

# Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers

--Newsletter--

November 2024

**Meeting Information:** Held November 9, 2024, Fiddler's Grove Town Hall. Led by Rich.

## Club Updates

- Rich is compiling a member directory for the club. Information requested includes your name, spouse's name, address, phone number, email, and birth month/day. You can share as much or as little as you feel comfortable. The directory will be for club use only and not shared outside the membership. Members must be in the directory to receive a copy.
- Rich announced that he will step down as club coordinator at the end of the year. Rob has graciously volunteered to take on this role moving forward. A big thank you to Rob for stepping up to lead the club into the future!
- Sara proposed hosting a workshop with a guest instructor. Fiddler's Grove is available as a venue during weekdays. Next steps include deciding on the type of workshop, identifying an instructor, determining class size and fees, and finalizing logistics.
- Sara also suggested organizing a club trip to a carving show/competition. She attended the recent Huntsville, AL show and won some ribbons. The club aims to participate in the Huntsville show in 2025 to represent Tennessee carvers.
- Sara contacted Caricature Carvers of America (CCA) to see what their process was to become a member so she could share with the group. Their response is attached at the end of the newsletter for your information.
- Gene will lead a Christmas ornament carving class for members starting on November 12th. The project will be an antique Christmas light featuring a carved Santa face.

\*\*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)\*\*

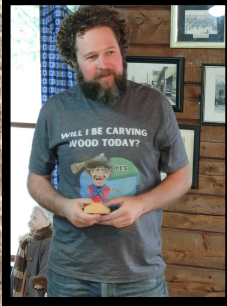
## Misc. Information

- **The Annual Club Christmas Party**  
**When:** December 10th at 1:00 PM  
**Where:** Smith's Catering. 104 North College Street, Lebanon, TN. (It's a block off the square.) There is parking next door and across the street.  
**RSVP:** Please let Rich know if you plan to attend ASAP and how many will be in your group. The menu will include turkey and dressing, ham, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Members may bring their spouse/significant other/children. The club is covering the cost of the dinner.  
**Gift exchange:** We will also have a gift exchange this year. To participate, bring a wrapped, carving-related gift valued at approximately \$20. Participation is optional, but you must give a gift to receive one.
- **Holiday Schedule:** Due to the holiday season, there will be no club meetings on: November 26th (Tuesday before Thanksgiving); December 24th (Christmas Eve); December 31st (New Year's Eve). Regular meetings will still be held on the following dates: November 12th & 19th; December 3rd, 10th, & 17th

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Show and Tell



John had a cowboy that he carved at the Renegade Woodcarvers Roundup. It was a Dwayne Gosnell design.



Jon mounted a group of study sticks that Butch Barnes had created to show how to carve a Santa face. He also had a couple of Christmas ornaments and a walking stick he made for vets.

Sara displayed a Santa, spoon, angel, and a cross all of which received a blue ribbon at the carving show in Huntsville. She also had a Santa that won a red ribbon.



Mark presented a snowman and a mountain man cigar rest.



Gene displayed a bass wood burning that won a red ribbon and a walking stick that won a white ribbon. He also had a Civil War soldier and a Santa that started with Gary Falen roughouts. Lastly, he had a wolf's head, a cougar and a miniature Viking.

## Upcoming events

### Tennessee

- December 13-16--**John Engler Relief Carving Workshop**  
Leiper's Fork, TN

### Everywhere Else

# Letter from CCA

Dear Sara,

Thank you for your interest in the Caricature Carvers of America. The nominating process for membership comes from within the CCA, whereby any member may nominate a candidate for consideration for membership. CCA is dedicated to the encouragement and advancement of caricature carving as an art form. The CCA limits its active membership to 25 members who make substantial contributions of money, time and carvings. When the CCA has a membership opening, candidates are nominated and voted on by the active members. Nominations are based on carving skills, writing articles for books/magazines, teaching history, show participation, awards and judging. Personal skills that will support the CCA's mission are also very important. We are a service organization sponsoring instructional carving seminars, an annual competition, publishing books and holding the annual Carvin' the Rockies event in Colorado Springs, CO. Members represent the CCA at carving shows, teaching and donating their talents throughout the United States. Members do not seek or realize personal gain by being an active member of the CCA but do experience good will through sharing their talents for the promotion of caricature carving.

Thank you for your understanding of our purpose and mission.

Sincerely,

Bob Hershey

Secretary CCA