

October Wood Carving Events by Bob Dawson



October was a good month for woodcarving. My wife and I went to Bismarck, N.D. to attend the annual "Flickertail's Woodcarving Show" on the Thanksgiving weekend.

I participated in a woodcarving class, instructed by Chris Hammack, CCA, and thoroughly enjoyed myself. About half of the class were Canadian participants. Chris has made a living "whittling" and the tool he uses most is a knife. His

imagination, talent and sense of humour was shared and appreciated by everyone.

During the class I asked him if he would be interested in coming to Regina to instruct a class and he is looking forward to coming if we can arrange a class for him to instruct. If any of you would be interested in participating in a class instructed by Chris Hammack please let me know of your interest. I'm looking at a possible time between mid-September and the end of November, 2015. The class participant requirements are a minimum of 10 and maximum of 14. Preliminary budget estimates are \$250.00 to \$300.00 for this 2 day class which will be held on a weekend, during the above mentioned time frame, here in Regina.

If you are interested in a class instructed by Chris, let me know and I will continue to pursue this idea. To keep class costs down we would require 12 participants at least and I will keep a list of those interested. Remember this is an expression of interest and if not enough people are interested I won't continue to make arrangements for the class. I need to know your thoughts before the end of November, 2014. With Caricature Carvers of America (CCA) members you have to make arrangements early as they usually plan at least a year ahead.

The Flickertail's Woodcarving Show, held on the Saturday and Sunday, was well attended. I came away with a few new ideas, met some new friends as well as old ones. I say this for every woodcarving event I attend, you should make plans to participate in some of them. You will be very welcome and you will enjoy what you see and who you meet.

We also attended the annual "Reflections of Nature Show" held this past weekend in Saskatoon. It was very well set up, there was a lot to see and the quality of the displayed items was excellent. A few of our members entered items in the Show and they did well. Congratulations to Ken Smith and Tory Neald. It was nice to see their entries on the display tables. We enjoyed our time at the Show and had a chance to visit with fellow members of the Saskatchewan Woodworkers Guild.

We should take the opportunity to participate in these types of events and classes while we are relatively healthy and able to do so. We will always be welcome and learn something new. Over the years I've never heard any of our town mayors or executives suggesting that they are planning on locking any "gates to our cities or towns" and we will always be allowed to come and go as we please. We should take advantage of these events, get out, blow the dust off and participate.

I look forward to seeing you at future events.

RWW Club Happenings

Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings are held on the Second Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. It's a great time to gather, carve, and share. The Odd numbered months are formal business meetings.

November 13, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Club Meeting
December 11, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Christmas Gathering

Carving Nights

Carving Nights are held on the Third Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. Project and Blank Provided Cost: \$5.00

November 20, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill
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Wednesday Drop-In Carving

9:30 am till Noon
Neil Balkwill Centre Woodworking Shop

Carver's Corner

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Wood Spirit Carving Class

The Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers will be hosting a 'Wood Spirit Carving Class' instructed by Doris Sheldon of Qu'Appelle, Sask. This will be a beginner to intermediate carving class held on January 17th and 18th, 2015 at Neald Glass, 1450 Reynolds St. in Regina. This class will focus on the techniques of carving a male face while carving a "Wood Spirit face in Cottonwood Bark".

The cost for this class will be \$175.00 per participant plus cost of the blank (\$20 to \$30.00 per piece depending on the size of the piece). The cost of the blank is payable directly to the instructor at the time of the class. The class maximum is 10 participants.

Registration for the class will be by cheques received for the \$175.00 class fee, first cheque in first registered. Make cheques payable to the Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers and forward to Bob Dawson or Herb Klassen. A short 'Standby List' will be maintained in case of unexpected cancellations.

Basic hand tools will be made available for 6 beginning participants and additional carvers will bring their own tools, sharpened and ready for use. The class will be held from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:30 until 4:00 PM Sunday with a 1/2 hour break for lunch both days. Bring a bag lunch and your own beverage, with the exception of coffee/tea which will be available on site.

This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn from a very talented instructor. Doris has taught classes for a number of years and is quite successful in teaching beginner to intermediate carvers new techniques and methods of woodcarving. Doris invites you to view her work at www.cottagecountrycarving.com

Class cancellation policy: Prospective participants' cheques for the class will be returned if another participant is available from the class waiting list at the time of cancellation. In addition all cheques will be returned if the class is cancelled.

If any of you have further questions regarding this class, feel free to contact me at 306-789-2945 or e-mail me at bob.dawson@sasktel.net

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O'Neill High School Invitation

We have been invited to set up a display of members' woodcarving projects at O'Neill High School (Friday November 21 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM) in conjunction with the Coronation Park Community Association's 28th Annual Arts & Craft Sale.

We will be given a 12' table for our display. We will not have items for sale as this is a display only. I'd like to ask members to put some of their carvings in for display for the event. I'd also like to ask members who were interested in participating to volunteer to attend and answer any of the public's questions during the event. We participated in the event last year, with good results and I think we will do as well again this year. We had people sign up for our beginner wood carving classes and have gained a few new members from the event because of it.

I'd like you to let me know of your intention to participate in the event, either by displaying your work, attending the display table or both.

You can phone me at 306-789-2945 or e-mail me at bob.dawson@sasktel.net for any questions or to let me know of your intention to participate.

I haven't had any volunteers to date and I could use your help with this. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob