beverly, Beverly..."
- "Now Children, am I going to have to separate you?"
- "If you can't say anything nice, then don't say anything at all"
- "Who Farted?"
- "The twins first exhibited stubbornness at an early age"

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## President's Comments

By now you should have received an email announcing that we only have one spot open for Marty Dolphen's mallet class. I hope that someone has responded to the plea to sign up because quite literally if we do not fill that one slot there will be no class. Marty has been quite set on the need for a full class in order for him to be able to afford to come down from Nebraska to teach this class. I would really like to have a couple of names on standby, also, in case someone has to drop out.

I really need to know how you all feel about club "T" shirts, the two times I have talked about it the response was something less than enthusiastic. Give me a call, email, or see me at club. There is no sense in going through the drill of getting the shirts if the majority of the club doesn't want them.

We will be discussing the carving event at Cedar Creek Park on October 26. So far there are only three of us interested. Would really like a couple more carvers step up. What they want us to do is demonstrate woodcarving, display some of our work and you can sell if you wish. Again let me know. I have to let them know by the middle of August.

I want to welcome the new carvers that have come in during the last two meetings, it is good to have you with us. If you are new to carving do not hesitate to ask questions. Learning to carve is easy, being a good carver comes with lots of practice, practice, practice. Seek out members to help you if you need it. If you would like lessons to get you started let me know and we will see what we can do.

Don't forget the Texas Woodcarvers Guild event October, 7 – 13. There are classes Monday thru Friday and the TWG Championship Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday. As most of you know, TWG is holding its meeting at the beautiful Convention Center in New Braunfels now. Most of the attendees are staying at the Hill Country RV Resort and Park. Not only do they have RV slots but they have cabins also. The rates are very reasonable and it is convenient. Guild events that are not held at the Convention Center are held in the club house at Hill Country.

See you at the NTWG meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**Walt Wharton**

**"TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE,  
AND PERPETUATE THE ART  
OF CARVING"**



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## Featured Carver

### Walter Wharton

**Wife: Jean**

President of NTWG 4 times and show chair 3 times!

#### How long have you been carving?

Walt has been carving since 1982, 31 years. "That is not exactly true as I carved as a kid, still have two pieces I did at age 12 or 14"

#### Why do you carve?

I carve because I enjoy being creative, taking a block of wood and turning it into something, hopefully beautiful. It is a great relaxing hobby that keeps the mind and body busy.

#### Why did you begin carving?

I carved as a kid, whittled is more like it, but got away from it and started living my life. After I retired my brother brought me a duck he had carved, I looked at that duck and said "if he can do it I can too." You have to understand, as kids my brother would stumble over his own shoe lace.

#### What is your favorite thing to carve?

My favorite project has been my cane carving for Wounded Warriors. This past July I finished my 200<sup>th</sup> cane carved over 9 and ½ years of this project. I have two favorite pieces, my "Circle of Life" giraffe carving and a recently completed Soldiers Cross "...Some Gave All".

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

Practice, practice, and more practice. A new carver should avail themselves of as many different instructors as possible. Learn from them, get their techniques, pick their brains and **DO NOT** work with an instructor just to get to carve his/her project. In every project there is a learning experience, it is your responsibility to grab it.

## Letters to the Guild

I would like to offer my services to anyone who needs a wooden mallet for the class that Marty Dolphins is teaching in November. The wood needs to be hardwood, probably pecan or mesquite, I'll make the hammers, if the wood is provided. I get the experience of turning on my lathe, and they get the savings of not having to purchase a hammer

Thanks,  
Tommy Schutz



"Some Gave All"  
-Walter Wharton

### Happy Birthday

Stan Kirtley – Aug 11

Vicki Faurote – Aug 16

Peggy Pierce – Aug 16

Johnny Stevens – Aug 18

Todd Ross – Aug 20

Pat Case – Aug 24

Danny Reb – Aug 27

### Happy Anniversary

Steve & Sandy Davis (5 Years!)

Flo & Doug Morrison – Aug 10 (13 Years!)

Tom & Kathy Goetzing – Aug 13 (53 Years!)

David & Margie Robertson – Aug 14 (54 Years!)

Richard & Lu Abbondanzio – Aug 29 (43 Years!)

Bud & Peggy Pierce – Aug 31

## Project Schedule

Month	Leader	Month	Leader
August 8, 2013	Ray North	February 13, 2013	??
September 12, 2013	David Robertson	March 13, 2013	??
October 10, 2013	Jennifer Laughlin	April 10, 2013	??
November 14, 2013	Steve Davis	May 8, 2013	??
December 12, 2013	Christmas Party!	June 12, 2013	??
January 9, 2013	??	July 10, 2013	??

July's Project is led by: Ray North – BookWorm!



"Circle of Life" -Walter Wharton



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## Welcome to our New Members at the July Meeting

Grumpy & Rusty Smith with  
grandson Cole

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



### **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,  
Tommy Schutz, Doug Sandling, or  
Patsy and Doug Wilson and they will

## July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Walter Wharton at 7:00PM.

**Attendance:** Doug Sandling, Bob McIver, Jack Sims, Walter Wharton, Dean Walden, Mike & Beverly Chambers, Paul DeMars, Tommy Schutz, Richard Abbondanzio, David Borg, Stan Kirtley, Ron & Bernice Reeves, Grumpy, Rusty, & Cole Smith, Bob Case, and Jennifer Laughlin.

### **New Business**

- Next Class will be Mallet Carving with Marty Dolphens if we can get enough people signed up. We must have 12 people signed up for the class on November 8-10. Marty will have extra tools for people to use as well as some for sale if you decide you want to continue with mallet carving. Cost is \$150 for three days plus \$34-40 for the blank (ONE OPEN SPOT!!!) Check Marty out at [www.martydolphenscarving.com](http://www.martydolphenscarving.com)
- If you want extra help at your convenience check out [carvinonline.com](http://carvinonline.com) (see business card below) Pay a monthly or yearly fee and you can watch unlimited classes (again and again if you want to master something) they also have mini-classes focusing on certain difficulties (faces, eyes, ect.) and woodburning and painting as well
- Cedar Hill state park has asked us to come out on October 26<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate carving, we are also able to show off and sale if we want to. If interested please let Walter know ([wj8107gre@att.net](mailto:wj8107gre@att.net))
- Walter has also researched T-shirts for the guild; cost would be \$8.00 a piece with XXL being \$1.50 extra and XXXL \$2 extra. There is also a \$15 set up fee that would be split amongst those who order a shirt
- Caption Contest: Captions are on Page 1, if you still haven't entered your caption please let me know before the meeting!



Ray North - Novice,  
Interpretive Wood  
Sculpture, **Best** in  
Division; 43rd Ward  
World Championship  
Wildfowl Carving  
Competition/2013



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## Upcoming Events

Sept ?	Burleson, TX – North Texas Woodcarvers Ralley at the Russel Farm Art Center. For more information contact Steve Schooler at <a href="mailto:ssorss@hotmail.com">ssorss@hotmail.com</a>
Sept 8-13	War Eagle, AK – War Eagle Week 10-14, then Rogers Ark Show Sept 15-16 Contact Charles Wolfe at <a href="mailto:carverwolfe@sbcglobal.net">carverwolfe@sbcglobal.net</a> or at <a href="http://wareaglewoodcarvingseminar.weebly.com">http://wareaglewoodcarvingseminar.weebly.com</a>
Sept 26-28	Houston Area Woodcarvers Show & Sale. Contact Jim Berry email: <a href="mailto:jamberry9729@sbcglobal.net">jamberry9729@sbcglobal.net</a> Phone: 713-729-1437
Oct 2-3	Amarillo, TX – Artistry in Wood Show. Classes on 26 <sup>th</sup> , Show on 27-28. For more information go to <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSWoodcarvers/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSWoodcarvers/</a> , or contact Ginger Webster at (806)352-2417 or email <a href="mailto:gingerwebster@ang.com">gingerwebster@ang.com</a>
Oct 6-13	New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Fall Extravaganza. For more information contact Bill Bang at (830)367-3304 or see <a href="http://www.texaswoodcarvers.com">www.texaswoodcarvers.com</a> Classes 1-5, show 6-7
Oct 20-24	Branson, MO – Woodcarving Rondenvous II. For more information visit their website <a href="http://www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminarii.htm">www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminarii.htm</a>
Oct 19-20	Oklahoma City, OK – Artistry in Wood. For more information visit their website <a href="http://okcarver.org/">http://okcarver.org/</a> or contact Kent Wallace at (405)819-0460 or at <a href="mailto:president@okcarver.com">president@okcarver.com</a>
Oct28-Nov2	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 <a href="mailto:tara@glenrosetexas.net">tara@glenrosetexas.net</a>
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 <a href="http://www.show2012.philroets.com">http://www.show2012.philroets.com</a> or contact Philip Roets at (361)758-0906 or <a href="mailto:Philip@philroets.com">Philip@philroets.com</a>
March 1-2	Grapevine, TX – 38th Annual Rhapsody in Wood show by the North Texas Woodcarvers Guild. For more information go to <a href="http://ntxcarvers.com">ntxcarvers.com</a> or contact Doug Sandling at (214)564-9308
Apr21-27	New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Spring Classes. For more information contact Bill Bang at (830)367-3304 or see <a href="http://www.texaswoodcarvers.com">www.texaswoodcarvers.com</a>
May ?	Mountain Home, AK – 32 <sup>nd</sup> Annual North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club Show and Sale. For more information go to <a href="http://www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org/annualshow.html">www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org/annualshow.html</a> or contact Dick Dulaney at (870)424-3976 or email <a href="mailto:76rd@centurytel.net">76rd@centurytel.net</a>
Jun?	Tulsa, OK – Wonderful World of Wood. Union 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Center Commons. 6501 S. Garnett. For more information go to <a href="http://www.eowca.com">www.eowca.com</a> or contact Flo Handcock at (918)899-1946 or email <a href="mailto:woodcarver001@yahoo.com">woodcarver001@yahoo.com</a>
July13-19	Creede, Co – Creede Woodcarvers Rondenvous in Creede Colorado. For more information call Karen Oquin at (303)940-3505 or email <a href="mailto:wnwcarver@aol.com">wnwcarver@aol.com</a> or enroll online at <a href="http://www.creedewoodcarvers.com">www.creedewoodcarvers.com</a>

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

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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](mailto:woodcarverette@gmail.com)

