

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 MEETING:

Our September 8th 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. Thank you to Allen for teaching us how to carve simple pumpkins.



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MEETING MINUTES:

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

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:

I have placed the information at the end of this document for the ornament exchange opportunity that was discussed at our last meeting. Happy Carving.

The Club members continue to carve personal angels for Chemo Buddies. Please continue to support this effort by carving as many angels as you find time for. Frank has upped the ante by offering a chance to win one of his custom-made knives. Everyone that turns in 5 finished angels will be entered into a drawing for this knife.

Please, see previous Club minutes for other items we discussed.

President's Corner

The Countdown Is On!

It's hard to believe, but we are now down to **just a little more than eight weeks until**

Wonders in Wood! That means it's time to make sure your President's Challenge carving is well underway. The challenge is simple: **carve something you have never carved before.** It doesn't have to be perfect—it just needs to be something new for you.

Eight weeks may sound like plenty of time, but we all know how quickly those weeks can disappear. If you haven't started your President's Challenge yet,

now is the time!

November Round Table

I have declared that our **November meeting will be a Round Table**, with a special purpose: **introducing new people to the many different aspects of woodcarving and encouraging new membership in our club.**

I would like us to showcase several of the skills and techniques our members enjoy, including:

- Woodburning
- Sharpening
- Relief carving
- Whittling

In addition, I would like to have demonstrations featuring some fun, recognizable projects, including a **Cardinal, Wood Spirit, and Mouse.**

The idea is to give visitors an opportunity to see that woodcarving is much more than simply picking up a knife and carving a piece of wood. There are many different styles, skills, and techniques to explore—and there is something for just about everyone.

I'm hoping this Round Table will be an opportunity for our members to share their knowledge, show off what they enjoy doing, and perhaps inspire someone else to discover the same satisfaction we get from woodcarving.

So, keep working on that President's Challenge, get ready for Wonders in Wood, and start thinking about how you can help make our November Round Table a great introduction to the Tri-State Woodcarvers Club!

JEFF Hancock
President
Tri-State Woodcarvers Club

PICTURES FROM LAST
MONTH'S SHOW AND TELL:





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Dear Carving Club Member,

The National Wood Carvers Association (NWCA) is reaching out to its members and carving clubs across the country. We encourage you to share this email with NWCA members and carving clubs that are not currently in our email database and ask them to send their email address to nwcaweb@gmail.com so they can stay informed about NWCA programs and activities. Please also share this email with fellow woodcarvers who are not NWCA members and invite them to become part of our organization. The more carvers we reach, the stronger our woodcarving community becomes.

Third Annual Ornament Share and Care Campaign

The NWCA is proud to sponsor the **Third Annual Ornament Share and Care Campaign**, and we invite all woodcarvers to participate. Last year, carvers from across the country donated **more than 1,200 handcrafted ornaments**, which were distributed to caring facilities and brought joy to countless individuals during the holiday season. Several carving vendors have generously donated prizes, including carving knives, roughouts, gift cards, and other woodcarving items for prizes to entrants. Visit the [Holiday Ornament](#) page on the NWCA website or see the Fall issue of *Chip Chats* for campaign details and a list of sponsors. The contest is open to **all woodcarvers**. While NWCA membership is not required to participate, we encourage everyone to join and help support the organization's mission.

Entry deadline: November 1, 2026

Supporting Local Woodcarving Clubs

One of the NWCA's primary missions is to strengthen woodcarving clubs throughout the country by:

- Supporting established clubs.
- Helping smaller clubs attract new members.
- Assisting individuals interested in starting new carving clubs.

Woodcarving clubs are the backbone of our hobby. We are currently developing a guide for starting a carving club and would appreciate your ideas and suggestions. Please send your comments to nwcaweb@gmail.com.

Free Promotion for Club Events

The NWCA continues to provide **free publicity** for local carving shows, seminars, workshops, and special events through our website and *Chip Chats* magazine. We encourage clubs to submit:

- Show announcements
- Event results
- Photographs
- Success stories

To help clubs organize successful events, we recently added a [Guide to Organizing a Woodcarving Show](#) on our website under the Resource Tab. We welcome your feedback and additional ideas that may benefit other clubs.

Share Your Knowledge

One of the greatest strengths of the woodcarving community is its willingness to share knowledge and encourage others. We invite members to submit:

- Original carving projects and patterns
- Articles about their woodcarving journey
- Carving and finishing tips
- Techniques that have improved their work
- Club news and special events

By sharing your experience, you help educate and inspire woodcarvers across the country. Submission guidelines for articles and photographs are available in *Chip Chats*, and our editor is happy to assist anyone interested in preparing an article for publication.

Thank you for your continued support of the National Wood Carvers Association. We value your ideas and suggestions as we work together to preserve, promote, and advance the art of woodcarving for future generations.

We appreciate everything you do for the woodcarving community and look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

Charles

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P.S. Remember the deadline for us to receive ornaments for the Share and Care Campaign is Nov 1, 2026. Thanks for your support.