

# Newsletter



## President's Message

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

It's so hard to believe that 2025 is almost over. As I look back, it has been an exciting, happy and sad year. Attendance at our monthly meetings has been averaging about 25, we had great participation in the Fall Show and Competition, members are saying what they like (and don't). We've supported our community through crosses for Faith Lutheran and helping the Kerrville flood victims. We participated in the National Wood Carvers Christmas ornament campaign. On a not-so-happy note, several of our members have dealt with illness this year, and we said good-bye to Tom Warren, Buddy Ives, and Rita Ryser who all went to be with our Lord.

We are anxiously waiting for a healthy, happy 2026 to begin. A year filled with growth for HAWC, new carving techniques to learn, making new friends, mini carving contests, and more of us sharing our knowledge. And FUN, lots of

Fun!

Do you hear sleigh bells? Cooler weather has finally arrived. December is our annual Christmas party. We will have a pot luck lunch and carving exchange. The club will provide the meat, drinks and paper goods. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. To participate in the carving exchange bring a carving (or wood burning). Santa may visit again this year; watch out for elf mischief!

Carolyn & Preston Smith

### Monthly Project (Mini-class)

December will be our annual Christmas party so there won't be a class. Charlie Holden will teach a class on carving miniature people in January. More volunteers are needed for 2026 — Ronnie Boston, Carolyn Smith, and Jamie Frontiera will be teaching classes. That leaves room for 5 more volunteers!

### Sunshine Corner

We're thankful that Judy Schultz, Kenan's wife, got good

news after her surgery and is on the mend. Zhifen Li has been under the weather lately; we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon.

### 2026 Club Dues

Dues are due in January. At the November meeting it was decided to increase the dues to **\$30** per year per family — carver and spouse; parent(s) and children under age 18.

### Crosses for Faith Lutheran

Thanks for the crosses that were brought to the November meeting. We will be giving the first group of crosses to Faith Lutheran in January. This will be an on-going project in 2026. We need medium to large crosses — any style of carving or wood burning.

### CORRECTION

In the list of 2025 Fall Show Awards, it was incorrectly listed that Jamie Frontiera won second place in relief and Kevin Lawson won first place. Jamie won first place with her tree relief and Kevin won second place with his barn design on a box.

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**From Charles Saap, President National Wood Carvers Association:**

Dear Carvers,

Thank you for being a part of our second annual Holiday Ornament Share & Care Campaign! We are excited to share that we received 1,274 entries from across the United States—an amazing response.

We would appreciate any opportunity to help promote the art of carving and to recognize your efforts. If you have a

newspaper or local publication that may be interested in sharing this story, please email us at [nwcaweb@chipchats.org](mailto:nwcaweb@chipchats.org) with their contact information. We will be happy to provide them with a press release, photo, or write-up to help spread awareness of this campaign.

Thank you again for your support of the National Wood Carvers Association. If you are not already a member of the NWCA, consider joining to help support our efforts. We

look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season.

Warm regards,  
NWCA Board of Directors

12/3/2025

## Show and Tell

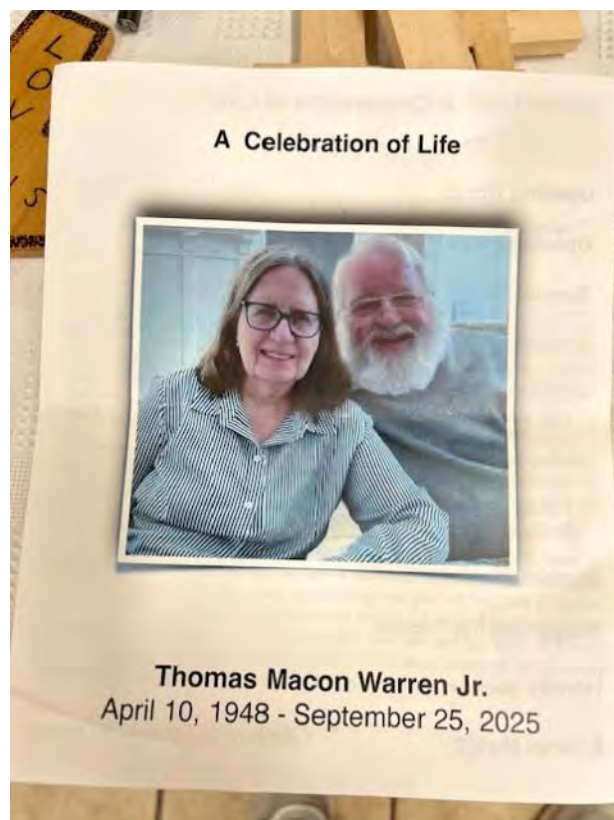


Carolyn Smith





One of Tom Warren's Last Carvings



Charlie Holden





Bill Todd





Paul Kendrick



Metal Cross, artist unknown

## More Crosses







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

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