

LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

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Important Dates

- June 23 6:00 Club dinner at DaVinci's in Lebanon

President's Statement

We have two great events coming up. The first is the Gourd Show in Lebanon. We have a great relationship with the folks at the Gourd Society. They support our show and have added a carving competition to their show. Their show, at the end of June, is a very interesting and fun event. It is at the Cowan Civic Center, an indoor, air-conditioned facility. It makes for a fun day trip. I encourage everyone to go. The second event is the Empire State Fair in Springfield. This is also an indoor, air-conditioned event. It is probably the largest carving competition in the state and there are many other arts and crafts categories to see. We have supported this fair for a long time and typically have a group go down and demonstrate on the Saturdays it is open.

John

Baseball Game in Springfield

The club will be going to Springfield to watch the Cardinals baseball game on July 1. If you are interested in going, please contact Pam Karl at 573 692 4274 to add your name to the list. We will arrange carpools after the June meeting.

Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

We welcomed a new member named Harry Cox.

The members sang Happy Birthday to Carole Woodard who has a birthday this coming Wednesday.

The minutes were on the table and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given as follows:

Opening Balance	\$4,639.12
Cash Receipts	246.05
Total Checks Written	55.66
Ending Balance	4,829.51

50/50 Drawing was won by Bad Brad Welch.

Door Prize was donated by Pam Karl and won by Tom Reeder. Tom will enjoy his jar of raspberry jelly. In August, Linda Latham-Giger will donate the door prize. Because of the auction, there is no door prize in July.

Since we are having the Auction on July 20th there will be no premeeting class. Please, only carving related items will be accepted at the auction.

The Clubs monthly dinner will be at Deviance's in Lebanon, Mo. on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00pm.

Carvings for the Club project must be handed in before July 15th to give John Heather time to mount the pieces, so it is ready for the Empire State Fair. The Ark and its animals will be registered by June 25th at the fair. If needed, see Barry Gentile for the paints and make arrangements to give your pieces to Pam Karl before July 15th. Our Club plans to carve on August 1st and August 8th. People wanting to demonstrate and talk carving at the Fair need to let John Heather know so he can get parking passes for the Club. There will be a Sponsorship of \$25.00 each in remembrance of Bud Murray, Terry Wells, and Ernie Campbell at the Fair.

We are doing a slow viewing on August 20th from 2:00 to 7:00pm at the Camdenton Library. Any of our members are welcome to come, show their art and carve.

The Versailles Royal Theater classes are Thursdays July 2nd through August 6th. The subject is a relief carving of dog-wood flower. There is a signup sheet for instructors.

Randy Bartram reported on the gourd show June 26 – 28. Friday is for setup and workshops only. Friday workshops start at 8:00am. The woodcarving judges are Loren Woodard, John Heather, and Barry Gentile. The door closes on Friday at 5:00pm. There is pizza for the judges and clerks. The show is Saturday from 9 – 5:30pm. and Sunday 10:00 – 3:00pm. Bill Moorehead, a renowned judge, will give a speech on how to judge gourds.

July 10th is Hot Summer Nights at the damn. The Club sets up in front of Stewarts at 5:00 or earlier.

The Club insurance will be paid on July 16th.

Show and tell.

After the meeting the club had a reception for Mark Giger and Linda Lathan-Giger who recently got married.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Door Prize Providers 2025

July	No Door Prize due to auction
August	Linda Latham-Giger

Refreshment Providers 2025

July	DeVonna Kopp, Marsha Middleton, Rick Hartwig
August	Dave Young, Carol Murray, Sharon Williams

Open Carving

There is an open carving on **Tuesdays** 9:00 to 11:30 at the Senior Center in Osage Beach and **Wednesdays** 8:15 to 11:15 at the Peggy Summer Library on Jefferson Street, in Lebanon, MO. The Laurie group is carving at the Senior Center on O Road on **Wednesdays** from 12:00 to 3:00. The Camdenton group is carving at the Senior Center on **Thursdays** from 9:00 to 11:30.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are the third **Monday** of the month at 7:00 PM at the **Community Christian Church** 1064 N Business 5, Camdenton. The church is located on North Business Route 5 near Casey's.

Raffle Project

We have decided to carve a Noah's Ark for the project this year. Each set of blanks is in a numbered plastic bag. When you complete your pieces, please turn them back into Pam Karl in the numbered bag so we can keep track of what is and isn't done. Do **not** just put the pieces on the table for show and tell. Each piece needs to be carved, painted, and coated with a clear satin finish. The absolute deadline for completing your pieces is July 15th.

Library Committee

The library is a great resource. Check it out. Members who have checked out materials from the library are asked to return items after a 2-month period. Items can be renewed.

Jocularity

- Silence is golden. But, when you have kids, silence is suspicious.
- Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions. (Winston Churchill)
- Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. (Winston Churchill)

- I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots, than have one agree with me. (Winston Churchill)
- The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't robots.
- When a kid says "Daddy, I want mommy" that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."
- It's weird being the same age as old people.
- Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH.
- If I am ever on life support unplug me and plug me back in and see if that works.

Pre-meeting Classes

The premeeting class for June will be Loren Woodard, Doug Bibles, Stan Kasiske, and Tom Lease helping with carving and painting the animals for the club project. Please come at 4:00 to work on your animals so that they are done by July 15.

Seminars

Our seminars are open to all woodcarvers. Unless otherwise stated, they will be held at the Community of Christ Church, 42 Sunset Dr, Camdenton (behind Hulett Chevrolet). If you have seminar information that you want to share or need more information about the upcoming seminars, please contact Loren Woodard at 573-480-2003. All members are welcome to stop by during seminars to check them out and buy blanks.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
July 7 8 9	Doug Bibles Relief Carving	\$130	Community of Christ Church
July 28 29 30	Roger Stegall Caricature Carving	\$185	Community of Christ Church
August 31 September 1 2	Debbe Edwards Realistic Animals	\$170	Community of Christ Church
September 28 29 30	John Engler Relief Carving	\$210	Community of Christ Church
October 15 16	Debbe Edwards Painting	\$100	Community of Christ Church
November 4 5 6	Van Kelley Caricature Carving	\$185	Community of Christ Church
November 17 18 19 20	Stenmans shallow Relief Carving	\$180	Community of Christ Church
December 8 9 10	Loren Woodard Santa & Christmas Ornaments	\$130	Community of Christ Church
December 15 16 17	Doug Bibles Painting	\$130	Community of Christ Church

Lebanon Middle School Classes



Show and Tell



Fran Marsh



Janice Riner



Vic Eckmann



Fran Marsh



Fran Marsh



Jim Miles



Jim Miles



Tom Lease



Bonita Richards

Wedding Reception



SMGS Show June 26-28

For more information go to www.ShowMeGourdSociety.org

Important Notes:

- Special Guest – on Friday Phil Moore with American Gourd Society (AGS) will offer a free presentation on “Judging Gourds”. Woodcarvers are invited to join.
- Competition online registration ends June 21. After that register at the show. Guidelines & registration can be found at www.ShowMeGourdSociety.org
- Workshop registration can be done online or at the show.
- Sign up for Saturday evening dinner ends on June 20. See below for dinner details. Go to www.ShowMeGourdSociety.org and click on “Saturday Evening Dinner” to sign up online, OR call Randy Bartram (314-540-7201) to reserve your dinner seat.
- Hospitality Room for Vendors, Teachers, Judges, & a Food Truck for Everyone at show.

Schedule:

Thursday – Set Up Only (12-5pm)

Friday – (7-5pm)

- Workshops (start at 8am),
- Set up continues
- Auction Donations Accepted
- Turn in Competition Items (10 – 4:30)
- 5pm – doors close, pizza for the judges and clerks, judging

Sat (9-5:30pm) -

- Workshops (On-line Registration ends May 29). This is when instructors are given the number of students enrolled and may choose to cancel for low enrollment. After that registration is at the show.
- Viewing of Competition Items, Silent Auction, Raffle, Vendor Sales
- Awards Dinner – Starts at 6pm, special awards announced, Cost is \$18

Wearable gourd art patriotic parade at dinner. (Hats, jewelry, glasses, bowties, belt buckles, purses, etc.)

Menu is: Apple Grilled Herbed Chicken & Pineapple & Cloved Spiced Ham, Garden Salad, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrot Cake & Italian Lemon Pudding Cake

Sunday (8-3:00pm) –

- SMGS Membership meeting (8-10am) Nonmembers are invited.
- Viewing Competition Items
- Raffle, Vendor Sales
- Workshops (10 -3)