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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  
 Central Center  
 1028 E. Sixth St. • Phone 596-1444  
 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/](http://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: [vturjohnson@aol.com](mailto:vturjohnson@aol.com)  
**Please check with George Welliver to see if your annual dues are paid up. They were due in July.**

## May 11 Meeting: May Program:

The May program is on painting. It will be the "Learn to Paint" video by Pat Moore. This should be an interesting for those who have questions or doubts about how to color your carving. Laurie Ribitzki and Betty Zumwalt have completed judges training.

Jack Nitz announced that one of the purchase awards at the show is for a raccoon carving for outdoor display. He said it can be a single figure or group.

It is not too early to start carving/turning/burning items for the summer show door prizes. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted by the Show Committee.

The Summer Show is less than two months away. Be aware of several things:

1. Any EOWA member who volunteers with the show is eligible to enter the carving contest on Saturday morning.
2. Items are needed for the hourly door prizes. Anything that is carved, turned or burned makes a nice prize.
3. Dues are due in July.
4. The Show breakfast will be at the Golden Corral at 9711 East 71st., from 7:30-9:00a.m. Any one can attend. Just show up and pay for your own breakfast. Door prizes will be given.
5. Volunteers are always needed for various tasks at the show. Contact IreneHulse before she contacts you.



**Show and Tell:** Hammerhead shark by Bill Payne (above) and Curley by Roy Heginbotham (right).

**Monthly Judging:** There were not enough carvings for the monthly judging.

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, APRIL 13-2015

CALL TO ORDER: Al Cross

FLAG SALUTE: Lori Hamilton

VISITORS: Chris-daughter of Bill and Irene Hulsey, Pat Collins

NEW MEMBERS: -0-

JACKPOT / DOOR PRIZES: Rusty Johnson won jackpot, 2 plants donated by Alyce Amend were won by Laurie and Virgil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- TREASURER: George Welliver
- HOSPITALITY: Lori Hamilton- Sympathy to Jim Stephenson and Mike Stephenson on the loss of Jane; Donna Nichols get well following knee replacement
- NEWSLETTER: Rusty Johnson- Continue sending him info for the newsletter.
- WEBMASTER: ----
- SHOW COMMITTEE: Flo Hancock- Need items for bags for exhibitors. Chuck Mehm made a wooden knife for carving contest winner. Bill Hulsey is putting together a carving kit for beginner classes. Next committee meeting at Flo's on Tuesday April 28, 2015.
- LIBRARY: Dee Baxter—no report

OLD BUSINESS: Set up to carve at 321 N. Detroit, Tulsa, Earth Day, Saturday, April 25, 10-2:00, Al Cross will have 6' table.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill and Irene's daughter discussed the "Let It Be Natural Art Festival" on August 29, 2015 at Chandler Park, 9 AM – 8 PM. She invited anyone interested to set up as vendors. Chuck & Cora stated ornament blanks are ready. Jack Nitz announced that one of the purchase awards at the show is for a raccoon carving for outdoor display. He said it can be a single figure or group. Discussed having an article each month in the newsletter highlighting different club members. Al has a piece of basswood and butternut from Mike Jackson and can get more. They are 3"x6"x4' 2 1/4" long for \$35. Laurie had hiking stick she has made with club info on it. Several are working on making hiking sticks for Oxley Nature Center hikers to use while hiking the trails and then return to the visitor's center.

SHOW AND TELL: Bill Payne- wolf & shark; Stan Townsend- crane & fallen angel; Roy Heginbotham- cowboy caricature; Alyce Amend- wooden interlocking stands

PROGRAM: Rusty Johnson, Bob Block and Bill Payne instruction on judging wood carvings.

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM: Showing of Stu Martin DVD

Send hospitality items to Lori Hamilton, 918-995-0940; [o2bcrvng@gmail.com](mailto:o2bcrvng@gmail.com)

**Show and Tell:** Bill Payne's wolf (below), cedar pelican (right) and fallen angel (below) brought by Stan Townsend, Alyce Amend's interlocking piece garage sale item (bottom right).



**Show and Tell:** Friendship cane being constructed by Thursday night carvers (below left) and Laurie Ribitzki's fish for the cane (lower right).



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](http://www.eowa.us)

If you are on Facebook you should 'Like' us for any breaking information. The address is: [www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOklaWoodcarversAssoc/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOklaWoodcarversAssoc/) or go to your Facebook page, search for 'Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers' and click on the "Like" icon.

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**Katsinas at Philbrook**  
Philbrook Museum of Art announced the important gift of 364 works of Hopi art, including katsinas (kachinas), basketry and other media from Atlanta and Santa Fe-based collector, Wayne S. Hyatt. Thirty of the pieces are now on display at the downtown Philbrook extension. Definitely work visiting for woodcarvers!



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Great Plains Woodcarvers 49th Annual Show and Sale**, May 16-17, Wichita Kan.

**EOWA Woodcarvers World 2015**, Tulsa, Union School Multipurpose activity Center (UMAC) at 68th and Garnett. June 12-13.

### Great Plains Woodcarvers 49th Annual Show and Sale, May 16-17

The Great Plains Woodcarvers invite you to participate in our 49th Annual Show and Sale. Cessna Activity Center, 2744 S. George Washington Blvd., Wichita, Kansas.

Contact: Preston Orr, 316-772 0785. email [preston\\_orr@cox.net](mailto:preston_orr@cox.net)

Great Plains Woodcarvers is having a carving seminar in conjunction with the 2015 GPW Show and Sale. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to carve under the tutelage of PJ Driscoll, member of Caricature Carvers of America.

**Project:** PJ will be teaching one of the following projects in the two-day class. Be sure to vote your preference on the application. The carving with the most votes is the everyone will carve. Additional rough-outs will be available. Be sure to indicate any additional rough-out you wish to purchase on the application.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Friday, May 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Reminder: the Great Plains Woodcarvers 49th Annual woodcarving Show and Sale is Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17.)

**Place:** Antioch Christian Church, 3741 W 15th St N, Wichita, Kansas. The seminar will take place in the basement. The church is equipped with a chair lift.

**Cost:** The cost of the class is \$150, which includes the class selected rough-out. The non-refundable reservation fee for the class is \$20, due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The remaining \$130 is due at the time of the class. Additional rough outs are extra.



Fireman by PJ Driscoll

## Founding of the Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers Association and Early Years

Jim Milton was a local woodcarver who, in the early 1970s wanted to form a local woodcarvers club to promote woodcarving in the area. In 1973 he attended the Green Country Art Association show at the Camelot Inn to see the woodcarvings. He talked with four exhibiting carvers about his idea and they were interested. The four were Bill Babb, Oran Hoover, Calvin Berry and George Turner. On September 10, 1973 the group met at the Public Service Company meeting room and decided to promote the idea and to meet every month on the second Monday.

In March, 1974, the official name was adopted and the first officers elected. They were: Jim Harrison, president; Bill Babb, vice president; Jim Milton, secretary-treasurer. Dues were set at \$3. The group registered with the National Woodcarvers Association and a membership card was designed by Larry Waid.

### 1975

The association sponsored two shows at the

Market Place (2121 E. 3rd St.), participated in the J.M. Davis Collectors' Day at the J.M. Davis Gun Museum in Claremore, manned a booth at the Tulsa State Fair, set up a display at the Nathan Hale Library, and created a newsletter to be published five or six times a year.

### 1976

The Association described itself thusly: "Even though we have grown tremendously we still exhibit characteristics of a large happy family -- helping one another, sharing, rivalry and laughter."

At the end of seven years of existence the club set forth three objectives:

First, to achieve a sense of identity and promote and maintain attendance and interest.

Second, to increase carving knowledge and skill.

Third, to promote the association and woodcarving in the community and on a regional and national level.

To achieve objective one the club ought to have stimulating meeting with sharing ideas, patterns wood and blanks. A jackpot and door prize were established and Loyd Evans suggested each member was to wear a carved name tag with a 15 cent fine for not having one. History has it that Gary Bennett forgot his one night, took a 15-inch splinter, carved his name on it, tied a string to it and hung it around his neck to avoid the fine - all before the meeting started.

From the beginning members were encouraged to carve at meetings or bring a piece to show. It was also suggested that a monthly competition be held.

A club patch was designed by Bill Payne in October of 1978.

A picnic was held in 1976 in July and since then has been traditionally held in September (with few exceptions).

In 1978 the Christmas ornament tradition was established with ornaments donated to charities. (Excerpted from *EOWA, the First Seven Years*)

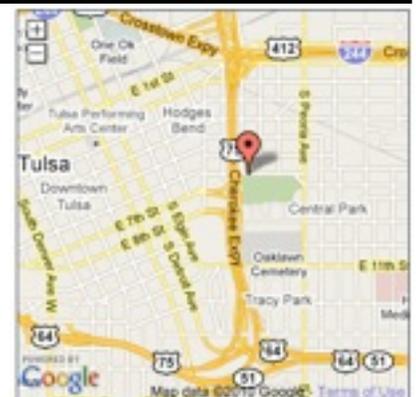
### Web sites of Interest

The club Web site is on line. The url is [www.eowa.us](http://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](http://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).



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## New Membership, Change of Address or Membership Renewal

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Retired: Yes No email \_\_\_\_\_

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Provider of the wood for the carving contest at the  
EOWA Annual Show  
Rod Wilcox  
W4115 Frog Creek Road  
Minong, WI 54859  
715-466-2283  
[fcsawmill@centurytel.net](mailto:fcsawmill@centurytel.net)

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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