



West County Wood Carvers Club of St. Louis, Missouri

WCWC Club History

WCWC was started in September 1996 by 2 gentlemen in the back room of the Duenke Cabinet Company in Manchester, MO. Meetings have been held regularly in various locations ranging from the Cabinet Company, the Ballwin City hall, Local Library and the current location at Salem in Ballwin. Over the years the club has had a presence in Ballwin Days, Manchester Homecoming, Open house at the Wild Canid Center, Faust Park, Midwest Artistry in Wood, as well as various shows in the St. Louis area. Our members have assisted various area charities through the sales of ornaments at the shows and appearances. Currently our club has a membership of around 35 men and women ranging in age from 10 to Retired.

Membership

The club membership is open to all 10 years or older from beginner to expert carver. The club membership is \$5.00 per year for associate member (under 18), \$10.00 per year for adults, \$20 maximum for family per year and \$3.00 for the WCWC patch. A \$1.00 donation is requested at each meeting a member attends and a \$2.00 fee for any Saturday carving. This money is to pay for use of the church fellowship hall rental.

Meeting

Two meetings each month are held at 14825 Manchester Rd. (*Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church*) in Ballwin, Missouri. The meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month except holidays from 7PM to 9PM in the fellowship hall. Door opens between 6:00 and 6:30pm. The meetings start with a short business session followed by a discussion about carvings that members bring to the Show-an-Tell table. Monthly projects are available to any and all members for a nominal cost and the balance of the evening is allowed for carving of that or any other projects brought by the member. Questions are welcome and encouraged. Additional carving sessions are held in the fellowship hall the 2nd and 4th Thursday though-out the year from 9am to 12pm.

Carving

Informal and technical carving sessions are held at each of the club meetings. At the meeting the members work on the different projects such as carving in the round, caricatures, birds, animals, ornaments, wood burning, gourds etc. Help will be given to any club member at any time during the meeting, just ask. The WCWC encourages its members to participate in wood carving shows and schools. Members are also encouraged to learn to sharpen and maintain their own tools.

Website/Facebook

The club maintains a Website: <https://www.wcwoodcarvers.org> where you can find information about the club, its members and a calendar of scheduled events. The club also has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/westcountywoodcarvers> that highlights events and meetings about woodcarving.

WCWC Membership Application

Waiver and Release of Liability

I _____ (print first & last name) hereby

WAIVE AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND FOREVER DISCHARGE West County Woodcarvers (WCWC) and its agents, employees, officers, directors, volunteers, members, affiliates, successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, of every kind and nature, whether known or unknown, in law or equity, that I ever had or may have, arising from or in any way related to my participation in any of the events or activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of, St Charles Area Woodcarvers.

I understand that woodcarving / woodworking is a dangerous activity and that there is risk of injury, including severe personal injury, even death, arising from these activities. On behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, administrators, executors and next of kin, I waive all claims for damages, injuries and death sustained to me or my property, that I may have against the aforementioned released party to such activity, including claims in tort, contract, equity or otherwise.

I knowingly, voluntarily, and freely assume all such risks, I understand the nature of woodcarving / woodworking and furniture making activities, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activities. I also agree that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue participation in the activity. I agree to pay for all damages to any WCWC supplies or tools, library items, facilities or any other property of WCWC caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions or misuse by me. In no event shall WCWC be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

By this waiver I assume any risk and take full responsibility and waive any claims of personal injury, death or damage to personal property associated with West County Woodcarvers including but not limited to using its equipment in any manner, form or fashion, and participating and / or engaging in any woodworking, carving, joinery, sanding, finishing, painting, events or related activities on or off the premises.

I have read, understand, and fully agree to the terms of this WAIVER AND RELEASE. I understand and confirm by signing this WAIVER AND RELEASE I have given up considerable future legal rights. My signature is proof of my intention to execute a complete and unconditional WAIVER AND RELEASE of all liability to the full extent of the law. I am 18 years of age or older and mentally competent to enter into this WAIVER. I have signed this agreement freely and voluntarily, under no duress or threat.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Received by: _____ Date: _____

Note: Membership card issued by treasurer/membership chairperson will be your receipt.

Minor Participant Agreement, Waiver and Release Form

In exchange for participation in the crafting activities and services provided by West County Woodcarvers, (WCWC) including but not limited to painting, using tools, blades, open flames, nails, leather punches, or glue, woodworking, woodcarving and/or use of the property, facilities, and/or other products or services (the **"Activities"**), the individual named below (referred to as "I", "myself" or "me") agrees to the following terms and conditions set forth in this agreement (this **"Agreement"**).

1. Agree to Follow Directions: I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any instructions or directions, whether written or oral, given by WCWC, its WCWC officers, directors, volunteers or agents.

2. Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release. I am aware and understand these activities involve an element of risk and danger of accidents and i knowingly assume those risks. In consideration for being permitted by WCWC to participate in the activities, i hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, now known or hereinafter known in any jurisdiction, for damage for personal injury, death, emotional harm, property loss or damage or any pecuniary harm which i may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me, as a result of participation in said activities. This release is intended to discharge in advance the above WCWC officers, directors, volunteers and agents from any and all liability arising directly or indirectly from my participation in said activities, whether or not caused by the acts or omissions, negligence or carelessness of myself, other participants, or on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. This agreement is to be binding on my successors and assigns. I agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the above persons or entities from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which they may incur as the result of my death or any injury or property damage that i may sustain while participating in said activities.

3. Fees. I agree to pay for all damages to any WCWC supplies or tools, library items, facilities or any other property of WCWC caused by any negligent, reckless, or willful actions or misuse by me. In no event shall WCWC be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

4. Disclaimer of Warranties. All WCWC activities are sold "as is" and WCWC hereby forever disclaims any and all warranties with respect to any and all of the same, including any warranty implied by law, whether of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, all of which are expressly disclaimed and excluded. Agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the above persons or entities from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense which they may incur as the result of my death or any injury or property damage that i may sustain while participating in said activities.

5. Miscellaneous. This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement of WCWC and me with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersede all prior and contemporaneous understandings with respect to such subject matter. If any term or provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or un-enforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement. All matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule.

I AM THE PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR NAMED BELOW. I HAVE THE LEGAL RIGHT TO CONSENT TO AND, BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY.

PARENTAL CONSENT: (to be completed and signed by parent/guardian if participant is under 18 years of age.)

I hereby consent that _____ may participate in the above Activities, and I hereby execute the Agreement on his/her behalf. I state that said minor is physically able to participate in the stated Activities. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the persons and entities mentioned above free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost, or expense that they may incur as a result of the death or any injury or property damage that said minor may sustain while participating in said activities.

Printed Name Parent or Legal Guardian : _____ Date: _____

Signature Parent/Legal Guardian : _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

E-mail: _____

Minor Address: _____ Minor Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Minor Email: _____

Payment Received by:: _____ Date: _____