

## **HUDSON VALLEY WOOD CARVERS EST. DEC 1974**

The Hudson Valley Wood Carvers is a club  
for people who enjoy wood-carving.  
The club was founded in December 1974  
For the purpose of promoting the art of Wood Carving  
In the Hudson Valley.

### **Our Mission Statement**

Our club will strive to preserve, practice, perpetuate and propagate the art of woodcarving. We will utilize our unique talents to help others learn woodcarving as we also improve our own skills. Our meeting and workshops will be a forum of learning, teaching, and social interaction. We will participate in community activities and put on displays to further our contact with the community. Our legacy will be that the art of woodcarving in the Hudson valley will be preserved because of our club.

### **Club Meetings**

Club meetings are held on the first (3) three Mondays of each month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Church, located at the corner of Route 44 and Traver Road in Pleasant Valley, NY. The first two Mondays are reserved for carving workshops for members of the club and are attended by and for those who like to carve in a group and socialize as they work, exchange, techniques', experiences, and carving tips.

This is particularly helpful to beginners as well intermediates who are learning to carve or wish to try a new technique. Advanced carvers work with these individuals upon request.

Carving tools and carving wood can be purchased from the club. Tool sharpening, use of tools and other topics are addressed. The club also has a lending library that contains patterns, books and videos for members use.

A second group of carvers meet on Thursday mornings at the Rhinebeck Reform Church Hall on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, NY. From 10 AM to noon. The church is located across the street from the M&T Banks. Refreshments are served at both churches.

### **Group Projects**

The club also sponsors projects in which all member may participate. Beginners as well as the most experienced carver. Examples of some to the projects are the Donor Tree for the Hyde Park Hospice Center, full size Carousel Horse, Baptismal Font , a sign commemorating the 150 years establishment of the church. Christmas ornaments for the children of the Ronald MacDonald House, and the Nationwide Eagle canes for Veterans Project.

### **SHOWS**

Club Officers are constantly alert to discover opportunities for members to display their work at fairs, shows, and public functions to demonstrate the techniques used in wood carving and to make sales of their carving if they wish.

### **Dues**

Dues are \$15.00 for individuals, \$18.00 for family per year. The money is used to help pay for the cost of monthly newsletter, covering meeting costs insurance for the use of the hall at St. Paul's. each member is required to sign a wavier relieving the club, member, and officers of liabilities for injuries received from carving.

### **Minimum Age**

The minimum age is 11 years of age and must be accompanied by parent or guardian for the first 3 workshops of safety orientation/evaluation.

### **Contacts**

Interested ? Unable to attend one of our workshops or meetings? Please feel free to contact us at  
<http://www.hvcarving.org>.

