

LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

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Important Dates

- April 28 – Club Dinner at 6:00 at The Branding Iron, 12142 MO-5, Sunrise Beach
- May 2 & 3 – Mountain Home Woodcarving show in Mountain Home, Arkansas
- May 10 – Old Mill Days Festival at Montauk State Park
- May 13-15 – Mark Sturgis power carving seminar at Community of Christ Church
- May 16 – Club Picnic at Post Office Shelter in Ha Ha Tonka State Park, 9:30 to 4:00
- May 18 – Premeeting Class at 4:00 at Community Christian Church, help carving and painting animals for club project
- May 18 – Club meeting at 7:00 at Community Christian Church

President’s Statement

At the April meeting, we decided to have an auction at the July meeting. Bring your carving related items, tools, wood, blanks, magazines, etc. that you don’t use to be auctioned off. Proceeds go to the club. The auction will be an opportunity for some of our new members to pick up tools and supplies at a reasonable price. We will start at 6:00 instead of 7:00.

John

Note from Carol Murray

Thank you very much for the pretty spring flower arrangement for Bud's celebration of life. Thank you also for the prayers, cards, attendance, and kind words about him. He loved his carving club and friends. Carol and family.

Baseball Game in Springfield

Due to scheduling conflicts, the trip to Springfield to watch the Cardinals baseball game will be scheduled for some time in June. If you are interested in going, please contact Pam Karl to add your name to the list.

Meeting Notes

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

There were two guests Barbara Jesus and Lee Cole.

John Heather read a “thank you note” from Karen Ray. She stated she will be back to the meetings real soon.

John stated Dairy Queen had a new dessert “The Ultimate Royal Choco Browne” everyone should enjoy.

The March minutes were approved, and the treasurer’s report was given. The previous balance was \$4,669.51 with the recent balance being \$5,060.68.

Janice Riner won the 50/50 drawing.

Tom Reeder produced the door prize, and Stan Kasiski won it.

Everyone needs to work on their ark carvings and have them done by July 15th.

The next premeeting class will be taught by Stan Kasiske, Doug Bibles, Loren Woodard, and Tom Lease. They will help the Club members with the Ark pieces.

There are two bags left of the Ark pieces that need to be carved. One is the cow and bull, and the other one is the giraffes. See Pam Karl to get one.

Library Report: Only one book of the 20 plus missing books has been returned. There are still numerous books missing. The missing books are listed below in the Library section.

There is still no tool vendor for the November Show. Barry Gentile suggested an incentive for the tool vendors.

Loren Woodard reported on the next three instructors. In May the instructor is Mark Sturgis, power carving a cane. Then we have Doug Bibles in June. He is carving an owl on a 12 -inch plate. Last but not least is Roger Steagal carving numerous caricatures and will be the Judge at the Show.

May 16th is the next picnic at Ha Ha Tonka State Park, just past the post office at the shelter house. We will be feasting on crappie and pulled pork. Please bring plates, utensils, drinks, chairs, and something good for everyone to enjoy at the picnic.

The monthly dinner is April 28th at 6:00 in the Branding Iron. It's located at North Hwy 5 in Sunrise Beach. Please let Vice Pres. Janice Riner know if you are coming.

All membership renewals were called, and they will be joining again.

Art Council Slow Art Viewing at Camdenton Library is August 20th. Club members will be carving from 2:00 to 6:00. The slow viewing is from 6:00 through 7:00pm. There may be a blue grass band before 2:00.

The Royal Theater Beginners class is July 2nd through August 6th.

Mark Giger stated that Sonny Erksleiban had passed away.

There will be an auction instead of the business meeting in July. Anything related to carving will be accepted.

There is a signup sheet for a ball game in Springfield. Please sign up as it will be fun.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Door Prize Providers 2025

May	Janice Riner
June	Pam Karl
July	No Door Prize due to auction
August	Linda Latham

Refreshment Providers 2025

May	Lyle Mankey, Rene Barr, Fran Marsh
June	Dale Bland, Randy Bartram, Pam Karl
July	DeVonna Kopp, Marsha Middleton, Rick Hartwig

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. The following is a list of the books that are missing. Please check your books to see if you have any of them.

Bark Carving Wood Spirits - Faces and Expressive Notebook, Tom Wolfe	How to Carve Faces in Driftwood, Harold Enlow
Carving and Painting Christmas ornaments, Betty Padan	Learn to Carve Faces and Expressions, Harold Enlow
Carving Cones and Walking Sticks, Tom Wolfe	Scenic Relief Carving, George Keilhofer
Carving Found Wood, Vic and William Hood	Scroll Saw Fetwork Patterns, Spielman and Riedle
Carving Golfers, Bill Howrilla	The Golfers Carving, Tom Wolfe
Carving Neckerchiefs, Slides, Pins, and Magnets , Robert Spielman	Understanding Wood Finishing, Bob Flexor
Carving Weathered Wood, Portica	Whittling: A Complete Guide, Fox Chapel
Complete Guide to Woodcarving, E.J. Tangerman	Wildlife Carving in Relief, Lora Irish
Hand Carving Your Own Walking Stick, David Stechy	Woodcarving Basics, David Sabol
Hand Carved Holiday Gifts, Woodcarving Illus.	Woodcarving Techniques and Projects, Sunset Books

Jocularly

- There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.
- “At every party there are two kinds of people, those who want to go home and those who don’t. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.” Ann Landers
- “My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I’m right.” Ashleigh Brilliant
- “Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control are already born?” Benny Hill
- “The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us.” Bill Watterson
- “As a child my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” Buddy Hackett
- “My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.” Caroline Rhea
- “All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height.” Casey Stengel
- “Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.” Dave Barry

Pre-meeting Classes

The premeeting class for May 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>
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



Delson Morris



Margo Kirk



Pam Karl



Jerry Middleton



Tom Reeder



Sue Eckmann



Marsha Middleton



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Randy Bartram

Sue Eckmann



Randy Bartram



Jerry Middleton



Mark Sturgis



Tom Reeder



Gary Gray

SMGS Show June 26-28

Thursday – Set Up Only (12-5pm)

Friday – (7-5pm)

Workshops (start at 8am), Set up,

Auction Donations Accepted

Turn in Competition Items (10 – 4:30)

We need 3 judges for woodcarving competition

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. After that registration is at the show.

Viewing of Competition Items, Demos, 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.)

Sunday – SMGS Membership meeting (8-10am) Non members are also invited.

Viewing of Competition Items

Free Demos, Raffle, Vendor Sales

Workshops (10 -3)

Hospitality Room for Vendors, Teachers, Judges

Food Truck for Everyone

For more information go to www.ShowMeGourdSociety.org