

LAKE of the OZARKS WOODCARVERS CLUB

Monthly Newsletter December 2025

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Important Dates

- November 21 - John Engler painting class at the Community of Christ Church
- December 9 – Club dinner at 6:00 at DaVinci's Italian Restaurant in Lebanon, 1683 Southdale Dr.
- December 10 to 12 – Loren Woodard Santa and ornaments class at the Community of Christ Church
- December 15 – **6:00** Club Christmas Party at the Community Christian Church, Doors open 5:30
- December 17 to 19 – Doug Bibles painting class at Community of Christ Church

President's Statement

We had a wonderful show on November 1st. Doug and his staff did a wonderful job. Thank you to all that helped. For those of you who didn't, you missed a really good time, and we could have used your help. Hopefully, you can make it next year. I want to thank everyone who attended the demonstration at the Camdenton Library. It was well attended, and we actually had people attend who were interested in carving. Our Christmas party is coming up, and Pam has a great party planned. I hope everyone can make it. Our raffle ticket sales at the festivals are down this year. This makes it more important that everyone sells the tickets provided by Pam Karl.

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 guests or new members.

Last month's minutes presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report for October 2025

\$6,475.34 – Balance on Hand – Last Statement

\$1,906.12 – Cash Receipts

\$1,782.97 – Total Checks Written

\$6,598.49 – Balance on Hand – End of Month

50/50 Drawing – Winner - Karen Ray

Door Price Drawing – Winner – Karen Ray

Library report – A good amount of Christmas carving books is available.

Steve Hofstetter will do the premeeting Class in January. Watch your email for what the project will be.

Show Report. Everyone thought it was a very successful show. 300+ guests attended, which is improved from last year. Several new carvers were present, and the tool vendor reported good sales and interest. Advertising was successful through social media and a big thanks to Randy Bartram for her help with that. We need more help for the day of the show; not enough people were available to man the different stations.

Loren Woodard reported he has most of the seminars set for next year. The following is a list of where he is.

- John Engler, watercolor painting class - November 12, 8:00 – 5:00, \$70
- Loren Woodward, Santa & Ornaments – December 10 – 12, \$120 + blank
- Doug Bible, Painting class – December 17 – 19, \$120
- Doug Bibles relief carving scheduled for next July
- Van Kelly <https://www.vankellycarvings.com/> , Class November 4 – 6 (close to show time) He has many Caricatures, Santas, Hillbilly, etc. blanks available
- Mark Sturgis – Full Cane Carving – He and Loreen will set the dates for the class after the meeting
- Wayne Larimore, March 11 – 13, Santas & caricatures

The monthly Dinner will be on December 9th at DaVinci's, 1683 Southdale Dr., Lebanon, 6:00

Pam Karl provided a report on the Christmas Party on December 15th at 6:00.

- Ornament contest – bring hand-made ornament with name covered and turn in to Doug Bibles – prize is bragging rights & photos
- Ugly sweater contest – individual & couple – gift certificate as prize
- White elephant gift exchange – **everyone needs to bring a gift or food for the exchange.**
- Food provided by club– Turkey & Ham, dressing & gravy, rolls, and drinks
- Food to bring – appetizer, salad, vegetable, or desert for the dinner
- Doors open at 5:30
- Photo booth available throughout the evening
- Gerry Robbins will recite The Night Before Christmas
- We will be doing the drawings (one for the public and one for club members) for the raffle. Everyone needs to turn in their money for ticket sales by the start of the meeting. Sales at the festivals have been down this year and it is important that everyone get their tickets sold. If you haven't got tickets, call Pam Karl at 573 692 4274 to get them.
- Clean-up team - all volunteers appreciated & will make short work of cleaning up
- PLEASE call or text Pam Karl @ 573-692-4274 if you would like to attend but did not sign up so there is sufficient food

The class for the home-schooled kids was very successful. John Heather read a thank you letter from the kids.



Officers & Board Members will continue through next year because they are elected for a two-year term.

The local Art Council asked that the club provide a representative. This involves attending a meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30. This is done via a Zoom call, so no travel is required. If you are interested in representing the club at the Art Council, give John Heather a call at 913 558 2023.

Mailing the newsletter is an expensive process. Pam Karl explained details of the cost. It costs the club approximately \$650/year. John Heather asked if you now receive a mailed hard copy of the newsletter, that you consider changing to email or viewing it on website.

There is wood available for sale at each meeting. It costs approximately \$8 a board foot, and you can pay the treasurer. We ask that you leave the cabinet in a reasonably organized state so the doors and top can be closed without having to reorganize everything.

Harry Litsey of Wood n Ya Wanit Shop passed away earlier this year, and Amanda, his wife, is selling a collection of carvings. If you are interested call her at Home 573-346-6007, cell 573-286-5086.

Blank name tags are available to members to carve and paint their names. See John Heather if you need one.

Membership renewal - \$20 is due by the end of the year. The renewal forms will be included in the last page of the newsletter through February. Please get your membership renewed early.

Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned.

Door Prize Providers 2025

January	Mark Sturgis
February	Loren Woodard
March	Doug Bibles

Refreshment Providers 2025

January	Carol Woodard, Pam Karl, Lyle Mankey
February	Karen Ray, Terry Wells, Rick Hartwig
March	Sue Eckmann, Marsha Middleton, Steve Hofstetter

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

Both sets are done. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the project. We need all the money for tickets turned in by the December Christmas party.

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

- A Genie granted me one wish, so I said "I just want to be happy". So now I'm living in a little cottage with 6 dwarves and working in a mine. 'whistle while you work.....'
- I took my 8 year old daughter to the office on 'take your kid to work day'. But when we walked into the office she started to cry. As concerned staff gathered around, I asked her what was wrong and she said: "Daddy where are all the clowns you said you worked with?"
- Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags or is it just me?
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
- "On time" is when you get there.
- "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.
- I'm stuck between "I need to save money" and "you only live once."
- 70% of the earth is water and virtually none of it is carbonated. The earth is in fact flat.

Pre-meeting Classes

The premeeting class for January will be taught by Steve Hofstetter. He will determine what the project will be and we will let everyone know by email.

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>Seminar</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 21	John Engler painting Class	\$70	Community of Christ Church
December 10 to 12	Loren Woodard - Santa & Ornaments	\$120 + blanks	Community of Christ Church
December 17 to 19	Doug Bibles - Painting	\$120	Community of Christ Church

Show and Tell



Donna Dochterman



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Sharon Williams



Donna Dochterman



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Geri Wolken



Geri Wolken



Jerry Middleton



Mark Sturgis



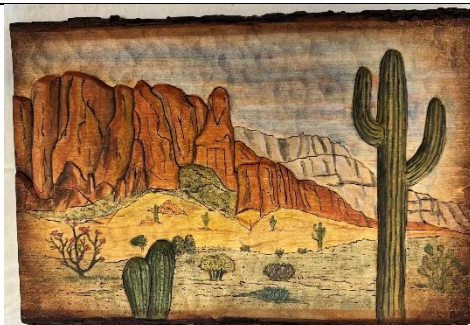
Margo Kirk



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Karen Ray



Renee Barr



Donna Dochterman



Steve Hofstetter



Tom Lease



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