

# Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers

## --Newsletter--

### March 2025

**Meeting Information:** Held March 8, 2025, Fiddler's Grove Town Hall. Led by Rob.

**Members present:** 10; **Guests:** 0

## Club Updates

- Rob gave us an update on the building project, He has a meeting scheduled with Rhonda on March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss insulating the floor and the cost of the AC unit. They are currently moving items out of the building so that they can clean and paint. They are also updating the light bulbs.
- Voluntary dues are being collected currently. Dues are \$20 and can be given directly to Patricia.
- Patches have been reordered for those of you who are new members or have not received one yet.
- Joe discussed the fundraising ornament. Since we are using these specifically for a fundraiser, he asks that you only take one if you fully intend to have it carved for the fundraiser. He also noted that this is not a class, so if you take one, be prepared to carve it without assistance. However, if enough people would like to do this as a class, he has volunteered to teach one at a later time.
- Rob discussed the Lebanon Art Crawl on the square. Members can display and sell their woodcarvings in his shop. If there is anyone who is unable to attend but would still like to drop off their carvings for the event, they are more than welcomed to do so.
- Patricia gave us a financial update.
- It was mentioned that there had been an issue accessing the website for some. Rich is going to look into that. We also discussed the possibility of looking into adding a "donate here" button to the website.
- The Wilson County TN State Fair registration is due on April 15<sup>th</sup> so anyone who is willing and able to help out on any of those days this year please let Rob know ASAP. We plan to have a max of about 6 people per day due to space limitations.
- Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers does have a Facebook page now. Please follow for notifications about different events/classes
- Vic Hood will be teaching a class and that is now scheduled for May 26-28. The cost will be \$240 plus the cost of materials. There is a class minimum of 6 participants

## Misc. Information

- We are starting A directory that is being compiled to facilitate communication. Members can provide their name, email, and phone number, and optionally their birthday month and day. This was passed around at the meeting, but you can also email your information to Rob.
- Let Gene know if you would like to participate if he gets a group together to look for driftwood. This will probably need to be some time before April.
- We could use some more coffee cups and sugar packets for Tuesday meetings. Also, bring any coffee that you like to have/share

## Each One Teach One

At the beginning of the year, Gene proposed the club start something called "Each One Teach One", where each member could present something (big or small) and teach the other members something about it/how to do. \*\*Be thinking about what you can demonstrate to the club!\*\*

- Rich passed around his strop. He decided to test out something new and put his compound on the strop and then heated it to melt it into the leather. He is pretty happy with the results of the sharpening he was able to get with it.



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### Upcoming events

#### Tennessee

- March 17-21--**Woodcarver's Roundup** (possible weekend sessions available) (Lebanon)
- April 12--**Mayberry-Lucy Day** (Granville)
- May 3--**Fiddler's Grove Springfest** (Lebanon)
- May 24--**Granville's Heritage Day** (Granville)
- May 26-28--**Vic Hood's Facial Mask carving class**
- August 14-23--**Wilson County/TN State Fair** (Lebanon)
- October 4--**Granville's Fall Celebration** (Granville)
- October 18-19--**Wilson County Bank and Trust Oktoberfest** (Lebanon)
- November 7-9--**Josh Walters Cottonwood Bark Carving Class** (Leiper's Fork)
- December 12-15--**John Engler Relief Carving Workshop** (Leiper's Fork)

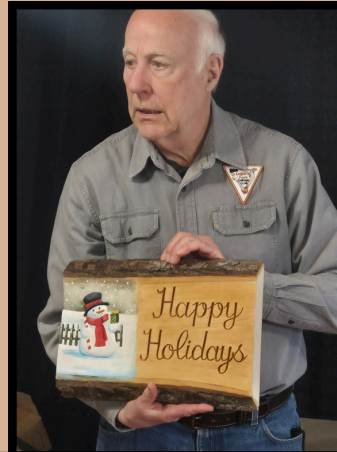
#### Everywhere Else

- April 4-6--**42nd Annual Showcase of Woodcarvings**-Charlotte, NC
- June 5-7--**Central Indiana Woodcarvers Roundup**-Clayton, IN
- June 9-14--**International Woodcarver's Congress**-Maquoketa, IA
- July 16-19--**Buckeye Woodcarvers Roundup**-Fletcher, OH
- July 20-24--**Northeast Woodcarvers Roundup**-Honesdale, PA
- Oct 31-Nov 1--**40th Annual Mid-South Woodcarving Show and Competition**-Huntsville, AL

### Show and Tell



Mark showed us his bull rider scene with a rider having just fallen off of the bull. He has named it "shoot".



Rich showed us two of his winter themed relief carvings that he did in John Engler's class



Gene showed us a couple of spoons that he's carved. One from sassafras that he sold to someone in the past and was able to buy back after his passing, a swan spoon and another out of his coined, green-tinted "picklewood" or if you're feeling fancy, the "latin" term is "cucumbus verde"\*\*\*

\*\*Disclaimer: According to Patricia, this is not latin.\*



Dennis, who is newer to carving, has been working with Vic Hood a lot. He showed off his mask that he has been carving with him lately.