LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

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Important Dates

- October 27 – Club dinner at 6:00 at the Branding Iron on Hwy 5 in Sunrise Beach
- November 4 to 6 – Van Kelley's caricature class at the Community of Christ Church
- November 7 – Club Show at Community Christian Church
- November 16 – Premeeting class at Community Christian Church at 4:00
- November 16 – Club meeting at Community Christian Church at 7:00

President's Statement

We are done with festivals for the year. We had a very successful year, and I want to thank everyone who helped and worked at the festivals. As the year comes to an end, we have two major events to support, the annual club show on November 7th and our Christmas party at the December 21st meeting. These are both outstanding fun events, and I encourage everyone to attend.
John

Meeting Notes

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

John Heather read a note from Steve Hofstetter stating that he has a rare and aggressive cancer and won't be taking anymore classes.

Tom Lease fell and broke his hip. He has 6 more weeks of physical therapy.

We have a new member named Joe Larson. Welcome Joe.

The minutes from last month were approved.

The Treasurer's report read:

Balance Last Statement	$5,670.71
Receipts	$1,562.00
Total Checks Written	$343.52
Balance at End of the Month	$6,889.19

50/50 Drawing was won by Judy 4 Names.

Ken Shanika won the door prize, which was two spoons, and a couple of comfort bird blanks.

Ticket sales were successful at the festivals. However, an elephant was stolen! The set won by a club member will be short one elephant.

Renee Barr, the Librarian, suggested a few books that might help in the Van Kelly class.

In November, Sue Eckmann will teach a Christmas tree carving for the premeeting class.

The Show report was given by Pam Karl. She stated there were 27 vendors plus $700.00 worth of Sponsors. There needs to be more door prizes and an attendance prize donated for the Show. She also has the Boy Scouts helping however they are needed.

This month, the dinner will be held at the Branding Iron on October 27 at 6:00pm.

Barry Gentile reported on the Picture Directory and stated it was slow and had to figure out how to do it.

The nominating committee is Loren Woodard, Doug Bibles, and Stan Kasiski. So far, Lyle Mankey is running for President, Marsha Middleton is running for Treasurer, and John Heather is running for Secretary and write the newsletter.

The Art Council asked the Club if they would be "Group of the Month" for January of 2027. Several members indicated they would be willing to display their work. John Heather will contact the Council and get the details for January.

It is time to renew your membership. Please get your renewals in as early as possible. The form will be attached to the newsletter, and the Treasurer will have copies as well. It is very expensive and it takes considerable time for the editor for the Club to send hard copies of the newsletter. Therefore, please seriously consider switching your method for receiving the newsletter from a mailed hard copy to an emailed copy. There is a place on the renewal form to make this designation.

At one of the festivals, a lady, Lynn Williams, asked if someone from the club would be interested in lining a box she has with cedar. If you are interested, contact John Heather and he will give you her contact information.

Barry Gentile made a motion that, because Van Kelly is the judge for the show, if his class doesn't make his minimum number of students, the Club will pay the difference to him. An amendment was proposed that this payment be limited to a maximum of $300.00. The motion as amended passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Door Prize Providers 2025

November	DeVonna Kopp
January	Barbara Jesus

Refreshment Providers 2025

November	Janice Riner, DeVonna Kopp, John Heather
January	Carol Murray, Barbara Jesus, Geri Wolken

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 each 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. The project is complete and has been well received at the festivals. Please be sure to sell your raffle tickets and get the money to Pam Karl. Half the proceeds will be donated to the Medical Mission for Christ in Camdenton.

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

- Next time you go on a roller coaster take some spare bolts with you and tell the person in front of you "Dude, these came out of your seat!"
- My relationship with whiskey is on the rocks.
- Just had my first UFO experience. Told the wife her cooking was terrible. Flying saucers everywhere.
- Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.
- Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a picture of your family with an extra child nobody knows.
- Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.
- I don't know how a cemetery can raise burial prices and blame it on the cost of living.
- I went to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Anonymous my ass! I knew everyone there.

Pre-meeting Classes

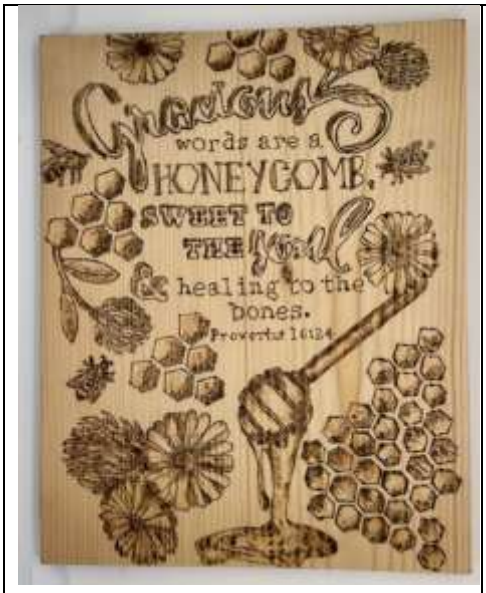
The premeeting class for November will be a Christmas tree carving taught by Sue Eckmann. Please come at 4:00 on November 16th.

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 Gentry 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.

Date	Class	Cost	Location
November 4 5 6	Van Kelley Caricature Carving	$185	Community of Christ Church
To Be Determined	Debbe Edwards Painting Class	$100	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



DeVonna Kopp



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DeVonna Kopp



Carol Murray



Doug Bibles



Gary Gray



Jerry Middleton



Marsha Middleton



Jerry Middleton



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Sue Eckmann



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Jerry Robins

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