

The Learning Station Home School Cooperative
Basic Woodcarving Course
The Lancaster County Woodcarvers (www.lancarvers.com)
(Upper Level Parent Helper: Chris Freeman)
Spring 2019

Important-RELEASE FORM is Due Wednesday, January 23rd

Please submit release form signed by parents and student to:

Chris Freeman
5 Irish Place
Lititz, PA 17543

Students will need a container (about the size of a shoebox) to hold their woodcarving tools. In previous years, students were required to pay \$45-\$50 for their woodcarving kits. However, the woodcarvers have graciously donated the kits for the past few years and will be doing so again this year!!

Expectations of Students

- 1) Students are expected to be on time for class. While the woodcarving class is a more laid-back atmosphere than many of the academic classes, there are often important announcements and information that are given at the beginning of the class. Please respect the time that the woodcarvers are donating to our co-op by being there on time.
- 2) Students are expected to bring their woodcarving tools and their project to class each week.
- 3) Students are expected to work on their woodcarving projects while in class. If a student finishes one project, they should start another one. The woodcarving class tends to be filled with lots of fun conversation and interaction; however, students should not be sitting idly while they are talking. This class is for those who desire to learn woodcarving...a student's main purpose for being in this class should be to carve, not socialize.

4) On the (hopefully) rare occasion that a student forgets his/her tools and/or project, the student will be asked to sit at an alternate table where woodcarving reading materials will be provided for the student during the class period. They will not be permitted to sit with the other students and just socialize. There will be no exceptions to this rule, so students need to make sure they bring their tools every week.

Week 1, January 30th. Introduction by Pete Kovarovic, Safety by Andy DiPace. Caring for your knives, stropping and storing. Club members will present any carvings they brought in to show students. Basic cuts demonstrated and practice pieces distributed.

Homework: make practice cuts as described.

Week 2, February 6th. Evaluate practice cuts. Hand out first beginner project, and describe process of carving the Hedgehog or other project. For advanced students hand out their project.

Homework: continue working on project.

Week 3, February 13th. Evaluate project work and continue. If completed, wood burn or paint Hedgehog.

Homework: continue working on project.

Week 4, February 20th. Beginners, hand out 5 Minute Wizard or Peeking Mouse and start working. Intermediate and Advanced continue working on project.

Homework: Continue working on project.

Week 5, February 27th. Continue working on projects.

Homework: Continue working on projects.

Week 6, March 6th. Continue working on projects. If main project is completed, start on another small project.

Homework: Continue working on projects.

Week 7, March 13th. Continue working on projects. **Hand in any completed projects to Mrs. Freeman for submission in the Woodcarving Show.**

Homework: Continue working on projects.

March 16th & 17th - Woodcarving Show

Saturday & Sunday, March 16th and 17th, 2019

Sat. 10:00am - 5:00pm; Sun. 10:00am - 4:00pm

At the Millersville University Fitness Center, Shenks Ln. Millersville, PA

This year's theme will be: At the Carnival

(March 20th - Spring Break or Snow Make-up Day)

Week 8, March 27th. Cleaning the carving and priming to seal the wood.

Homework: If the carving was not cleaned and sealed in class it should be done so at home in prep for the painting in the last session.

Week 9, April 3rd. Demonstration on sharpening of tools. Use of different types of stones and sharpening devices.

Homework: continue working on project if not completed.

Week 10, April 10th. Lunch with the Woodcarvers (Start time **12:15** Note: The 1:35 class is welcome to come early at 12:15 as well)

Painting of projects.

Homework: Continue carving in spare time. Students should feel free to contact any of the instructors at any time for advice. Also, they are encouraged to attend a *meeting or two of the woodcarving club. Students should also make every effort to attend the club show on March 18th and 19th. Details will be given out during class time.

***Information about Woodcarving Club meetings**

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm; meeting place is in the cafeteria at [Lancaster County Career and Technology Center](#) Brownstown Campus.