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JUNE 2014 MEETING:

The June 10, 2014 meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Vanderburgh County 4H center banquet hall. As normal the business meeting will run from 6:00 until 6:30. Richard Hitch will host a mini seminar to carve a stylized Southwest Indian bear after the business meeting.

Thank you to Steve Eli and Dan Aldredge for hosting last month's mini seminar on woodburning.

SHOW:

The Club Show Committee had a meeting for the 2014 Show on May 17. Our next meeting will be on June 21, 9:00 a.m. at Sisters. We will have an open carving session during and following the Show Committee meeting. You can bring anything you like to carve on or need help on. I will have some eagle head cane topper blanks to carve on if you like.

Things are moving along on the 2014 show preparation. We had a setback last month when Frank Burghy advised us that he would not be able to attend our show after all. We are currently actively looking for a replacement tool vendor and bird carving judge.

INFORMATION:

The May meeting minutes are posted on the club web page. Thank you to Sister Anthony for publishing these for us. Please visit the club web page (address in the header of this document) for archived meeting minutes, seminar schedule, club history and other information.

2014 MEETING PROGRAMS:

We currently have the following commitments for monthly meeting programs in 2014:

June 10 – Richard Hitch
July 8 –
August 12 –
Sept. 9 – Marvin Daniels
Oct. 14 –



Oct. 25,26 – Show
Nov. 11 –
Dec. 9 – Christmas Party

Library:

Our library offers many books and magazines with a wide variety of articles. Many have step by step instructions along with patterns. Please take advantage of our library to

help you enhance your carving experience.
Kathy

SEMINARS:

The current 2014 seminars include:

Steve Oliver will offer a seminar to carve realistic face profiles or relief of your choice at Sister Anthony's on July 18, 19 & 20 – 9 am to 5 pm each day. Cost will be \$100.00.

Stu Martin: (information on what Stu Martin carves and offers as seminars can be found at www.stumartin.com). Steve Oliver has Stu scheduled to do a seminar at Sister's after the Show. The cost will be \$130.00 for this seminar plus cost of rough out.

2014 Shriners Fest

June 14-15

Your Help is Needed!

The Tri-State Woodcarvers Club has a space reserved at the first Arts and Craft Show being held during the 11th annual Shriner's Fest this year. The Arts and Craft Show will be held on Sat. and Sun., June 14 & 15, on Riverside Drive on the riverfront in Evansville. The show will run from 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday, and 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

This show will give our club a lot of exposure, and it's a great opportunity to share our craft with the public. This is also one of our best ways to promote our show in October. We need volunteers to come and carve. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on Tuesday, June 10. Please try to make some time to come and share your talents! You can bring something to show, and something to carve. We hope to have a great turnout!!



The following are pictures from a couple of the clubs most recent outings.

The picture to the right is of the Josh Guge bird carving seminar held at Ken Alvey's last month. Each carver in the group carved and painted a Roadrunner during the 5 day seminar. Look real close, Ken's bird is full size. Everyone else opted for 1/2 size birds. I had no idea how big these birds were.

The picture below is from the Azalea festival in Petersburg last month. The weather was not the best on Friday but moderated on Saturday. We had a fun time carving, promoting the 2014 Show, and making new friends.



If you have not checked out the web page "woodbeecarver.com" lately you may want to. Don Mertz is always adding new ideas. I carved the jack-O-lantern faces below, left based on one of his posts.

After last month's SCRAMBLES entry, Bob Johnson told me there was a book "Carving Whimsical Birds" by Laura Dunkle that included several egg patterns. The birds below were carved based on that book. Thanks to Bob.

SCRIBBLES :





Master † Works

Jim Tharp is a chain saw carver, and at first glance a person that has not met Jim might think the sign that highlights Jim Tharp's home studio is, well, bragging. After talking with Jim you will find that he feels that his carvings are just an expression of the gifts "THE MASTER" gave him. The "Master" in the sign is not intended to speak of the carver but an expression of where Jim feels any talents seen in his carvings truly came from.

The ear of corn with a tractor parked above is one of Jim's most recently completed commissions and is destined for a farm in Illinois.

On the following page you will find pictures of progress on a standing bear that Jim is currently working on. The wood is Sycamore and Jim reports that this tree was exceptionally hard wood. Jim and the scaffolding in the picture with the bear gives you an idea of the size of the original log and the bear. The bear is being carved in the edge of a field on highway 66 just south of Blairsville in Posey County.

Jim will be carving at the first annual Summer Stroll Art Festival this Saturday June 7 at the Red Wagon restaurant in Poseyville, IN. If you get the chance, go see what some of the local artisans are creating.

May we all strive to do "Master Works"

