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Jim Milton Judging Schedule

January through October all judging categories will be OPEN

November..... Christmas Ornaments

December..... Carver-of-the-year

Refreshment Nights

February June September December

EOWA Monthly Meeting

Second Monday of the month, 7-9 PM

Central Center

1028 E. Sixth St. • Phone 596-1444

Open Night Carve-Ins

Every Thursday 5:30-8 PM No Fee

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Visitors are welcome at all meetings and carve-ins.

Dues

\$30 yearly, due in July.

Application, change of address and renewal form on last page.

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www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOklaWoodcarversAssoc/

Don't forget that your annual membership is due in July and that it is \$30 per family. Contact George Welliver at 918-949-6453 or mail in the handy renewal form on the last page of the newsletter.

To submit items for the newsletter send to Rusty Johnson at: ytsurjohnson@aol.com

Please check with George Welliver to see if your annual dues are paid up. They were due in July.

Next Meeting is January 11



The program for January is a secret.

At the December meeting the club voted for Carver-of-the-Year and the winner was Bob Block with his Girl's Mask (left). The second place went to Lori Hamilton and third went to Al Cross. See all the carvings are on page 2.

Remember that to be eligible for Carver-of-Year you need to win one of the monthly judging. Bring a carving to be judged and something for Show and Tell. That's a great way to participate in the club and share your experiences.

Carver-of-the-Year entrants Bob Block, Lori Hamilton and Al Cross with their entries for Carver-of-the-Year.



FYI: EOWA has received nonprofit status finally. What does this mean? The most common type of tax-exempt nonprofit organization falls under category 501(c)(3), whereby a nonprofit organization is exempt from federal income tax if its activities have the following purposes: charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering amateur sports competition, or preventing cruelty to children or animals. We can accept donations, be included in wills and bequests. We cannot support political activities or candidates.

MINUTES OF MEETING:

12-14-2015

CALL TO ORDER: Al Cross

FLAG SALUTE: Lori Hamilton

NEW MEMBERS: James Wallace
and Morty McKay

HOSPITALITY: Bill Hulsey, Irene
Hulsey and Flo Hancock.

Also remember Ann and Beryl
Franks

SHOW REPORT: Next meeting is
1-26-16 at Chuck and Cora
Mehm home.

Also the committee is planing on
including Folk Art. Only the
Wood Carving will be judged.

SHOM COMMITTEE: Need new
judges for the show. Dr. Block
and Rusty Johnson will be having
a class on this later in the year.

NEW BUSINESS: Selling used
books at next meeting, \$2.00 a
book. Need some bags and
knives to make kits for teaching
carving.

Also would like \$10 gas cards for
the people invited to teach some
of the classes. Ken Scrivner
stated he applied for and was
granted a Grant of \$2500 for the
club to look for U.S. Veterans to
participate in carving classes.
Also a motion was made and
seconded for the club to
rent a post office box .

SHOW AND TELL: Wood burning
photo by James Wallace. Police
challenge coin that had been
carved in two round plaques to be
donated to the Muskogee Police
Department by Al Cross.

CARVER OF THE YEAR: -

1. Dr Block, mask of lady face
2. Lori Hamilton, Lady
3. Al Cross gun stock.
4. Bill Payne, black bear and cub
5. Paul Wee, cane

Carver-of-the-Year entries and Show and Tell: Lori
Hamilton's pioneer woman (left); Al Cross's carved
shotgun stock (top right); Bill Payne's black bears
(above right); Paul Wee's carved walking stick (far
right); show and tell wood burning by James
Wallace (right).

Send hospitality items to Lori
Hamilton, 918-995-0940;
o2bcrvng@gmail.com

It is sort of silly to mention that this newsletter may be found on the EOWA web site since if you are reading this you have the newsletter in hand or on screen. But, note that the newsletters will be archived there so past editions will be available for reference. The site url is: www.eowa.us
If you are on Facebook you should 'Like' us for any breaking information. The address is: www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOklaWoodcarversAssoc/ or go to your Facebook page, search for 'Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers' and click on the "Like" icon.

**Reminder: Dues were due in July. Please
renew using the form on page 4. Contact
George Welliver if you have a question about
your status. Email: ghw37@yahoo.com**

**Thursday night Carve-ins are from 5:30-8:00 PM at the
Central Center.**



Note from the Kansas City Woodcarvers Guild:

As Show Chair for the 2016 KC Elegance in Wood Show and Sale, I need to inform all vendors, exhibitors, and interested parties that the 2016 show has been canceled. We were notified by John Knox Village that their pavilion was mistakenly double booked on March 17-19, 2016. Although we had reserved our show dates months in advance, we were asked to move the date of our show to the following weekend. Unfortunately, that weekend is Easter and rescheduling the show would adversely affect attendance and participation by vendors and exhibitors. We opted to reschedule our show for March 23-25, 2017.

This decision is not taken lightly and is done with great regret as we have made significant changes to improve our show and were looking forward to rolling out a new format that would bring our show to a whole new professional level.

We trust you will understand our situation and the decision we needed to make in the best interest of show success.

We look forward to seeing you in our 2017 show.

Sincerely,

Dan Robidoux

2016 Show Chair

K.C. Woodcarvers Guild

Note to all ornament carvers:

Thanks to all the carvers who made Christmas ornaments. We sent 103 to our troops. Also thanks to the Mehm's for cutting out the ornament blanks.

Thank you!

Al Cross

2016 EOWA Woodcarvers and Folk Art Festival

Our annual woodcarving show is experiencing a diminishing number of participants and as a result, a diminishing show bank account. We need more people in the doors and more artisans to rent spaces. In order to boost entries and attendance to our annual show, the committee has decided to expand our show concept to include other types of folk art. We will be inviting the following types of artists to exhibit: stained glass makers, mosaic artists, ceramicists, tole painters, weavers and basket makers, print makers, stone and metal workers, gourd artists, quilters, bead workers, jewelers, copper workers and blacksmiths.

The show and the woodcarvers and turners competitions will still exist as we know it. There is plenty of room in the UMAC for expansion for inclusion of other exhibitors. The show dates are June 10-11, 2016.

The committee will be finalizing the call for entries this month and will start communicating with other clubs and artists in the area. If anyone knows artists who would like to participate then please tell them. The only way this event can survive is if our membership is committed. Please help.



Ruby-Crowned Kinglet

Several years ago I designed and carved a ruby-crowned kinglet (left). This winter we have had a frequent visitor to our wild bird feeder (right), a real-life kinglet. This little fellow thinks of the window sill he perches on as his realm. He normally doesn't flash his ruby crown unless he is feeling the need to be flashy. I think if I left the window open he would come right in and supervise my work. His size is only 4 inches long but don't tell him, he thinks he is much bigger, especially when he flashes his crown.



Web sites of Interest

The club Web site is on line. The url is www.eowa.us. Soon to be available on the site are show registration forms, back issues of the newsletter, club by-laws, etc.

The Eagle Cane Project web site has been returned to Jack Nitz until computer program incompatibilities can be corrected. The address for the site is: www.eaglecane.com.

**EOWA Meetings and Carve-ins are at the
CENTRAL CENTER
1028 E. Sixth Street
918-596-1444**

Our meetings have returned to the Central Center where we previously met for many years. We will meet in the meeting rooms at the east end of the building just across the hall from where the Thursday night carve-ins are held. If you are not familiar with the location of the Center, it is near downtown, about 3 blocks west of Peoria on 6th Street, just east of the Inner Dispersal Loop (see map at right).



New Membership, Change of Address or Membership Renewal

Dues: \$30 for annual family membership (due each July).

Name _____

Address _____

State _____

Home phone _____

Retired: Yes No email _____

Date: _____

Spouse _____

City _____

ZIP _____

Cell Phone _____

Mail to: EOWA, George Welliver, 543 S. 120th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128. Phone 918-949-6453 Email: ghw37@yahoo.com

Provider of the wood for the carving contest at the
EOWA Annual Show
Rod Wilcox
W4115 Frog Creek Road
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Reminder: There is a weekly carve-in at the downtown Central Center, 1028 E. Sixth St., from 5:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Bring a project to carve and discuss tips and techniques with the other carvers. Also knitting and wood burning might break out! Membership renewals are due in July. Please renew using the form above. Contact George Welliver if you have a question.

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