



# Going with the Grain

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***We have a winner - Congratulations to Ruth Elsner for the successful entry in our name the newsletter contest. The contest proved to be a challenge for the executive committee. There was excellent participation from the club members and all of the entries were great. There were a total of twenty five entries making the task of selecting only one very difficult. The committee decided to use a process of elimination to find the best choice. The final result was a unanimous vote for Ruth Elsners entry "Going with the Grain" Ruth will be awarded a free membership in the club for the 2011 – 2012 seasons. We would like to extend our appreciation and sincere thanks to all that participated in the contest.***

***Great Job To Everyone That Entered***

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Things just keep getting better and better. As we begin our busy season the level of participation and enthusiasm is nothing short of exciting. We have a great name for our newsletter. Our first demonstration by Lynn Sheeley started with almost everyone at the meeting attending. The demonstration was filmed by Mark Farrell and Bill Brain and will be made into a DVD for our library. WOW great job. Our executive committee meeting was very productive with some super suggestions on how to improve show and tell and our club show. We are exploring the possibilities of joining efforts with other clubs and better locations for exhibits and perhaps our club show. This might enhance our opportunities for advertising and exposure. I would encourage feedback from all interested members. This is your club let us know what you think. We also had a great turn out for the "Fall for the Arts" event at the Alliance of the Arts. Thank you to all that participated. Everyone agreed it was a beneficial event worth the effort. (Review the articles in this newsletter for details of items in this message.) **We will hold our first official club meeting on the first Wednesday in December.** Until then ----- KEEP CHIPPIN AWAY.

## FEATURED ARTIST

### JIM HAUSLER

#### JIM TALKS ABOUT HIS CARVING LIFE

*I started my carving "life" by doing a cute little bird and it was fun. However carving only birds for me would have been boring. I wanted to be challenged and not get into a rut. To me achieving a new level of expertise is exhilarating and the compliments feel good too. New ideas are all around us. You may see an interesting carving that you can modify or personalize using your own distinct ideas. You may see a picture that can be brought to life with a relief or three dimensional carving. The possibilities are endless and limited only by your imagination. I would strongly urge my fellow carvers to try this approach ... It worked for me! Carving for me has and continues to have many rewards. I have enjoyed many friendships with my association with our club. I am always available to assist any member in any way I can. Submitted by Jim Hausler*

#### LIBRARY-REPORT

*I am pleased to announce that Bill Bryan has volunteered to be the assistant librarian. I know that with Bob and Bill tending our interests the library will continue to be an excellent resource. Thanks Bill*



**NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> – RELIEF ARTISTRY CLASS STARTS  
 INSTRUCTORS: MARC, BILL, LYNN & KEN  
 NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>- NATURAL WOOD FINISHING CLASS  
 INSTRUCTOR: JIM HAUSLER  
 NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> – POWER TOOL CARVING DEMO  
 INSTRUCTOR: JOHN FRANZ  
 NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> – PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS CLASS  
 INSTRUCTOR: SUZANNE MIKULKA

If you are interested in any of the above classes or demos we would suggest you register as soon as possible. Some have a maximum class limits and most have some items supplied by the instructor. Early registration will assure adequate supplies. **Note: There is a schedule change for AI day's class on carving the four part rose. The first class will start on the first Wednesday in January 2012.**

**HELPFUL-HINTS**



Many of you have found ways to do things better, faster or easier. Why not share your ideas. Write a short article and submit it for the December issue?

**CENTER LINE - CENTER LINE – CENTER LINE**

How many times do we try to remind ourselves to keep re-drawing our guidelines? Worse yet how many times do we forget only to regret that our project is lop-sided or that we removed wood we wish we didn't. Try this on your next project. Instead of using a pencil, use a marking pen like a sharpie. Use the marker to draw your center line and your guidelines. Then use a different color marker to color or X the areas where you want to remove wood. ( see picture ) Now your subject stands out in unmarked wood. This also takes a lot of guess work out of how much wood to remove and speeds up roughing out the entire project. One word of caution: Do not use this method for natural finished projects unless you want to do an enormous amount of sanding. The marker ink penetrates the wood. **Submitted by Dom Bello**

**SHOW AND TELL**

Show and tell is not for just showing off our talents but a showcase of opportunity to inspire and encourage others and to learn and improve our own skills. Show and tell is for carvers of all levels. All members are encouraged to enter your completed project. Starting in December we will have two tables, one for novice and intermediate carvers and one for carvers with more advanced skills. Tables will be available each week, but our actual show and tell will be the third Wednesday of each month. Artists that wish to display their work will submit an entry at the first meeting of each month. A structured outline will be used so as to allow everyone equal time. This can be a helpful and interesting activity for our club. We welcome any additional suggestion for improvement.



**ALLIANCE FALL FOR THE ARTS EVENT**



The weather was perfect the turnout was great and our display was awesome. The patrons for the event showed a genuine interest. This was a great opportunity to display our Art, promote the Harborside show and our Club. As an ongoing effort to expand our visibility with other Art forms we shared our booth with The Wood Turners Club. It all went well. We will be exploring further joint efforts with them and other clubs.

**Thought for the day** - I once heard a saying that went "What if volunteers didn't". That made an impression on me and I hope it will for some of you. As we expand our efforts to share this great Art form we could use your help. Interested – talk to someone on the committee







