

# Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers

--Newsletter--

July 2024

**Meeting Information:** Held July 13, 2024, Fiddler's Grove Town Hall. Led by Rich.  
**Members Present:** 12  
**Guests:** 0

## Club Updates

- There will be no Saturday meeting in August because of the fair, however the club voted to continue with Tuesday meetings for the month of August.
- Rich gave some information on the carving magazine "*Chip Challenge*" and how it has different contests, events, and pictures. He also shared that a previous member (Dee Dee) has a picture in the magazine of her entry for their bark carving contest.
- A calendar was passed around for scheduling shifts for the upcoming Wilson County/TN State Fair. The fair is open from 5pm-10pm Mon-Fri; 10am-10pm Sat; and 12pm-10pm Sun. It is recommended that you get there an hour early for your shift due to traffic/crowds/parking.
- Patricia shared thank you notes the club received from Baker's Grove Baptist Church and Evelyn Barnes for the money that was sent to start the memorial fund. She also shared an update on finances and where we stand with misc financial items.
- We voted to do Oktoberfest again this year which will be held on October 19th and 20th. Set up will be on the 18th. We do need to bring our own tables and chairs.

**\*\*Reminder:** If you have any content (events, tips, etc) to contribute to this newsletter, please reach out to Brenda at [brenda.vescio15@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.vescio15@gmail.com)\*\*

## Misc. Information

- **Holiday Ornament Share and Care Campaign**-ornament carving contest open to carvers of all levels.  
**Organizer:** National Woodcarver's Association

**To enter competition:** mail ornaments in by November 1st and include name/address/phone/email

**\*\*You do not have to be a member of the NWCA to enter. An email was sent out a couple of weeks ago with the official rules and guidelines.\*\***

- **2024 Woodcarving Show and Competition-Huntsville, AL**

**Organizer:** North Alabama Woodcarver's Association

**Dates:** November 1-2

**To enter competition:** applications (available on [nawawoodcarvers.org](http://nawawoodcarvers.org)) must be in no later than October 18th

- **Camp McDowell Retreat-Nauvoo, AL**

**Organizer:** Tannehill Woodcarving Club

**Dates:** September 16-20

**Cost:** \$140 per room per night for single occupancy (half if sharing). Meals are \$10 each (8 total including breakfast on Thursday).

**\*\*Please inform Bob Trussell by September 8 regarding the number of meals you plan to have, to facilitate proper arrangements.**

**\*\*For further information, please contact Gene, Clark, or Rich.**

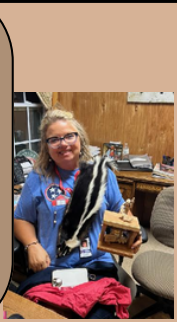
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### July 2024 Show and Tell



Mark Samples made a skunk toy in honor of Rhonda and her recent run-in with a skunk here in Fiddler's Grove!



Zon Zeiller made a cane from an old branch. it was painted black first and then he used a gouge on it.



He also showed us a spoon he made from butternut, using a pattern from a book.



Brenda Vescio showed a snowman that she carved with the instruction of Joe Sereno. She also showed her version of the 5-min owl. (that only took her 45 mins!)



Rich Patterson showed us an outhouse & church he made in 3 separate pieces each. Those, and an elephant he carved are all from basswood and painted.



He also showed a coaster and a plate he made with chip carving and finished with gel stain and deft.



John Hicks shared with us a hobo and a pirate he carved. He had some fun "design adjustments" that came from some mishaps.



## Upcoming events

### Tennessee

- July 12-14--**Jim Hiser Caricature Carving Workshop** Leiper's Fork, TN
- August 15-24--**Wilson County/TN State Fair** Lebanon, TN
- October 5-6--**Smokey Mountain Woodcarver's Festival**
- October 19-20--**Wilson Bank and Trust Oktoberfest** Lebanon, TN
- October 21-25--**Renegade Woodcarver's Roundup** Lebanon, TN
- December--**John Engler Relief Carving Workshop** Leiper's Fork, TN

### Everywhere Else

- September 5-6--**Ohio Valley Woodcarver's Expo** Cold Spring, KY
- September 16-20--**Camp McDowell Retreat** Nauvoo, AL
- September 26-28--**Southeastern Woodcarving School**
- October 11-13--**Gathering of Woodcarvers, Woodcarving Art Festival** Yorkville, IL
- November 1-2--**40th Annual Mid-South Woodcarving Show and Competition** Huntsville, AL

\*\*For more information on each event, please check the "events" tab on the Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers website