

North Texas Wood Carvers Guild

Local chapter of the National Woodcarvers Association

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February 2014

Next Meeting: February 13

Come see what doorprizes we will have! Remember everyone who comes gets a chance, and a member who brings a guest gets a second chance!

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

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President's Comments

Here we are in February and our show is about 3 weeks away, I hope you are all ready for it and will be taking part in it. Doug advises me that at this writing we have 39 tables sold which means we need 8+ more to fill the center. If you are one of those individuals dragging your feet about a table get with it and get it done. Encourage any carvers you know to take part.

February the 8th we had a class for beginner carvers. Those were individuals that came to the January NTWG meeting plus one individual that contacted Steve Davis about the class. Steve by the way help me with this class, thanks Steve. Things went well and I hope we got everyone off on a good foot.

Remember we will be having election of Officers at the March meeting. For President the nominee is Steve Davis, For Vice President, Jen Laughlin, and Treasurer Paul DeMars. Those are the nominees put forward currently, if you would like to run or wish to nominate someone contact me before the March meeting. Nominations will remain open until the close of the show on March 2. I have still not had anyone volunteer to set up the classes and we will need someone to pick up this responsibility by mid-2014.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the February meeting, until then....Carve On!

Walt Wharton

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Featured Carver

Steve Davis

Wife: Sandy

**6 children, 3 grandsons, and a cat!
Nomination for President NTWG**

How long have you been carving?

I started carving in October of 2011

Why do you carve?

I love everything wood. I love the smell of wood, the feel of wood. Woodcarving has always amazed me so I thought I would give it a try after uncovering there was a woodcarving guild in my area.

Why did you begin carving?

I would say that when I was a child my grandfather whittled some. As a boy I always had a pocket knife with me. I did not attempt carving until October 2011. I wanted to carve Christmas Ornaments for my family.

What is your favorite thing to carve?

I enjoy carving hiking sticks. I also like to carve anything that will make someone smile. I am still learning to carve and try different styles all the time. I haven't settled in to one type of carving. I like my carvings to have a meaning, be useful or bring back a memory for me. So far every carving attempt I can tie back to a point or memory in my life.

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

don't give up. This is not an art you learn overnight. Use all your resources, members of the guild, books, web, there are so many ways to get better if you just don't give up. And try as many styles as you can, believe it or not they all tie together.

I am really blessed to be part of this guild. Everyone is so generous with their time and knowledge.



Steve Davis with some of his carvings!



Happy Birthday

Mildred Lacey – Feb 17

Linda Eskew – Feb 24

Doug Morrison – March 4

Happy Anniversary

John & Michelle Holmes – Feb 16 (26 Years!)

Bob & Joe Ann McIver – Feb 26 (48 Years!)

Project Schedule

Month	Leader	Month	Leader
February 13, 2013	Al Smith	August 8, 2013	??
March 13, 2013	Stan Kirtley	September 12, 2013	Ray North
April 10, 2013	??	October 10, 2013	??
May 8, 2013	??	November 14, 2013	??
June 12, 2013	??	December 12, 2013	Christmas Party!
July 10, 2013	??	January 9, 2013	??



Steve Davis taking Marty Dolphen's class (left) and Steve from the show last year (right)

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Welcome to our New Members at the July Meeting

Gregg Shields

Gene Adams

Thomas English

Sherry Boyle



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!



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, or Doug Sandling and they will cut it out for you.

January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance: Doug Sandling, Walter Wharton, Paul DeMars, Richard Abbondanzio, Ron & Bernice Reeves, Grumpy Smith, Cole Green, Bob Case, Jennifer Laughlin, Angela Vehige, Sherri Boyle, Steve Davis, David Leclair, Gregg Shields, Hiram Sloan, Ray & Ruth North, Bob Kirksey, Gene Adams, Tomas English, Larry & Sharyn Miller, C. J. Solberg, Jerry Neild, and Sally Miller

New Business

- This year is the 40th annual show and we need to make it the best one yet! Jen has made a variety of handouts, full page, eighth page, and business card size for you to hand out. If you need any copies of these, please email Jen at jenniferstithem@yahoo.com
- We have lost Moore Roughouts as a vendor for the show, now our only wood dealer is Danny Reb. If anyone needs any particular wood or sizes they would like to know so they can bring it. You can email Wanda at safecarvingwanda@verizon.net or call her at 903-532-6558 and let them know what you want!
- We will have elections in March, there are the following positions, if you are wanting to run for any of the positions please let Walter or Jennifer know
 - President
 - Nominated: Steve Davis
 - Vice President
 - Nominated: Jennifer Laughlin
 - Treasurer
 - Nominated: Paul DeMars
 - Class Coordinator
 - No nominations yet

Old Business

- Classes we are working on
 - Patty Rucker - Wood burning – we will need to fill a class for Adair to teach as well
 - Wanda Reichert – Fish
- We still have quite a few tables left for the show; if you are waiting to get a table, don't wait too long. Doug needs to get the layout finalized

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Upcoming Events

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 or pjsandling13@gmail.com
Apr 21-26	New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Spring Classes. For more information contact Dan Gillen at 512-630-9950 or see www.texaswoodcarvers.com
May 3-4	Mountain Home, AK – 32 nd 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
Jun 1-6	Branson, MO – Rendezvous. Compton Ridge Campground Convention Center. See www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminari.htm
Jun ?	Tulsa, OK – Wonderful World of Wood. Union Multipurpose Activity Center (6836 S Mingo St.) For more information go to www.eowca.com or contact Flo Handcock at (918)899-1946 or email woodcarver001@yahoo.com
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
Sept 8-13	War Eagle, AK – War Eagle Week Contact Charles Wolfe at carverwolfe@sbcglobal.net or at http://wareaglewoodcarvingseminar.weebly.com
Sept 26-28	Houston Area Woodcarvers Show & Sale. Contact Jim Berry email: jamberry9729@sbcglobal.net Phone: 713-729-1437
Sept 29 - Oct 5	New Braunfels, TX – Texas Woodcarving Guild Fall Extravaganza. For more information contact Dan Gillen at 512-630-9950 or see www.texaswoodcarvers.com
Oct ?	Branson, MO – Woodcarving Rendezvous II. For more information visit their website www.woodcarvingrendezvous.com/seminari.htm
Oct ?	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 ?	Big Springs, Mustang Draw show and classes: Contact: Jim Fryar at (806)399-4510
Nov 1-2	Amarillo, TX – Artistry in Wood Show. For more information go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSWoodcarvers/ , or contact Ginger Webster at (806)352-2417 or email gingerwebster@ang.com
Nov ?	Glen Rose, TX – Show , Classes. For more information contact Joyce with the City of Glen Rose (214-897-3081) www.glenroseevent.com
Jan ?	Pharr, TX – Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers Show

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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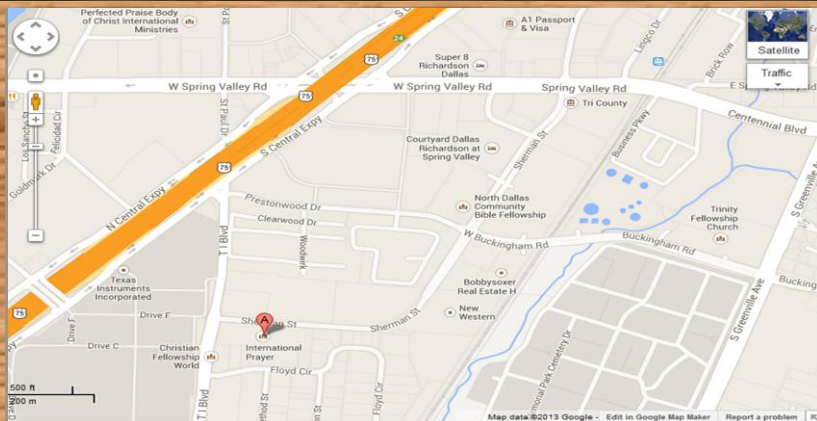
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Have Something to Say?

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