



NEWSLETTER

TEXAS WOODCARVERS GUILD



The 2025 Spring Round-Up was held in Kerrville, April 5th - 11th. It was another week of fun contests, carving, good friends, and amazing teachers. We are always excited to see the carvings everyone worked on during the year!

We added some new events this year that were amazing! The Ball Whittle & Roll was a huge success - so keep practicing your rounding skills to compete next year. The Christmas Ornament Exchange gave us a chance to get carvings from other woodcarvers that will become part of our family's yearly tradition. And the Kerrville VA loved all the comfort carvings everyone made - they will definitely be appreciated!

Thank you to all who attended! And for those who couldn't attend we hope to see you next year!



Texas State Whittling Championship

2025 Whittling Contest Winners



1st

Robert Rangel
TEXAS STATE
CHAMPION

2nd

Bob Tilton

3rd

Valerie Clubb



Charlie "C-MAX" Winstead Memorial Award

Charlie was the first Charter Member of the Guild. He developed the concept and guiding principles for the TWG. Each year we present the C-Max Memorial Award to an outstanding member of the Guild, someone who embodies a spirit of service and friendship.

VALERIE CLUBB

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild has held a special place in my heart for 20 years, and I am very honored to receive the C-Max Award this year.



In 2004, my husband and I moved "home" to Texas, after an 8-year "vacation" in Colorado. Jay worked from home. We moved to Granbury which at the time was the end of the internet grid that his career required. My parents lived down the road in Glen Rose.

I have always enjoyed crafting - stained glass, needlework, quilting were a few of my past passions - really anything that required cool tools. My dad, Phil Boleng, was the penultimate collector and woodworker, and had recently begun carving. Oh, the TOOLS! Yes, I needed to try carving. On my first birthday back in Texas, Dad made me a small bench board, bought me a chip carving knife and a book - and I was hooked!

My first TWG class was with Claudie Adkins in Fredericksburg. Since that first class 20 years ago, I have had the joy of carving animals, birds, canes, cowboys, fan birds, whistles, a flute, dolls, miniatures, bark caricatures, and a FEW Santa's and so much more. (I still can't decide what I like to carve the most!) I have carved with so many wonderful instructors through the years including Dave Stetson, Jack Price, and Marv Kaisersatt.

I became treasurer for the first time in 2014, and in 2019 served a very short term as president.

Being a member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild has been more than just an opportunity to expand my carving abilities, though. The rallies have been an occasion to gather with friends, old and new once a year. It is more like a family reunion. For that I am grateful.

Winner NameCarving Name**BEST OF WINNERS**

Best of Show - Grand Champion	Jerry McNulty	Sailing Away
Best of Show - Runner Up	Andy Mayer	Bark Mansion
Best of Intermediate	James Lester	Goldfish
Nest of Novice	Katherine Hudgens	Fishing Boat
Peoples Choice	Sherry Nelson	Gourd

MERIT AWARDS

Novice Merit	Michelle Brangenberg	Owl
Intermediate Merit #1	Maydean Tilton	Pink Bowl
Intermediate Merit #2	April McNulty	Unicorn Chip
Open Merit #1	Jerry McNulty	Sun Spirits
Open Merit #2	Fred Stenman	Mallard
Open Merit #3	Jerry McNulty	Big Foot

TABLE AWARDS

Best Club Table	Alamo Area Wood Carvers
Exhibitors Table Award	Guadalupe Gourd Patch



Our Community

TWG Leadership recently received the following email:

Not a question, just a comment. Back in 2008, my wife and I were camped at the Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park and I was lucky enough to meet up with your group. I had never carved in my life so I was fascinated. Your members took me under their wings and got me started on a long road to something that is now dear to my heart. I just wanted to say Thank You to all of your members. They don't know what they started. I hope to meet you folks again someday in Kerrville. I now have a friend who lives there and I will be going to his place someday just to visit. I will try to coordinate my trip around your group meeting. Thanks again.

The Texas Woodcarvers Guild is so blessed to such amazing members! We never know whose life we will change with the smallest act of kindness.

We would love to feature your story in the next newsletter. How did you get into carving? Any special memories you have? Email semdir@texaswoodcarversguild.com



Brazoria Co. Woodcarvers

Brazoria Library Meeting Room from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS—2025

	Event	Library Display Case	Club meeting Instructor
Jan 11	BCWC Meeting Brazoria Library		Open Carving
Feb 8	BCWC Meeting Brazoria Library		Open carving*
Mar 1	BCWC Meeting Heritage Days		Open carving*
Apr 4—11	TWG 2025 Spring Roundup in Kerrville, TX		Remember to sign-up for a classes
Apr	There will be no meeting due to TWG Spring Roundup		
May 10	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Jun 14	BCWC Meeting		Chip carved name tag—Dave Valley*
Jul 12	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Aug 9	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Sep 13	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Oct 11	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Nov 8	BCWC Meeting		Open carving*
Dec 13	Christmas Party		Christmas Party

* The meeting activity may change during the year.





Brazoria Co. Woodcarvers

Chip Carving Class

Dave Valley with the Brazoria Co. Woodcarvers will teach a beginning Chip Carving Class at the club's June meeting on June 14th. Please contact Dave no later than **June 7th** if you are interested. His email is davidvalley@gmail.com.

Name Tag Carving



This is an example of the name tag chip carving I have been requested to lead. I will have a signup list at the May 10th meeting.

Below is the chip carving practice board I have created for carving the name tag. You will be able to signup for one that I can bring to the June meeting. However, if you would like me to bring you one to the May meeting, please send me an email so I can make them next week. These are 6" X 6" two sided basswood practice board. I am asking \$5 for each of the practice boards.



NOTE: The name tag shape on this practice board is the actual size we will be carving. You can see the number of letters that can be put on the name tag. If you need more letters, I will have to use a smaller size font. We will get your name to fit.



Classes

Members of the Guild teach classes throughout the State. If you teach and would like to be added to our Newsletter, please email mrsaprilmcnulty@gmail.com

<u>Where</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Date</u>
Woodcraft	Austin	Basic Figure Carving	Joe Gallio	Thursday, June 12th
Woodcraft	San Antonio	Basic Figure Carving	Jerry McNulty	Saturday, June 14th
Woodcraft	Austin	Spoon Carving	Joe Gallio	Thursday, June 26th
Woodcraft	San Antonio	Intro to Chip Carving	April McNulty	Saturday, July 12th
Woodcraft	Austin	Basic Figure Carving	Joe Gallo	Thursday, July 17th
Woodcraft	Austin	Spoon Carving	Joe Gallio	Thursday, July 24th



TWG Website

Did you know you can add the TWG Website as an icon on your phone's Home Screen! Follow these quick and easy instructions to keep all the latest info at your fingertips.



- **Open Chrome and navigate to the website:** Open the Chrome browser and go to www.texaswoodcarversguild.com
- **Tap the three-dot icon (More options):** Located in the top-right corner of the address bar.
- **Select "Add to Home Screen":** This option will prompt you to create a shortcut for the website.
- **Rename (optional):** You can rename the shortcut or use the default name.
- **Tap "Add":** The shortcut will be added to your home screen.



- **Open Safari and navigate to the website:** Open the Safari browser on your iPhone and go to www.texaswoodcarversguild.com
- **Tap the Share button:** Locate the Share button (it looks like a square with an arrow pointing out of the top) at the bottom of the Safari screen.
- **Select "Add to Home Screen":** In the list of sharing options, scroll down and tap "Add to Home Screen".
- **Customize the shortcut:** You'll be prompted to name the shortcut and confirm the URL and icon. You can edit the name if you prefer.
- **Tap "Add":** Once you're happy with the name and icon, tap the "Add" button.



New Business

New Board Members were elected during the 2025 Spring Round-Up. Don't hesitate to us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions!

Our contact info can be found on the TWG Website under About and Leaders.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Membership Director... Linda Eichberger

Special Events Director... John Eichberger

Publicity Director... Harry Seurkamp

Seminar Director... April McNulty

Vice President... Jerry McNulty

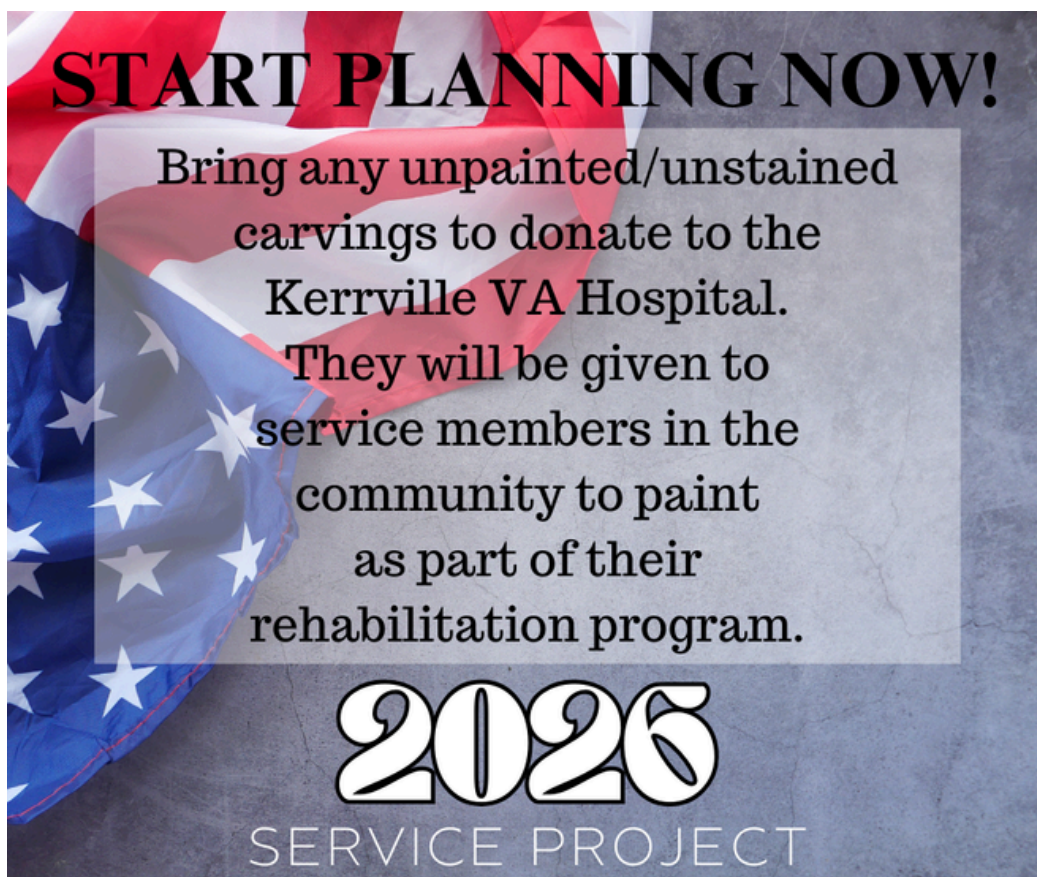
Start Planning now for the 2026 Spring Round Up!

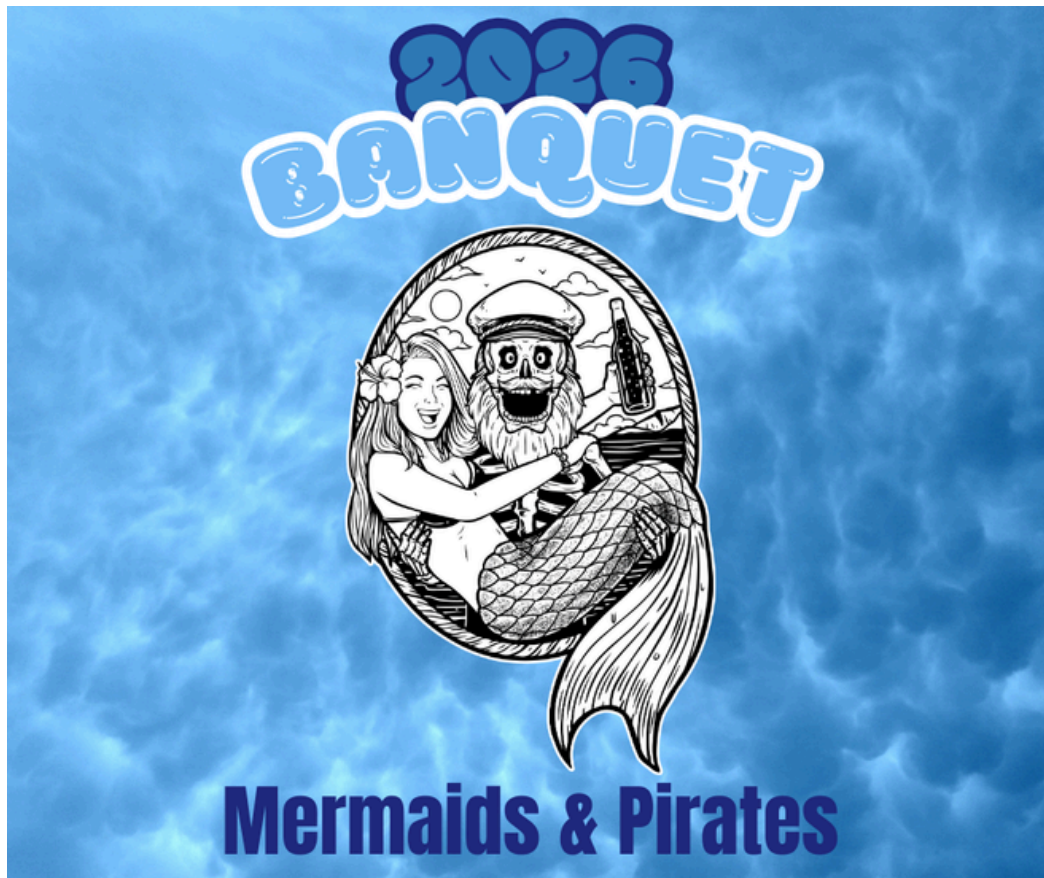


April 18 - April 19, 2026 - Show & Competition

April 20 - April 24, 2026 - Seminars

Hill Country Youth Center
3785 Highway 27, Kerrville, TX 78028





Affiliated Clubs

<u>City</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>
Aransas Pass	Coastal Bend Woodcarvers	Every Tuesday	9am - 12pm
Amarillo	Golden Spread Carvers	1st & 3rd Saturdays	
Austin	Central Texas Woodcarvers	3rd Thursday	6:30pm - 9pm
Beaumont	Southeast Texas Woodcarvers	1st Monday	7pm
Brazoria	Brazoria County Woodcarvers	2nd Saturday	9am - 2pm
Cleburne	TX Woodcarvers Guild Museum	3rd Wednesday	9am
Cleburne	Nolan River Chippers	2nd Thursday	6:00pm - 8:30pm
Denton	Cross Timbers Woodcarvers	Every Tuesday	3pm - 6pm
Fort Clark Springs	Fort Clark Woodcarvers	Monday mornings, Thursday evenings	
Forth Worth	Forth Worth Woodcarvers	Every Thursday	9:30am
Glen Rose	Comanche Peak Tri-County	Every Tuesday	9am - 11am
Georgetown	Georgetown Woodcarvers	Monday Evenings Tuesday Mornings	6:30pm - 8pm 8:30am - 11am
Harlingen	Chip-O-Texas Woodcarvers	Every Tuesday	9am - 4pm
Hurst	Hurst Area Woodcarvers	Every Tuesday	9am - Noon
Houston	Houston Area Woodcarvers	4th Saturday	9am - 2pm
Kerrville	Kerr County Carvers	Every Monday	1pm - 3pm
McAllen	Rio Grande Woodcarvers	October - March, Every Thursday	8am
Midland	Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club	3rd Monday	6:30pm
Mineola	Mineola Carvers	Every Monday	10am - 12pm
New Braunfels	New Braunfels Woodcarvers	Every Wednesday	12:30pm - 3:00pm
Rowlett	Lake Ray Hubbard Woodcarvers	Last Saturday	9am
San Antonio	Alamo Area Woodcarvers	1st & 3rd Saturdays Every Tuesday	10am - 2pm 12:30 - 3:30pm
Sherman	Texoma Woodcarvers	2nd and Last Tuesday	6pm
Whitney	Chapel Chippers	1st & 3rd Thursday	6:30 PM