

LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

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Important Dates

- February 24 – Club dinner at the Highlander in Camdenton at 6:00
- March 11 to 13 – Wayne Laramore caricature carving class at Community of Christ Church
- March 16 – Premeeting class Sue Eckmann teaching comfort birds at 4:00 at Community Christian Church
- March 16 – Club meeting at 7:00 at Community Christian Church

President’s Statement

The year is off to a great start. We have our raffle project underway and a great lineup of seminars. I want to thank everyone for getting things organized and the year set up so well. The Dogwood Festival is our first event of the year and is coming up on April 25th. It is a fun, easy, indoor event and I hope we have a good turnout. The Library Committee is making an inventory of our books and has discovered several are missing. It’s easy to get one of the club’s books mixed in with your own. Please do a check to see if that has happened and return any club books you find back to the librarian. Have a great March.

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 no new guests or new members.

The Treasurer’s report was as follows:

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| Balance on Hand | \$ 7,199.73 |
| Cash Receipts | \$ 524.25 |
| Checks Written | \$ 2,472.57 |
| End of Month Balance | \$ 5,251.41 |

The Treasurer’s report was passed. It was also stated that members need to pay their dues by March.

The minutes of the meeting were passed.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sue & Vic Eckman.

Door Prize was won by no other than Sue Eckman. It was two tool rolls.

The pieces for the Club project are ready to go. There were 24 bags with numbers on them. Pieces need to be carved and painted. After painting, they should be sprayed with a clear satin finish so all pieces will match. Please return them

to Pam Karl in the bag they came in with the number on it. John Heather will get the wire for the pieces that need it. It will be available at the March meeting. ALL Pieces must be done by July 15th.

The Library report was given by Renee Barr. She stated that there are over a dozen books missing. There will be a list available at the next meeting. Please check at home to see if you have a book that could belong to the library.

Sue Eckman will teach "comfort Birds" for the next premeeting class.

Pam Karl is working on the advertising for our show and on finding a tool vendor ---.

Tom Lease stated that the Beginners class is full with 12 students. The Intermediate class has 9 signed up so far. Classes start Feb. 26 thru April 2nd and will be held at the Community of Christ Church.

Loren Woodard gave a report on the seminars that are coming up. See the table below for details.

Vice Pres. Janice Riner reported on the yearly picnics. The first picnic will be at Ha Ha Tonka State Park at the Post Office Shelter on May 16th. The second picnic is on September 12th at the Camdenton City Park shelter house #3. Please bring plates, utensils, drinks, and of course something scrumptious to share.

Vice-Pres. Janice stated the monthly dinner for February will be at the Highlander on the 24th at 6:00.

After March everyone who has not paid their dues will be getting a call from Barry Gentile to find out what their intentions are.

Barry also volunteered to upgrade the Picture Directory.

The Camdenton Library Slow Art Viewing asked us to bring carvings on August 20th. The viewing will be from 2:00 to 7:00pm. Persons interested are Loren Woodard, Tom Lease, and John Heather.

The Royal Theater in Versailles is requesting some classes at the theater. Interested people are Loren Woodard, John Heather, and Tom Lease.

The vacuum cleaner committee met. Tom Lease stated that there be no beater bars. He stated the committee recommended buying a Ridged Shop Vac. A motion was made and passed to do so. Tom will keep the receipt and if it doesn't work, he will take it back.

Tom Lease stated that the Ozark Empire Fair was having difficulties finding a qualifying judge. He suggested John Engler, the Schmitgens, and Debbe Edwards.

Loren Woodard had several tools for sale.

Karen Ray's husband, Steve, passed away. Visitation is Thursday, the 19th, at Shadel's Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00pm. The funeral will be Friday, the 20th, at 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Door Prize Providers 2025

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| March | Doug Bibles |
| April | Loren Woodard |
| May | Janice Riner |

Refreshment Providers 2025

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| March | Sue Eckmann, Marsha Middleton, Steve Hofstetter |
| April | Margo Kirk, DeVonna Kopp, Carol Murray |
| May | Lyle Mankey, Rene Barr, Fran Marsh |

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, Camdenon. 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. Most of the blanks were handed out at the February meeting. The rest will be handed out in March. 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. There are several books that are missing. Please check to see if you have one of the club's books that is overdue.

Jocularly

- Did you know you will experience your billionth second of life when you are 31 years old?
- Did you know Captain Morgan was a real person? He was a Welsh pirate who later became the Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica?
- Did you know Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups every year?
- Did you know lip balms dries out your lips making you want more lip balm?
- Did you know the poorest Americans are still richer than 80% of the rest of the world?
- Did you know "almost" is the longest word in the English language with all its letters in alphabetical order?
- Did you know pelicans form "babysitting groups" to take care of the young when their parents are away?
- Whoever came up with the phrase "The freaks come out at night" has clearly never been to Walmart during the day.

Pre-meeting Classes

The premeeting class for March will be taught by Sue Eckmann. She will be teaching comfort birds.

Seminars

Our seminars are open to all woodcarvers. Unless otherwise stated, they will be held at the Community of Christ Church, 42 Sunset Dr, Camdenon (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> |
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| March 11 12 13 | Wayne Laramore Caricature Carving | \$165 | Community of Christ Church |
| March 31 April 1 2 | Doug Bibles painting class | \$130 | Community of Christ Church |
| April 8 9 10 | Loren Woodard Bark Carving Wood Spirit | \$130 | 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 |

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| 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



Janice Riner



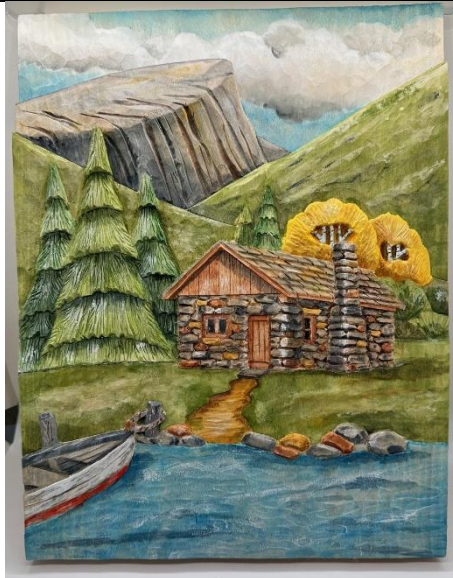
Pam Karl



Margo Kirk



Rhonda Frank



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Steve Hofstetter



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