

LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

Monthly Newsletter February 2026

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Important Dates

- January 19 – Club dinner at Lil Rizzo's in Osage Beach at 6:00
- February 10 to 12 – Loren Woodard wood spirit carving class at Community of Christ Church
- February 16 – Premeeting class Sue Eckmann woodburning spoons at 4:00 at Community Christian Church
- February 16 – Club meeting at 7:00 at Community Christian Church

President's Statement

It's a new year and we got to a good start with a great meeting. It went longer than I planned, but we got a lot done. I think we are well organized for the coming year. Loren has an exciting lineup of seminars with some new instructors that I'm excited to meet and learn from. The beginners' class is filling up, and we have three openings in the intermediate class. I'm looking forward to dinner at Lil Rizzo's on the 26th. I hope to see everyone there.

John

Membership Renewal

It's the end of the year and time to renew your membership. Attached at the end of this newsletter is the renewal form. Please fill it out and bring it and \$20 to the next meeting or mail it to the club at PO Box 1372, Camdenton, MO. 65020.

Meeting Notes

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

There were two new members at the meeting, Ann Quinn, and Weegee Carley.

Lyle Mankey stated that Ernie Campbell is in the hospital with cancer. Lyle headed a prayer for Ernie.

Donna Dochterman and Stan Kasiske were made famous in the Lebanon newspaper.

Tom Reeder showed some coasters he had made. He will sell them for \$5.00 each.

The Idiots Club sent a thank you for our contribution of \$1,000.00, and Barry Gentile sent a thank you to the club for the donation we made in his wife's name.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

At the beginning of 2025, the club had \$6934.92 and at the beginning of 2026 the club had \$7199.73.

It's past time for membership renewal to the Club so please renew now.

There are club patches available from the treasurers for \$3.00.

50/50 winner was Jerry Robbins.

The Door Prize was won by Rick Carlson and donated by Mark Sturgis. It was a toilet roll keeper shaped into a fishing reel.

The Club project this year will be Noah's Ark. The Project Committee will meet to decide which type of Noah's Ark will be carved. The chess set was deleted from the list for projects. This leaves the list of annual projects as the following.

- Noah's Ark
- Christmas Village
- Nativity Set
- Ornaments

Sue Eckman will conduct the pre-meeting class for February. It will be a wood burned spoon or a comfort bird.

Be informed, the Club Show is November 7th. Put it in your calendar now so you will be available to help. The Boy Scouts will help us this year. We do not have a tool vendor so put on your thinking caps and see what you can come up with.

The Beginners class and Intermediate classes are February 26 – April 2nd. This will be held at Community of Christ Church from 6:30 to 9:00. The beginners' class will be doing a relief carving of a dogwood flower and the intermediate class will be doing a "Hangry Hawk".

The festivals were discussed and it was decided we will do the following festivals in 2026

- Dogwood Festival April 25, 2026 Free
- Montauk Old Mill Days May 9 Free
- Gourd Show June 27 & 28, 2026 Free
- Empire State Fair Check-in July 18, 2026
- Empire State Fair July 30 to August 8, 2026 Free
- Hillbilly Fair September 18 & 19, 2026 Free
- Turkey Festival September 26, 2026 \$70
- Apple Festival October 3 & 4, 2026 \$70 for one 10'x10' space on Saturday only
- Fiber Arts Show October 9 & 10, 2026
- Stover Rock Island Fest October 10 \$50
- Heritage Days, Warsaw October 17 & 18, 2026 \$130
- St. Patrick and Mothers' Shrine Fall Festival October 17 \$10

Barry Gentile stated the Mountain Home Show is May 2nd and 3rd.

The spring picnic will be at Ha Ha Tonka State Park on May 16th starting at 9:00am, eating at noon, and carving the rest of the day. The Fall picnic is yet to be decided. The Bennet Springs Park shelter house is not available on the Saturday after Labor Day, so we need to explore other options. Janice will get back to us at the February meeting with our options.

The monthly Club dinner this month is at Lil Rizzos in Osage Beach at 6:00. Please notify Vice-Pres. Janice Riner and let her know if you are coming so she can notify the restaurant in advance.

Janice Riner has developed the calendar for 2026. It is included at the end of this newsletter. Updates will be issued as they occur.

Motion was passed for the rent. Community Christian Church will receive \$600.00, and the Community of Christ Church will receive \$1,500.00.

John Heather reviewed the list of committees. The list of committees for 2026 is attached at the back of this newsletter.

There was a discussion about vacuum cleaners. A Committee was formed to investigate options. The members are Tom Lease, Dale Bland, Pam Karl, Jerri Wolken, and Loren Woodard. It will be discussed next month.

There was a discussion about guidelines for attending classes and seminars. A motion was passed for the following guidelines.

1. Everyone will clean up after the class is completed. Everyone is expected to stay and help clean up until everything is done.

2. All pets will be kept in a kennel. No pets shall be given free access to the room at any time.
3. Everyone is expected to be on time. It is understood that there may be personal obligations that require one to arrive late. However, when this happens out of respect to the instructor, please explain to the instructor. Otherwise, be on time.
4. If one must drop out of a class, it must be done 30 days or more prior to the class. Otherwise, one must pay for the class, unless the Board decides otherwise. This is covered in the Bylaws.

The Art Council is wanting a "Slow Art Viewing" in the Camdenton Library on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. People interested in going are Loren Woodard, Tom Lease, and John Heather. John Heather will contact the Art Council and get more information.

The Royal Theater in Versailles is requesting some classes at the Theater. People interested in conducting a class are Loren Woodard, John Heather, Barry Gentile, and Tom Lease. John Heather will look into this.

During the Show and Tell, Stan Kasiske suggested approaching the hospitals about buying comfort birds to give to people in need.

Meeting adjourned.

Door Prize Providers 2025

February	Loren Woodard
March	Doug Bibles
April	Carole and John failed to get this one written down, sorry

Refreshment Providers 2025

February	Karen Ray, Dale Bland, Rick Hartwig
March	Sue Eckmann, Marsha Middleton, Steve Hofstetter
April	Margo Kirk, DeVonna Kopp, Carol Murray

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. We plan to have the blanks ready to hand out at the February meeting. Be sure to be there to get the piece you want. At least one version needs to be completed by early July to be ready to enter in the Empire State Fair.

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. There are some books that are missing. Please check to see if you have one of the club's books that is overdue.

Jocularly

- My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.
- It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.
- I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.
- As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.
- I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.
- Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

- I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Pre-meeting Classes

The premeeting class for February will be taught by Sue Eckmann. She will be teaching woodburning spoons or doing comfort birds. Bring your woodburner and an extension cord.

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>
February 10 11 12	Loren Woodard Bark Carving Wood Spirit	\$130	Community of Christ Church
March 11 12 13	Wayne Laramore Caricature Carving	\$165	Community of Christ Church
April 22 23 24	Phil Gentry Realistic Caricature	\$160	Community of Christ Church
May 13 14 15	Mark Sturgis Power Carving	\$120	Community of Christ Church
June 16 17 18	Jim Miles Female Faces, Kissing Santa, & Dancing Girls	\$130	Community of Christ Church
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

Show and Tell



Margo Kirk



Dale Bland



Devonna Kopp



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Jerry Robins



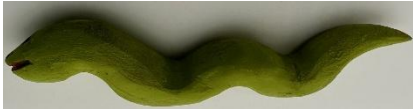
John Heather



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John Heather



Ann Quinn



Margo Kirk



Sue Eckmann



Mark Sturgis



Mark Sturgis

COMMITTEES

Show Committee

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John Heather

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Doug Bibles
Loren Woodard
John Heather
Tom Lease
Sue Eckmann
Vic Eckmann

Food Committee

Doug Bibles
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Devonna Kopp
Loren Woodard

Library Committee

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Steve Hofstetter
Rick Hartwig
Stan Kasiske

Project Committee

Doug Bibles
Loren Woodard
Pam Karl
John Heather - Chairman

Christmas Committee

Doug Bibles
Loren Woodard
Karen Ray
Pam Karl
John Heather

Lake of the Ozark Woodcarver's 2026 CALENDAR

*Community Christian Church on N 5 Hwy in Camdenton

** Community of Christ Church 42 Sunset Dr. Camdenton

JANUARY

19 4:00 pre meeting class*

19 7:00 Meeting*

27 6:00 Club dinner- Lil Rizzo's across from Dierberg's in Osage Beach

FEBRUARY

10-12 8:30am Loren Woodard* * - Wood spirit carving \$130

16 4:00 pre-Meeting class*

16 7:00 Club Meeting*

24 6:00 Club Dinner at Highlander in Camdenton N. hwy5

MARCH

11-13 8:30am Wayne Laramore** - Caricature carving \$165

16 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

16 7:00 Meeting*

24 6:00 Club Dinner at Cafe Idelwise in Lead Mine

APRIL

20 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

20 7:00 Meeting*

22-24 8:30am Phil Gentry** - Realistic caricature carving \$160

25 Dogwood Festival in Camdenton

28 6:00 Club Dinner at Branding Iron Sunrise Beach

MAY

2 & 3 Mountain Home Woodcarving Show, Mountain Home, Arkansas

10 Montauk Park Old Mill Days

13-15 8:30am Mark Sturgis** - Power Carving \$130

16 9:00 Club picnic at Ha Ha Tonka picnic shelter -- EAT at 12

18 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

18 7:00 Meeting*

26 6:00 Club Dinner at Bandana's BBQ Osage Beach

JUNE

15 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

15 7:00 Meeting*

16-18 Jim Miles** - Female faces, Dancing Girls, Kissing Santa \$130

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

27 & 28 Gourd Show in Lebanon

JULY

7-9 8:30am Doug Bibles** - Relief carving \$130

18 Empire State Fair Check in

20 7:00 Meeting* AUCTION

6:00 Club Dinner at Dowd's in Lebanon

28-30 8:30am Roger Stegall** - caricature carving \$185

30-Aug. 8 Empire State Fair in Springfield

AUGUST

17 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

17 7:00 Meeting*

25 6:00 Club dinner at Wicked Willies in Osage Beach - Old 54

31-Sept 1&2 8:30am Debbie Edwards** Realistic Animal Carving \$170

SEPTEMBER

18 &19 9:00am Hillbilly Fair in Laurie

TBD All Day Club picnic

21 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

21 7:00 Meeting*

26 9:00am Eldon Turkey Festival in Eldon

28-30 8:30am John Engler** - Relief Carving \$210

OCTOBER

3 & 4 9:00am Apple Festival in Versailles

9 & 10 Fiber Arts Show* - Camdenton

10 Stover Rock Island Fest

15 & 16 8:30am Debbie Edwards** - Painting \$100

17 & 18 9:00am Heritage Days in Warsaw

17 St. Patrick & Mother's Shrine Fall Festival

19 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

19 7:00 Meeting*

27 6:00 Club Dinner at Redhead's Lake Grill on the water Osage Beach

NOVEMBER

4-6 8:30am Van Kelley** - caricature carving \$185

7 9:00 Club Show*

16 4:00 Pre Meeting class*

16 7:00 Meeting*

17-20 Stenman's**- relief carving \$180

DECEMBER

1 6:00 Club Dinner at Barn B Que on HH Lake Ozark

8-10 8:30 Loren Woodard**- Christmas Ornament carving \$130

15-17 8:30 Doug Bibles** - Painting \$130

21 6:00 Club Christmas Party* --Gift Exchange - Ornament Contest -- Food

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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