

# Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers

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September 2024

**Meeting Information:** Held September 14, 2024, Fiddler's Grove Town Hall. Led by Rich.  
**Members Present:** 14  
**Guests:** 3

## Club Updates

- Instead of our regular Saturday meeting, we will be having our club picnic instead. This will be on October 12th at 11am in Fiddler's Grove. We will discuss specifics soon and a link for a sign-up sheet will be sent out.
- We discussed the possibility of getting a new building. A "New Building" committee was formed and the members are: Sara McDonald, Joe Sereno, Rob Kamer, and Brenda Vescio. More to come on this.
- We have had some various tools and supplies that were donated to the club. The intention for these items is to have a type of lending closet where you can check out items that you would like to use and return when finished. Rich noted the need for some type of inventory system to be put in place to keep up with what has been checked out. Sara volunteered to work on this.
- We also discussed the last event at Granville, to be held on October 5th. Anyone who wants to participate can set up at the table.
- We will be doing 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. We will discuss closer to time.
- Rob owns the local bookstore on the square in Lebanon called, "Harper's Books". He will be switching out his displays around Halloween time to Christmas displays. Anyone who has any Christmas carvings are welcome to bring them to the store and sell them in his "locally made" items section.

\*\*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



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John Hicks showed off a couple of pieces he started while demonstrating at the fair this year.



Brenda Vescio showed some of the ornaments she carved and painted for the fair this year.



Patricia Bush brought a bird (per request of a guest who was interested in carving birds) that she made years ago in a carving school in Crossville



Mark Samples couldn't get enough of carving vikings lately and decided to do his own version from 2x2s. He painted it in watercolor and it was finished with krylon matte spray.

Rob Kamer showed off two fantasy carvings he had recently finished. The first was a little backpacker carrying several levels of supplies. He explained that John Hicks system he brought to the fair with all of his tools, materials, snacks, etc was the inspiration for this carving. He used a variety of different pieces of wood that he had laying around.



Joe Sereno had several pieces that he had started a while back but had recently finished. Including a dish that he started while living over in Germany, a fella from the rendezvous that he made his own, an English guy, and a witch that includes a piece of a wild grape vine.



This is a picture of everyone with their vikings from the viking carving class taught by Gene Graham over the last several weeks.

## Upcoming events

### Tennessee

- 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

- 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