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Houston Area Woodcarvers

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# Newsletter

## President's Message

Christmas in July was awesome! We are so impressed by the creativity of our members — a couple kissing under the mistletoe, a penguin, a Santa chick, the Little Drummer Boy, a Santa mouse, a hinged diorama, ball in an egg, and more. Congratulations to the winners:

First Place – Kevin Lawson

Second Place – Ronnie Boston

Third Place – Jamie Frontiera and Pete Reitinger

The tie for third place was a big surprise! The winners were presented with a small trophy and given bragging rights. Great participation; thanks everyone!

There were about 28 people at the July meeting. It was good to meet another Facebook friend Ellen Hutto. Thanks to everyone who helped with set up and clean up.

The crosses for Faith Lutheran Day School's wall of crosses is off to a good start. We have five completed crosses. Matt Brueggeman has donated several of JoAn's chip carved crosses which need a finish. Any size, any style cross is good. We probably need more larger crosses as the ones we have are small. Plans are to donate them late this year or early next or maybe both. Does anyone have blanks or ideas for crosses to share?

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

We're won't be at the August meeting because our flight home from vacation is on club day. We look forward to seeing photos of the Show & Tell carvings!

Carolyn & Preston Smith

## Monthly Project (Mini-class)

The August project will be stacked jack-o-lanterns. John Curcio created the project to help us think about cooler weather. Fred Childers is bringing the September project (wiggle jack-o-lanterns) and Jamie Frontiera the November project (chip carving). Thank you!

## Sunshine Corner

Claribel Rojas is visiting Lima, Peru. Can't wait to see photos and hear about her trip.

John Kidd is having an art show September 13, 2025 at 6-9pm. The address is 7903 Leader St, Houston, TX 77036. Lance Rath made this comment about John's show: "John's work is exemplary. Gail and I went to his last one a few years ago and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We'll be attending this one as well!"

## Carving a Pumpkin Stack with John Curcio



The project is to carve a stack of pumpkins (low relief) from a cut-out. The tools required will be a sharp knife and a sharp V-tool. The difficulty of the project is "easy". I will have several "go-bys" as examples and 10 Cut-outs for people interested in carving one. John Curcio

## 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 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.

## Egg Carving Contest



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Second Place: Ronnie Boston



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## Show and Tell



Ronnie Boston





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Kenan Schultz



Lance Rath: green heron



Mike Crosson

## Show and Tell



Kevin Lawson





## Show and Tell and Woodburning Class



Crosses carved for Faith Lutheran's Day School



Carolyn Smith's woodburning class



## Jamie Frontiera: Recent Awards and Exhibits

<https://synkroniciti/jamie-frontieras-the-koi-fish-pond-wins-synkronicitis-dreams-cover-contest/>



Jamie Frontiera's Koi Fish Pond was chosen to be the cover image for the summer *Synkroniciti* poetry magazine theme on dreams. Above is the link about the announcement.

Jamie's carving *The Courage To Stand* received honorable mention in the Rise exhibition presented by WiVLA. The Rise exhibition will still be available to see free of charge until August 31st at Sabine Street studios, 1907 Sabine Street, Houston TX 77007.





## Scenes from the July Meeting





## Raffle Items



I want to thank Pat Morgan for her generous donation to the club! Kenan Schultz



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The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from 9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the Faith Lutheran Church Day School Community Center, 4600 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, TX

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