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Houston Area Woodcarvers

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Newsletter

President's Message

Preston and I really enjoyed our Upper Mississippi River cruise last month. We did miss being at the club meeting and visiting with you. It was great to hear that Art Bonlie visited and Paul Kendrick became a new member. We're looking forward to meeting both of you this month.

We were very surprised and saddened that Buddy Ives passed away. Buddy has been a member for many years. He's also a past president and recipient of HAWC's George R Mobley award. Several of HAWC members attended Buddy's memorial service to say good-bye and give Sondra our love.

Thanks for continuing to carve crosses for Faith Lutheran's wall of crosses. Lance tells us that more crosses were brought to the July meeting. I'm sure there's room for more on the wall so let's see how many styles of crosses we can carve!

The Fall Show is coming

next month. **There's still room in the classes and for show tables — We need you!** Remember registration deadline is October 1. We know you have projects you want to show off and that special 2 or 3 carvings you think are the best in the land so why not have a display table and enter the competition?

We're always looking for ways to help members and friends to grow their skills and have more fun. If you have ideas please share them with us. One of the best things about HAWC is the way everyone is always willing to share their knowledge and skills and friendships. We have at least two small groups who meet weekly: The Thursday Carvers at Bayland Community Center and the Monday Night Carvers at the Smith's Shop in Katy. Are there more? All are welcome to come.

Happy Carving! and keep the chips flying.

Carolyn & Preston Smith

Monthly Project (Mini-class)

Fred Childers is bringing the September project (wiggly jack-o-lanterns) and Jamie Frontiera the November project (chip carving). Thank you! December will be our annual Christmas party so there won't be a class.

Sunshine Corner

HAWC has a tradition of planting trees in memory/honor of its members. This month a donation was made to LivingTribute.org to plant 50 trees in Central Texas (Blanco, Travis and Hays Counties) in memory of JoAn Brueggeman and Buddy Ives.

Obituary for Buddy Ives:

www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/houston-tx/george-ives-12505050

Time is running out to register for the Fall Show and Classes!

The show will be at Faith Lutheran Church on October 18, and classes on October 15-17. Tell all your friends about the show.

Registration Count:

Classes: 6 (maximum 10 in each class; room for 14 more)

Show Tables: 9

Please register at the September meeting or mail your registration to Carolyn Smith. Forms are on our website and will be at the meeting.

Deadline is October 1.

Please let Jamie Frontiera know if you have items for the raffle and/or bring them to the September meeting.

Thanks to our volunteers:

Door Prize/Raffle – Jamie Frontiera — need a chairman

Carving Check In – Carolyn Smith, chairman; Nancy Ustin — need one more

Judge's Helper – Fred Childers

Whittling Contest – Kevin Lawson, chairman — need a member

Photography – HELP

Outdoor Signs – Fred Childers, chairman

Set up/Clean up – Shen Liang, John Curcio — need a chairman

Coffee - HELP

Help is needed; most of the duties are the day of the show. We know we can count on you!

HAWC Thursday Woodcarving Group Joins Bayland Weekly Programming

Our weekly Thursday woodcarving group has been invited to be a part of Bayland's ongoing monthly programming. Before relocating our Saturday meetings to Faith Lutheran Church, HAWC had applied to be considered for Bayland's ongoing programming. Bayland recently reached out and asked our Thursday afternoon woodcarving group to become an official part of their weekly programming.

To help grow our community and reach even more potential woodcarvers, the Thursday group will now officially meet from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM beginning in November in Room 9. This new schedule will be advertised in Bayland's monthly newsletter and other communications.

Bayland is working to include support for our group in their upcoming budget. In the meantime, we kindly ask for your help. If you have any spare carving knives or other tools that you would be willing to donate or lend, they would be greatly appreciated and put to good use during our Thursday meetings by any newcomers.

Thank you for helping us expand and support our woodcarving community! We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at our upcoming sessions and will ask them to join HAWC in our monthly Saturday meetings at Faith Lutheran Church.

Carving Wiggle Jack-O-Lanterns with Fred Childers



Fred Childers will teach the class this Saturday carving wiggle jack-o-lanterns. The same idea can be used to make wiggle snowmen. You can make 2 or even 3 out of a 1 X 1 inch stick. Come and join us. It should be fun!



Show and Tell



Bill Todd



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Ronnie Boston



Mike Moeskau

Show and Tell



Kenan Schultz



Fred Childers

Show and Tell



Jamie Frontiera



John Curcio's Class



Scenes from the Meeting





The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Faith Lutheran Church Day School Community Center, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX

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