



Newsletter

Carving with Jamie Frontiera

This Saturday Jamie Frontiera will teach us how to carve a chip carved rainbow fish.



President's Message

It's November already and the show is behind us! What a great show it was! I want to thank our Show Committee for all of their hard work, I want to thank those that helped out by filling in the gaps such as those who helped judging, those who brought the donuts and coffee, and others that helped with the tickets and the whittling contest just to name a few! I especially want to thank all of those who came out to display their work and those who were competing in the show! We were told that we had about a hundred people come through the show, which I think is fantastic.

Just to shift gears, I want give you some of my thoughts on carving. Maybe something to think about as we are looking forward to 2024. Carvers should always be striving for

excellence in their craft. There's an old saying, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got!" There are some attitudes that carvers should cultivate; 1) Commitment - carving is tedious and hard work, it's easy to cut one's self short or not even finish the carving all together. Inspiration will get a carving started but commitment competes the carving.

2) Humility - beginning carvers can be a little unrealistic about what they can achieve, and what happens is the beginner gets frustrated and never finishes the carving. One must ask themselves, "what am I trying to accomplish? How do I get from here to there? What steps need to be taken to complete this piece?"

3) Playfulness - Don't take yourself too seriously, mistakes are

going to be made and it is possible to abuse oneself about the mistake. Forgive yourself and regroup and move forward. The more playful you can be, the more creative you become.

4) Fearlessness - remember, it's only a block of wood! Like the old joke, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time! 😊" I've been in situations where I didn't know if I was going to be able to complete a carving due to the challenge of the carving. Take the time to examine your work and imagine how you will be able to work through the obstacle. Don't hesitate to ask for advice.

Happy carving!

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October Classes



Fred Childers' Class



Lance Rath's Class





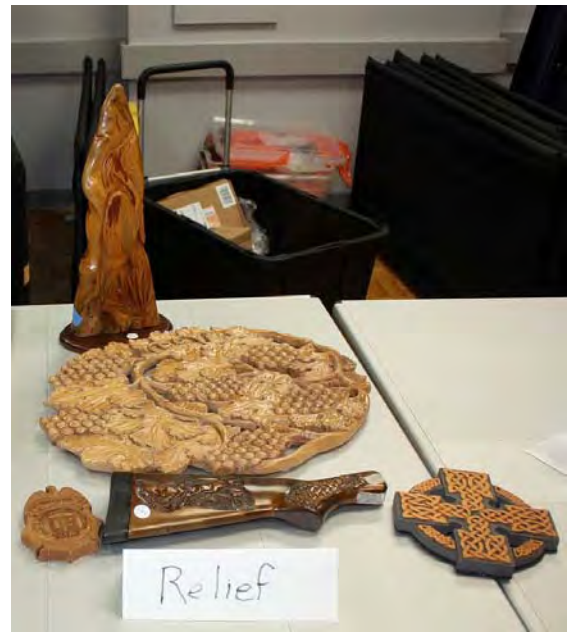
Jerry McNulty's Class



Carving Contest



Woodcarving Show







BEST OF SHOW

Individual Tables and an Outstanding Table





Ronnie Boston's Carving Table

The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St., Houston, TX 77074.

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