



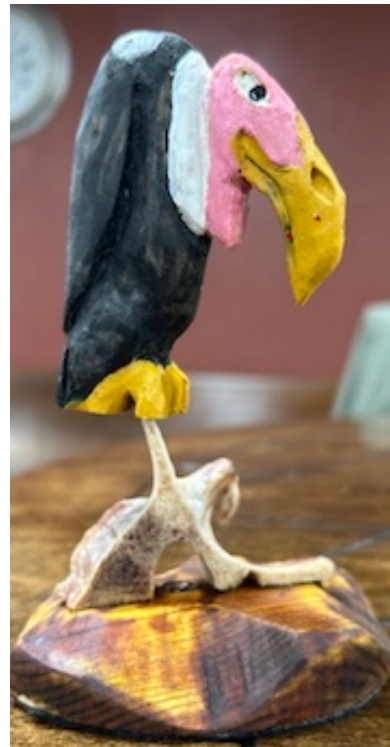
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 14, 7:00PM.

The February meeting will be the **Valentine** meeting where we will have **refreshments!** Please bring a small Valentine appropriate treat or snack. The program will be "Know Your Fellow Carvers".

The meeting will be as usual at the St. Stephens Methodist Church, 400 W. New Orleans, in Broken Arrow.



Show and Tell for January: (far left) charging bison carved from basswood by Steve Walter. Bill Payne carved the vulture perched on a hambone (left) and elephant (bottom) carved by Bill Payne. Stan Townsend brought the seam ripper (below) from a German scissor manufacturer which would make a great detail knife.



YEARLY DUES WERE DUE IN JULY. DUES ARE \$30.00 FOR THE YEAR. SEE ROY H.

Note that the past newsletters are archived on our web site and will be available for reference. The web site url is: www.eowa.us
If you are on Facebook you should 'Like' us for any breaking information. The address is: www.facebook.com/groups/EasternOklaWoodcarversAssoc/ or go to your Facebook page, search for 'Eastern Oklahoma Woodcarvers' and click on "Like" icon.

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Jim Milton Judging

Judging is back at the monthly meetings. Bring a carving. As participation grows a schedule of monthly subjects will be re-instituted.
November Christmas Ornaments
December Christmas Party

Refreshment Nights

February and December

EOWA Monthly Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM
St. Stephens Methodist Church,
400 W. New Orleans, in Broken Arrow.

Monday Night Carve-Ins

Every Monday: 6:30-8:30 PM No Fee
St. Stephens Methodist Church,
400 W. New Orleans, in Broken Arrow.
Visitors are welcome at all meetings and carve-ins.

Dues

\$30 yearly, due in July.
Application, change of address and renewal form on last page.
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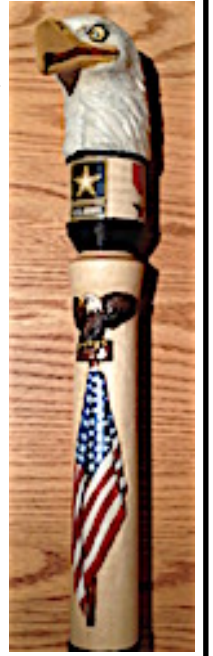
MINUTES OF MEETING: 1/10/2024

23 Members present
CALL TO ORDER: John Ferrante
FLAG SALUTE: Paul Barry
JACKPOT: Royall Sams
DOOR PRIZES: Mini snowmen carved by Rusty Johnson won by Arthur Barber, Blake Warner and Bill Burling
TREASURE REPORT: \$3580.82 Round to it to be here next meeting.
LIBRARY REPORT: More visits to library this meeting. All are welcome.
HOSPITALITY: Long time member of club passed away. Jack Nitz.



Rusty Johnson carved the cowboy (left) for the "Ugly Cowboy" contest at the Caricature Carvers of America annual show. Curly didn't win.

Services for longtime EOWA member Jack Nitz will be at 2:00 pm, February 17, 2024 at Green Hill Funeral Chapel, 400 E. Teel Rd, Sapulpa, OK.
Jack initiated the Eagle Cane project to honor injured veterans. One of the many, many, many canes he carved (right).



Gary Bennett's first stone carvings of 2024.

Bill Payne expressed his gratitude for the gift card that participants in his eagle carving seminar presented him at the end of the carve-fest. He said "yummy."

NEWSLETTER: Send all updates to Rusty Johnson. All news appreciated.
SEMINARS: Put on by Bill Payne will be an Eagle. Dates are 1/16th, 17th and 18th.
SHOW REPORT: Refreshments at meetings are starting back up on 2/21/2024. All members are invited to join. We need all the help we can get.
NEW BUSINESS: Suggested that we need a new name for the show club.
SHOW AND TELL: Elephant and Buzzard both carved by Bill Payne, High relief Buffalo carved by Steve Walters and a Cowboy carved by Rusty Johnson. All were great carvings.

PROGRAM: Tools used by Rusty Johnson. Where he used them and why. Lot of useful information.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO NEXT MEETING ON 2/14/2024. WE WILL BE HAVING REFRESHMENTS THAT NIGHT. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

The first meeting of the show committee will be on the third Wednesday of February 21. Please attend and see how you can help make the Annual Show great!

Big Belly Oak in England.

According to legend, "The devil appears to anyone who dances naked at midnight twelve times anti-clockwise around the Big Belly in Savernake Forest." The Big Belly Oak is an ancient oak tree in the Savernake in Wiltshire, England and is the oldest oak in the Savernake. It was planted around the year 1000, making it approximately 1,200 years old. It would have been a young tree at around the time that William the Conqueror defeated King Harold in 1066. As part of Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002, the Big Belly Oak was named as one of 50 Great British Trees, a collection of significant trees in the United Kingdom. The Big Belly Oak is a sessile oak tree (*Quercus petraea*). It is enormously fat, with a maximum girth of 11.18 metres at a height of 1.20m. Its estimated volume is 40m³. The oak has a large cavity in its centre, likely an effect of pollarding. In 2014, the Big Belly Oak was shortlisted for Tree of the Year in the annual competition held by the Woodland Trust.]



Keep on Truckin' Santa, (below) was carved by Rusty Johnson for a friend who has a Santa collection numbering in the hundreds.



New Membership, Change of Address or Membership Renewal

Dues: \$30 for annual family membership (due each July). Date:

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Retired: Yes No email _____

Mail to: EOWA, Roy Heginbotham, 63910 E. 297 Ln. Grove, OK 74344.



EOWA dues are due July 1 each year. Please send your check to: EOWA, Roy Heginbotham, 63910 E. 297 Ln, Grove, OK 74344

Or bring your check to the meeting and hand it over to Roy personally.