

# HAWC Newsletter

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**(HAWC)**

## President's Message

Welcome to Gokul Nair, our newest member! We are excited that you have joined HAWC.

Congratulations to Willie Holden and Jamie Frontiera! They entered the carving competition at the Texas Wood Carvers Guild Spring Round Up and came back winners. Willie's pyrography of a mermaid won the Best of all the Intermediate entries. He also won first place in the pyrography category. Jamie won First Place in chip carving and Second Place for both her ballerina carving and relief carving. HAWC's good friend, Jerry McNulty, won Best of Show Runner Up. Check out the TWG Facebook page for awesome photos and videos of the Round Up. I'm sure Charlie, Willie, Jamie and Nancy will tell us all about their exciting week.

Thank you Ronnie Boston for providing the April project. "Mr. Sunshine" was a fun carve. I saw a lot of different personalities for him as I peeked at what everyone was carving. Will they be painted for Show 'n Tell?

The Christmas in July carving contest blanks were delivered after we got home from the April meeting. The blanks are 5-inch hearts and stars. They have a pattern on them, but the pattern doesn't have to be followed — it's just to give you ideas. Let your imagination run wild in designing your ornament for the competition. It was decided to have a donation basket to help offset the cost. Contributions are appreciated. We're looking forward to hearing what has inspired you this past month and seeing your finished carvings and/or works-in-progress. Mine are mostly works-in-progress.

Carolyn Smith

## Monthly Project (Mini-class)

### Painting Caricatures & other non-realistic carvings

This month Carolyn Smith will share tips on painting caricatures and other non-realistic carvings. You will need to bring a carving that has been “sealed”, either by spraying with spray lacquer or boiled linseed oil. A #4 or #6 flat paint brush and a liner brush are also needed.

Fred Childers will bring the June project – miniature, stylized birds. Photos are on the website on the calendar page.



### Community Service Projects

We now have two community service projects! Thank you so much for wanting to support the community where we carve.

We are continuing to carve crosses for Faith Lutheran’s Wall of Crosses. We’ve learned that it is a big wall! All sizes and styles of crosses are appreciated. Larger crosses will help fill up the wall faster.

At the April meeting it was decided to carve Comfort crosses, birds, and animals for Faith Lutheran’s Faith House Ministry. They provide assistance to families undergoing treatment in the Houston Medical Center. <https://faithbellaire.org/faith-house> If you have a pattern or can make blanks to share, please bring them to the meeting.

## Fall Show

The search is on for instructors for the Wednesday-Friday classes before the show. **Save the Dates! – October 14 – 17!** The recent survey to find out what type of classes are most wanted, let us know that there is enough interest to have two classes. The interests are caricature, stylized, and decoy. Now, we need to find instructors who haven't budgeted all their vacation time or don't have to be concerned about a "paying" job.

It's not too soon to start/finish your entries for the competition. Plan now to have a display table and enjoy sharing your art. The show will be **October 18.**

## Sunshine Corner

Willie Holden and Jamie Frontiera are all smiles because of their success at TWG Spring Round Up. See below. Carolyn Smith is all smiles because of the support and generosity of HAWC members.

## HAWC Winners at the TWG Show



Willie Holden won the Best of Intermediate Category



Jamie Frontiera won first place in Open Chip Carving.  
(stacked boxes)

She won second place in Open Relief Carving. (tree)

She won second place in Open Stylized Carving. (dancer)

# Photos from HAWC meeting April 2026







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The Houston Area Woodcarvers meet this month from  
9am-2pm on the 3rd Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Faith  
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