

JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING:

Our January 13th Meeting will be in the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall. We will have open carving and visiting, “Happy Hour” starting at 3:30 pm. There will be a demo on cutting out a carving blank on a bandsaw at 5:00 pm. The business meeting will start at 6:00 pm. After the business meeting, Jack will lead our mini seminar. More info on the mini seminar project can be found later in this document.

A thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make the Christmas party a success. A special thank you to Kathy and Robin for once again pulling everything together.

Sale, Sale, Sale. It was suggested last year that we offer a tool sale for club members that have tools that they no longer use. This suggestion was a success and we will continue it this year. We will have a table set aside for this purpose at each meeting. If you have a tool or tools that you would like to sell, please bring them to a meeting. Please include a tag that identifies the tool, the seller, and the asking price. Please bring your wallet so you can purchase and take home more than you brought, as we all tend to do.

Please remember that if the Vanderburgh School System cancels school due to weather on the day we have a meeting scheduled, our meeting will be canceled as well.

MEETING MINUTES:

The November 2025 Meeting Minutes are posted on the Club web site. Please take the time to read and review these minutes before the January meeting. Thank you to Robin for recording the minutes and to Neil for posting them.

CLUB DUES:

Dues for 2026 will be payable at the January meeting. The 2026 roster will be set at the March



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meeting so please take care of this piece of business by then.

SHOW:

2026 Show planning starts early this year. Please plan to support this effort.

MEETING PROGRAMS:

Information coming soon.

SPECIAL:

A bonus project and pattern can be found on the last pages of this Newsletter.

ORNAMENTS:

Time to start work on those Christmas Tree ornaments for use as 2026 Show door prizes. We have remaining and will have new ornament blanks available, so plan to grab several and make chips.

Library:

Please check out the Club library in 2026. There are a lot of resources available for your use.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

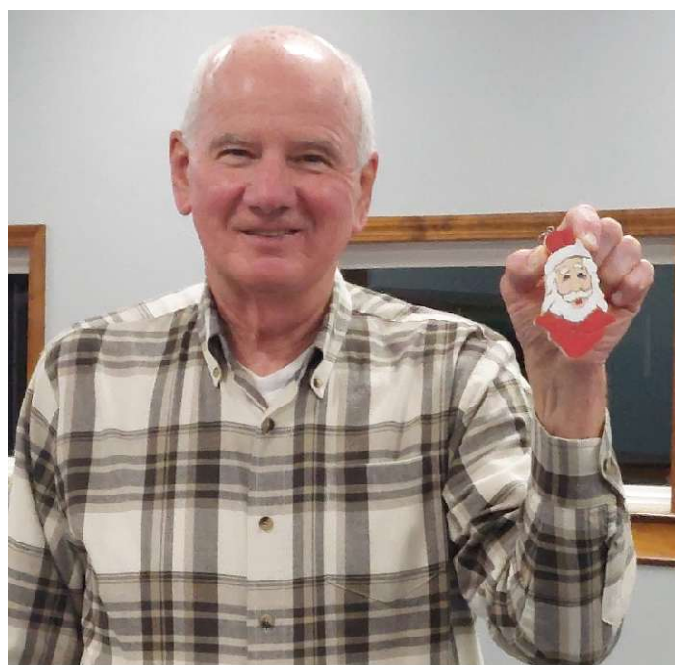
Happy New Year to All. I hope each of you have had an enjoyable holiday season and are now ready to get on with the rest of the new year. We can start paying our yearly dues now. Miss the rush, don't wait to the last minute. Just twenty-five dollars for the year for the family. Best bargain in town. As we move into the new year, please donate your time and teach a mini seminar this year. We have a few openings yet that are waiting to be filled. Since we have started a new year, I am going to throw out a President's Challenge. Carve something that is new to you. It may be a realistic bust, a caricature or an animal. Something new that you have always wanted to carve but have been reluctant to try because it's not in your wheelhouse. Give it a try. I know what I'm going to carve. I'll let you see it at the upcoming show this year. What will you have to show me?

Your Friend in Carving
JEFF

PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:





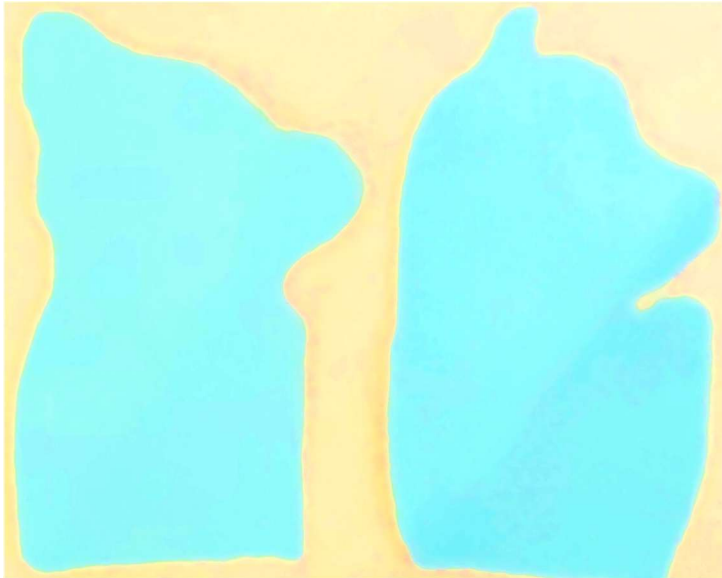




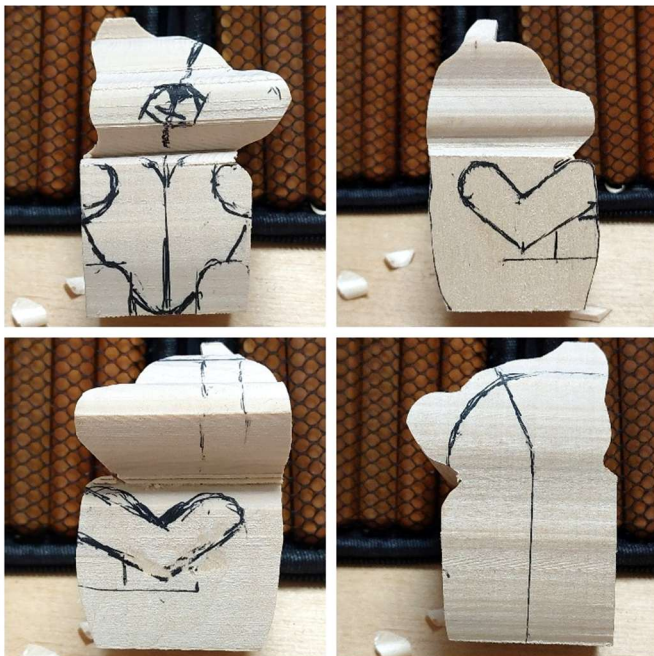


JANUARY MINI SEMINAR:

This month we will carve a bear holding a heart. Cut outs will be supplied. You will find pictures and information for the project below. This project can be modified for the bear to be holding different objects quite easily. At 5pm Jack will demonstrate the process of making a cutout for this project on a small bandsaw, for those that are interested.



Project pattern above.
Cutouts will be supplied.
Mark the major features as in picture below.
Use a V tool to outline these features as in the next picture.
Use a knife to shape head and body.
Finish out details and paint.



BONUS PROJECT:

The week before Christmas I was asked if I had any Grinch carvings to sell. I did not but I asked what she was looking for. She wanted a Grinch for her granddaughter that could set on a shelf in her room. I did a little research and did not find anything that caught my interest until I saw a scroll saw project of a Grinch shelf setter that used cord for legs. The following is my take on this project as a carving. I sketched out a pattern for the body, included below, and cut it out of a 2"x2" block. I wanted the head to be movable so I drilled a 1/2" hole in the top of the body block and cut a 1/2" round tenon on the bottom of a 1.5"x1.5" block. I carved the Grinch's head on the corner of the 1.5"x1.5" block. The boots were sketched on a piece of ornament thickness wood and cut out on the bandsaw. The legs were red paracord with a 3/8" piece of electrical heat shrink tubing on each end. This helped keep the paracord from fraying and made it easier to insert and glue in holes drilled in the body and the top of the boots. Feel free to have a go at the project. Yell if you have any questions. OH, and yes, I got it carved, painted, and delivered in time.

