



A Club in South East London  
for people interested  
in wood carving

Visitors are very welcome

Website:

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# WOODENTOPS

## Newsletter

June 2018

We meet at:

St Johns United Reform Church Hall  
Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BG

We meet on:

The first Saturday of each month  
with additional 'carve-only' meetings  
on many other months.

Full details of our meetings and  
much more on our website.

### Picture of the Month



This extraordinary relief is by Мирные Виртуозы РЕЗЦА и КИСТИ. Find it at [https://vk.com/public75748661?z=photo-75748661\\_456255527%2Falbum-75748661\\_00%2Frev](https://vk.com/public75748661?z=photo-75748661_456255527%2Falbum-75748661_00%2Frev)  
Regretfully all in (I think) Russian so there is little more to add without a translation.

# The Little Guys



From the website (<http://northidahocarver.blogspot.co.uk/2016/08/carving-little-guy.html?m=1>)

These Little Guys are carved from one inch square by three inches tall basswood. My inspiration for carving these small guys came from Jack Price and Don Mertz and some of the information comes from these men. For the head I go 1 inch from the top in front and 5/8 inch in the back. The rest of the space is divided in three. The middle line is the waist and the bottom line is the knees. The bottom lines are 1/16 inch at the back to the front corner. The front of the foot is 1/4 inch from the bottom. Carve or saw out knee area.

Carve from front centre line to the middle of the side middle line. If carving a fist or cane leave material in that area. Remark lines for reference. Carve around head, 3/16 inch at the front and 1/8 inch on the sides and back. I also carve 1/16 inch off the back of the head to move head forward and 1/16 inch off the sides to narrow the head. Also scoop carve from the knees to the bottom angle that was drawn.

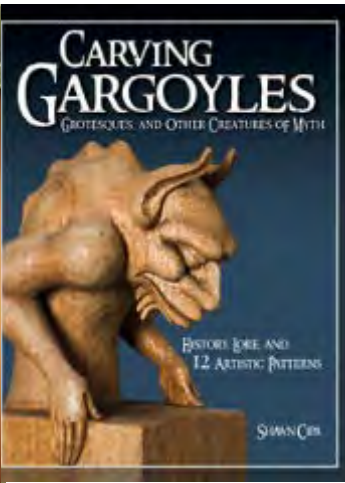
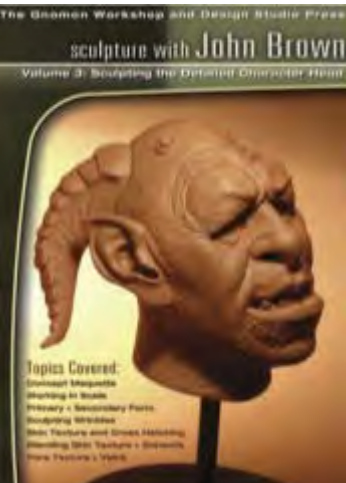
Need more? See the website

# Log

This section is from an oak felled in the garden of a friend who was tidying it in preparation for his daughter's wedding reception this May. I was asked to smooth the top so the thing could be used as a garden seat, but I took the opportunity to also carve the initials of the happy couple and the year of their marriage in the top,

The tool used was a King Arthur brand angle grinder accessory, effectively a chain saw ring taking the place of the angle grinder blade. It was relatively speedy to execute and, though the detail was far less that could have been achieved with hand tools, did the job effectively in the limited time available (only a couple of hours!).

The couple seemed well pleased with it.



## Carving Books With Great Titles



## Miscellany



A clever tool stand, from <https://atelierdubricoleur.wordpress.com/2011/03/23/fast-easy-turning-tool-storage-rangement-facile-et-rapide-pour-outils-de-tournage/>

Make a clamp from a section of drainpipe –see

<https://atelierdubricoleur.wordpress.com/2013/07/07/homemade-spring-clamps-pinces-a-ressort-maison/>

## The Club

- As reported before, the Club has decided to extend the deadline for our leaf carving project. to THE END OF THE YEAR (2018) This is to help ensure that participating members don't rush things! So carry on carving those leaves
- Our AGM will take place at 12 noon at the July meeting. Wan to stand for an Officer position? Please do so.
- THIS IS A REQUEST for people to please man a soap carving stall at the St John's Community Fun Day on **Saturday 9 June**, where we will be having a display stall. The event runs from 2pm to 7pm but we would expect soap carving to only run from about 2:30pm to 5:30pm.
- THIS IS THE LAST REMINDER for anyone who wants to be a member of the BWA for 2018/19, and has not yet done so, to get their £25 to me for Cathy Thomas within the next few days.
- We have a stall has been booked for us at the **Cudham Show on 27 August 2018**. (Cudham Lane South, Kent TN14 7QB)
- We will also demonstrate on the August Bank Holiday Monday at **Ripley's Bank Holiday Garden Party (Monday, 29 August)**. That's Sundridge Avenue, Bromley.
- Members are reminded that if they demonstrate at an event on their own, they MUST tell Leader Ann to help ensure they are fully covered by the provisions of the insurance arrangements in place.
- Remember to bring old sheets for under your work benches or tables when the 'mid-month 'No-Frills' meetings are held in the Link area of the church.

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### The next Main Meeting

(Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests and potential new members) will be from

9am to 1pm,

**Saturday 2 June 2018**



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