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Houston Area Woodcarvers

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# Newsletter

## President's Message

We hope you had a safe and uneventful 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and got to see some fireworks. Ours was quiet, well almost. We were lucky to be able to walk to the end of our street to watch the City of Katy fireworks and then got to listen to the neighbors enjoying theirs until midnight (or later).

There were about 25 people at the June meeting. It was good to meet our Facebook friends Kapri Durtschi and her daughter. Kapri showed us her beautiful spalted ash spoons and bowls she had carved. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up and clean up.

It's time! We're excited to see all the different ways a wooden hen egg can become a Christmas ornament. Don't forget to bring yours to the meeting July 19. Popular vote will decide the best three. I got my idea from my head on to the egg. I think it looks pretty good – kind of Grandma Moses style. Hope you like it.

The member directory was emailed to current members. A few paper copies will be at the meeting for anyone who doesn't have a printer. If there are any corrections or you'd like to include your street address, send your info to Carolyn ([carolynann@consolidated.net](mailto:carolynann@consolidated.net))

Thank you Ronnie Boston for bringing cross blanks to the June meeting. It was a help to get us off to a good start carving crosses for Faith Lutheran Day School's wall of crosses. Does anyone else have blanks or ideas for crosses to share?

Plans are progressing for our 55<sup>th</sup> Fall Show, Sale and Competition. More details are in another article in this newsletter. Don't forget to tell your friends about the show.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and seeing your Show & Tell carvings!

Carolyn & Preston Smith

## Monthly Project (Mini-class)

July project will be wood burning. Carolyn Smith has a zentangle cat to be burned.

John Curcio will be bringing the August project, Fred Childers the September project and Jamie Frontiera the November project. Thank you!

## Sunshine Corner

Jamie Frontiera will be exhibiting in the Women in the Visual and Literary Arts' RISE Juried Exhibition on July 17, 6:00-9:00 pm at Sabine Street Studios. Congratulations!

Cliff and Jackie Hebert have moved to Missouri. They are doing well and looking for a carving group.

## **Christmas in July Carving Contest**

Who will have the most favorite carving? Don't forget to bring your completed ornament. Judging will be by popular vote. After the judging we will donate the ornaments to the NWCA Share & Care Campaign. Donations must be sent in by November 1. So if anyone wants to carve more ornaments, we'll add them to the egg ornaments (or you can send separately) and send them in mid-October.

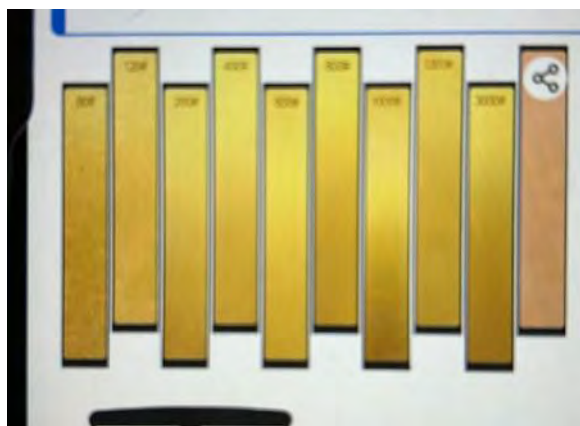
## **Update on Fall Show and Classes**

Registration for display tables and competition is NOW open. Share the competition information and registration forms with all your carving friends. The show will be at Faith Lutheran Church on October 18.

I'm excited to confirm that David Borg and Lance Rath will be the instructors for our Show Classes on October 15-17. David will be giving you a choice of four different dragons or a Santa relief carving. Lance's project will be a miniature Cuff green heron. Classes are for all skill levels and open to all carvers.

Volunteers are needed to lead committees – most of the duties are the day of the show – and to help at the show.

## Raffle





## Show Flyer

# Houston Area Woodcarvers

## Annual Fall Show, Sale & Competition

Faith Lutheran Church  
4600 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, Texas

October 18, 2025  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Awards:  
Best of Show  
Pastor's Choice

Demonstrations!

Classes October 15-17, 2025  
Instructors:  
David Borg & Lance Rath

Birds



More information:



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Caricatures



Santa's

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## Show and Tell



Zentangle Cat by Carolyn Smith is this month's class.



Mushroom by Carolyn Smith



Ronnie Boston bought this flat plane carving from a garage sale for \$3.00



## Show and Tell



Preston Smith carved this dragon in 2013 in David Borg's class.

## Show and Tell



**Brazosport Art League Presents**

### **“Houston Visual Artist Network: Artists Showcase 2025”**

Debbie Gersh, Susan Salter, Melody Locke, Deborah Ellington, Cora Salvino, Maryanne Keeling, Annie McAuley, Karla Cisneros, Liz Plaster, Rodney D. Butler, Diana Waguespack, Janice Jackson, Kathie Nelson, Jamie Frontiera and Suzanne Buckland

**The Center for the Arts and Sciences.....**

**College Blvd, Clute, TX**

**July 8 – August 10, Tuesday-Saturday 11-2, Sundays 2-5**

Reception July 11, 6:30-8:00 PM

Jamie Frontiera has entered woodcarvings in this show (see above). She will also be exhibiting in the Women in the Visual and Literary Arts' RISE Juried Exhibition on July 17, 6:00-9:00 pm at Sabine Street Studios. Congratulations!

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### Christmas in July Carving Contest

- Carve a Christmas ornament from a basswood hen egg.
  - Any style carving and/or wood burning.
  - Must have a way to hang it on a Christmas tree.
  - Judging will be at the July meeting by popular vote.
    - One entry per person.
- Ornaments will be donated to the NWCA Share & Care Campaign.

The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, July 19, 2025, at the Faith Lutheran Church Day School Community Center, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX

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