

# Fiddler's Grove Woodcarvers

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## February 2025

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

**Members present:** 16; **Guests:** 1

## Club Updates

- Patricia gave us an update on the budget and the current funds the club has.
- Rob gave an update on the building we are hoping to use for meetings in the near future. As of right now the building is being used as a replica of an old country grocery store and should maintain that aesthetic for us to use it. We will need to find a way to add insulation, heating, air conditioning, lighting, tables, and chairs.
- Sara went over a quote she was given for a heating and air conditioning unit for the new building. We discussed if we thought this was reasonable, and who else we could obtain a quote from if needed.
- Taking into consideration the upcoming costs associated with the new building, furniture, etc, the club will now be reinstating the yearly voluntary dues of \$20. Charter members will remain exempt.
- Joe is leading an ornament fundraiser. He has purchased a number of rough outs that we can carve as a club to put up for sale at the fair this year.
- Rob is working on getting more club patches and trying to decide who we should use for this and who would be most cost effective.
- Willie took a trip out to Granville and met with them about some of the upcoming events that our club participates in there. They gave him some ideas for things they would like to see us do when we demonstrate and would love for us to participate in even more events.
- While Willie was there in Granville, they told him about some of the grants they have applied for and received since they are a 501(c)(3). Rob brought up the need for the club to work towards becoming a 501(c)(3) so that we have access to those since we are in need of more funding than we can probably get with fundraising alone.

\*\*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

- 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.
- Rose, A journalism student from Belmont, joined us and interviewed several members for a piece she is writing.



## 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!\*\*

- Mark passed out artist proportional dividers that he made for everyone from scrap wood. He demonstrated how you could use them for carving and changing proportion sizes.



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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)
- 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)

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

### 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



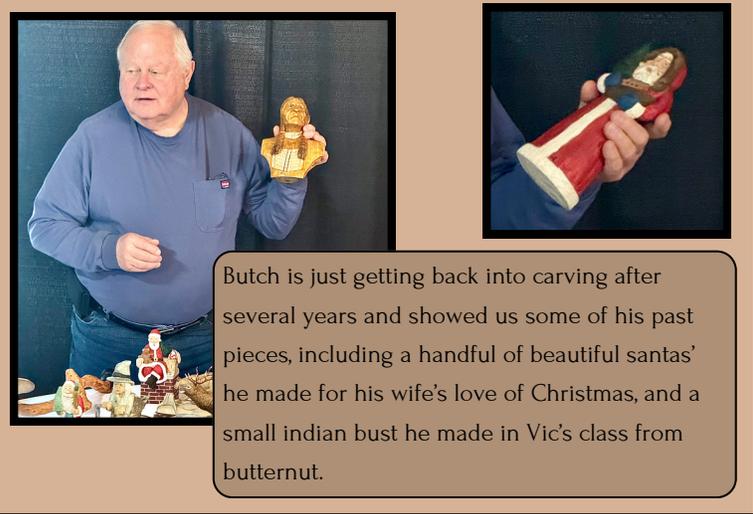
Mark showed the relief carving he made in John Engler's class, and the walnut frame he made to go around it. He also showed a relief of a boat as well as a carving of a cowboy and a rabbit.



Patricia made her piece for her parents years ago. It represents their lives with pictures of memorable periods of their lives



Gene showed some past carvings he's done including, an elk, a bobcat, and a wolf head



Butch is just getting back into carving after several years and showed us some of his past pieces, including a handful of beautiful santas' he made for his wife's love of Christmas, and a small indian bust he made in Vic's class from butternut.

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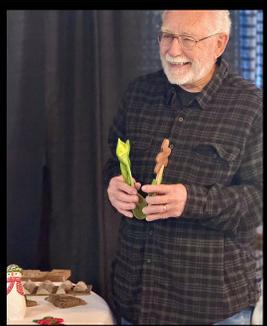
Clark showed some bark carvings he's done, an ornament from Vic's class, and Cowboy he did from Gary Falen.



Rob showed a cedar stick that he carved with a corn snake and finished with linseed oil and a 2nd stick carved from willow and finished with a red oak stain and paste wax.



Murray showed us his carvings of an old world Santa, and his cabin in the woods that can double on the back as an outhouse.



Jon showed us a snowman he carved, and some decorative spoons from basswood



Brenda showed her relief carving from John Engler's class, a Christmas morning bear from the Roundup, and some other smaller items like earrings and ornaments.



Sara showed off a Santa she painted in watercolor and a witch that she made for her daughter

