

HAWC Newsletter

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Houston Area Woodcarvers
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President's Message

We had a great turnout for the June meeting - the room was full and chips were flying - Fred Childers' mini-bird group project was "standing room only". It was nice to meet our visitors **Sarah Mohalley** and **Gary and Parker Dobbs**. Sarah carved and painted one of Fred's mini-birds and Parker tried his hand at chip carving and learning basic carving techniques. He was a good sport and let me learn how to teach carving by being my first student. I need a lot more practice and Parker did very well. Thank you for coming and we hope to see you again this month.

I did it! I finally got my design figured out and on the blank for my entry in the Christmas in July carving contest. How's your coming? You are a very creative group, and I can't wait to see what y'all have made out of the heart and star blanks. Don't forget to bring them to the July meeting.

It's hard to believe 2026 is half over. Have you decided which of your carvings you will be entering in the Fall Show competition? There's only about 3 months left to get them finished. Now is the time to start thinking about our annual December Christmas party, things HAWC would like to do in 2027 and 2027 officers.

I'm hoping to see lots of unique carvings this month in the Christmas in July contest and Show & Tell. See you on the 18th!

Carolyn Smith

Monthly Project (Mini-class)

Many thanks to Fred Childers for the June project – miniature, stylized birds. It looked like everyone had a good time carving these little

birdies. There was even a shortage of blanks. We're hoping Fred will bring this project again in 2027.

Ronnie Boston is bringing Christmas ornament blanks for July — elves! These little guys look like a fun carve. August will be a wood burning class with Carolyn Smith and in September Neil Busso will bring the project, an owl.



Christmas in July Contest

It's time! The ornaments will be judged by popular vote at the July meeting. First, Second and Third place will be determined by the highest number of votes. These and any other ornaments you'd like to contribute will be sent to Chip Chats in October for the 3rd Annual Holiday Ornament Share & Care Campaign.

Sunshine Corner

Evelyn Goertz and Helen Havemann were able to come to the June meeting — welcome back!

Parker and Gary Dobbs have been coming to the Katy Monday Carving Group. Parker is very talented in drawing and is doing very well learning to wood burn (and Dad, Gary, is doing well too). We're so happy to have them come.

Donna and Dallas Deege are in need of our prayers as Donna is in the hospital.

Fall Show

Save the Dates! — October 14 – ~~18~~ 17! Classes will be Wednesday – Friday, October 14-~~17~~ 16 and the show will be October ~~18~~ 17. Mike Duhon and Gene Messer will be teaching the classes and Jerry McNulty is in charge of the Whittling Contest. It will be a fun four days — learning to carve little characters, cowboy bolo, wood spirit, and Santa and then sharing our carvings with show visitors and friends. Don't forget the friendly competition on show day. It's not too soon to start/finish your entries for the competition. Plan now to have a display table and enjoy talking about your art. Registration starts this month.

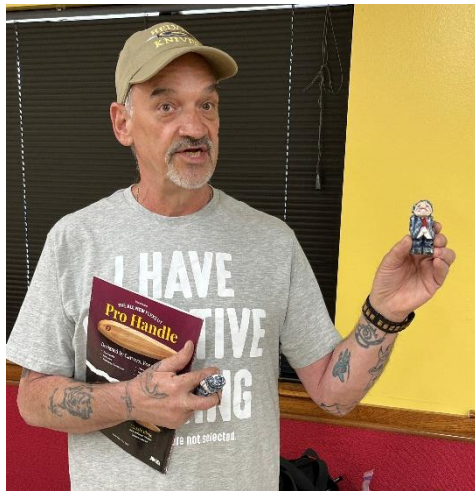
Community Service Projects

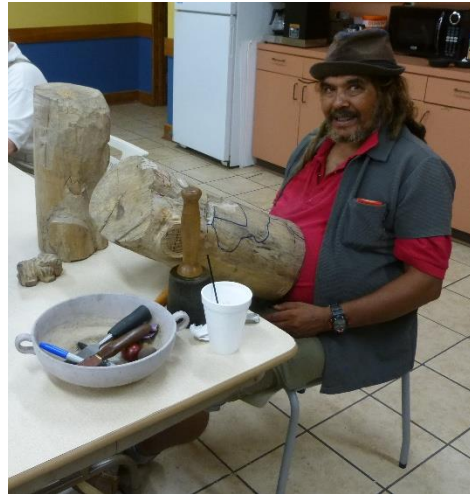
Don't forget our two community service projects — Faith Lutheran's Wall of Crosses and comfort crosses/birds/animals for Faith House Ministry (at Faith Lutheran). All sizes and styles are appreciated. If you have a pattern or can make blanks to share, please bring them to the meeting.

Photos from the HAWC Meeting June 2026









Fred Childer's Class



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The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from
9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Faith
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