

HISTORY

In 1974, a woodcarving group organized to form the North Arkansas Woodcarvers Club. It was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1992 under the laws of the State of Arkansas. In 2000, it was recorded with the IRS as a 501C3 organization, allowing all donations to be tax deductible. Membership averages 150 members, most residing in Baxter and Marion Counties.

MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership is \$20 per year or \$30 annually if including your spouse. If joining after October 1, the membership fee includes the following year.

MEETINGS

The club meets every Thursday at the VFW Hall at 7th and Grey Streets in Mountain Home.

The General Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. All pertinent club business is handled at this meeting. Members are encouraged to display their latest carvings at a "Show and Tell."

CLASSES

We are blessed with many talented carvers in our club who willingly teach our beginner's classes to current members. The only cost involved is for the "Beginner's Kit" and (if not already a member) membership dues. More advanced classes are offered at little or no cost to the carver with the exception of the wood/blank. Members who travel to various parts of the country and teach "specialty" carving classes are sometimes available to teach locally. Instructors from outside the club are occasionally available. A monthly newsletter and e-mail for club members contain information about classes that are scheduled both locally and in other areas.

SUPPLIES

Beginner's Kits (required for beginner's classes) include 3 carving tools (1 knife, 1 gouge and 1 v-tool), a safety glove, thumb guard, sharpening strop, and wood/blanks/patterns for class projects, plus a year's dues and name tag (if a new member).

The club has wood for sale and excellent resources for purchasing additional tools. From time to time club members sell tools, cut outs/blanks, roughouts and other carving related items.

ANNUAL SHOW

Our annual show is normally held the first "full" weekend in May at the Baxter County Fairgrounds. It is one of the largest shows in the area.

The show features woodcarvers, wood turners, whittlers, vendors, judged competitions, demonstrations, and a carving contest. Judges are well-qualified and chosen with care.

Participants are from all levels - novice to professional. Many nationally-known, professional carvers from across the United States participate in our show each year, along with local carvers.

The show is free to the public. However, the community generously supports us with donations.

COMMUNITY

NAWC members donate their time, expertise, money, carvings and even canned food to various local charities. We have been asked to participate in most local events, give seminars to groups, and demonstrations to schools. Some of our members have carved plaques, trees and stumps in local parks to beautify and benefit our community.

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