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**MARCH 10, 2026 MEETING:**

Our March 10th Meeting will be in the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall. We will have open carving and visiting, "Happy Hour" starting at 3:30 pm. The business meeting will start at 6:00 pm. Our mini seminar will take place after the business meeting.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The February 2026 Meeting Minutes are posted on the Club web site. Please take the time to read and review these minutes before the March meeting. Thank you to Robin for recording the minutes and to Neil for posting them.

**SHOW:**

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

**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.

**Random Thoughts:**

If you are looking for some ideas for the president's challenge of carving something new, consider giving our Club library, Pinterest, or YouTube a look.

The Club Library has a book you might want to consider. Carving Realistic Flowers In Wood by Wanda Marsh. Wanda starts out with a Getting Started section that features safety, reference materials, tools, wood, and paint all condensed into two pages, all while being well covered. Chapter two dives directly into the first project Power Carving the Morning Glory, skill level – beginner. Chapter three features Power Carving the Hibiscus, skill level – Intermediate. Chapter four takes you through the final project Power Carving the Rose, skill level – advanced. All three projects include reference photos, patterns with grain direction and wood selection suggestions, and step by step carving instructions with pictures. Also included is a list of tools used and detailed painting instructions. Wanda suggests doing each project in succession since, even though they are separate projects, the skill sets needed build with each project.

If you have never carved a flower, you may want to consider this book when you are selecting a project for the President's Challenge. Regardless, this is a good read with a load of great information.

At last month's meeting Frank proposed we, as a Club, consider taking on doing some carvings for charity. The club discussed and voted to support this effort and donate the carvings. Kathy is looking into options for places to donate. Frank has patterns for last month's mini seminars angel that can be used for this purpose. Other considerations are the comfort crosses or comfort birds that the Club has done in the past.

Please, see last month's minutes for other items we discussed.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

Good evening to all. I hope you are doing well and carvings are progressing as planned. Our March meeting is the time to pay your dues if you have not done so already. Our membership roster will be set after this month, so please take care of business. This month's mini seminar will be given by Richard Hitch. It has been a while since Richard has led a seminar, so be prepared for an interesting project. Remember that the club provides a sale table for any items that you no longer need and would like to sell. Place your name and requested price on the items so interested parties know who to confer with. I hope to see you all at the meeting March 10. Social hour at 3:30, business meeting at 6:00, mini seminar immediately after.
Your Friend in carving,

Jeff Hancock

I'm not super experienced with wood carving.

I only know a whittle.

**PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S SHOW AND TELL:**

If I told you I knew a convoluted joke about a golf club, a sheep, a stinging insect, a tree, and that scary clown movie…

Wood ewe bee leaf It?

What do you call a sportscar carved out of Italian wood?

A Lumberghini.

**PICTURES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**