



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

Visitors are very welcome

Website:
www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk

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Newsletter

May 2017

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.

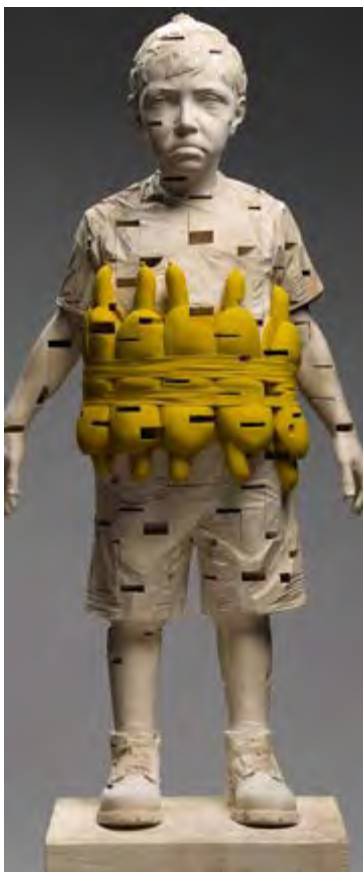
The Work of Gehard Demetz

LAST MONTH I promised more from carver Gehard Demetz. The following text is from his website:
<http://www.geharddemetz.com/writing.html> :

In just a few years, Gehard Demetz has risen to international prominence by applying his incredible craftsmanship as a traditional woodcarver to subjects that are new and appealing to contemporary viewers.

His sculptures of children are at the same time attractive and disquieting and rendered with an amazing perfection that is by no means rhetorical or classical. One of the most startling technical features is the construction using small woodblocks and juxtaposing finely polished parts to very rough and sketchy surfaces. This particular construction and treatment render his sculptures absolutely unique in the domain of contemporary wood sculpture and is partly responsible for the great curiosity aroused by the appearance of his work in the art world. Since his debut in 2005, Gehard Demetz has been invited by prominent galleries to exhibit in the United States, Spain, Germany, Korea. He has also produced monumental sculptures on commission for collectors around the world.

His sculptures feature wood blocks glued together leaving gaps and then carved, but with key features (such as faces) with no such holes. Surreal, gloomy-looking children pepper his work.



My Shadow Can Walk on
Water, 2012



Its Warmer Now, 2011



I Feel (sic) My Mouth with Snow,
2010



I Forgot what My Father Said,
2009

Wood Archivist

Check out this website: <http://woodarchivist.com/category/wood-carving-patterns-and-techniques/>.

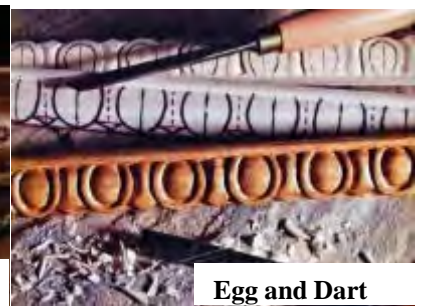
It includes a fantastic range of wood carving resources including tutorials. A few are shown below. Well worth a look!



Portable Carving Station



Linenfold Carving



Egg and Dart Carving



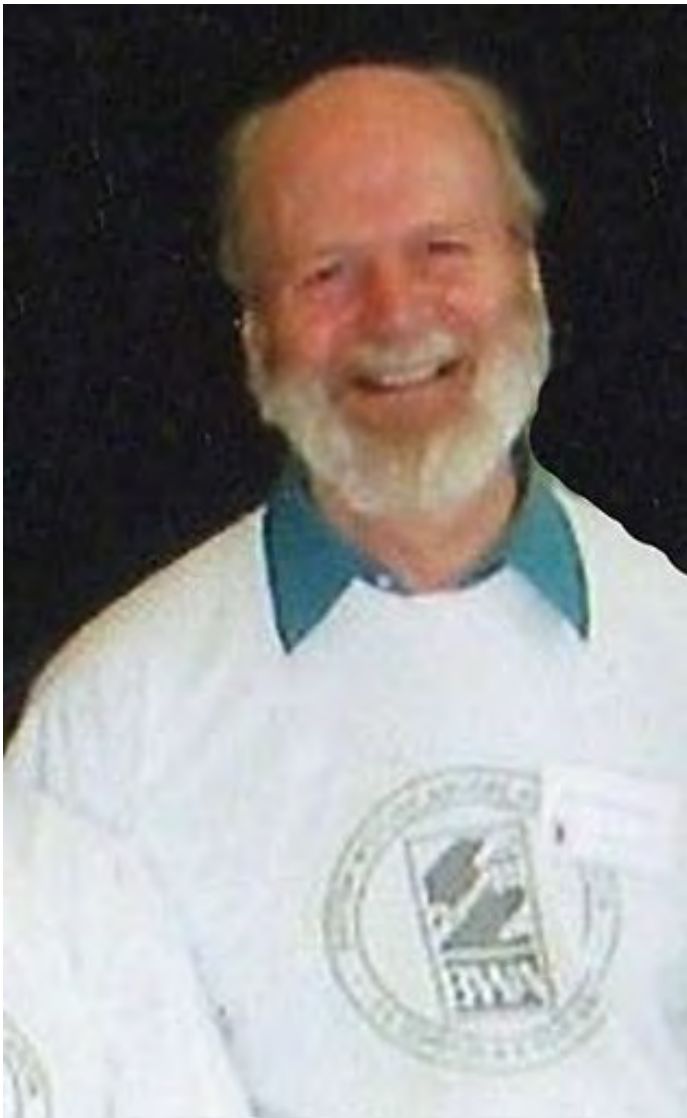
Sharpening a V-tool

Making a Carving Mallet



Don Cheeseman

It is with great sadness that the death of a member of the group has to be reported. Don Cheeseman was a member of the group for many years until about five years ago, when he moved to the countryside. He had suffered from heart disease for many years. Don was a very talented carver, here shown with one of his many ambitious projects; this one a full-scale horse. Rest in peace, Don.



Carvings in Venice

You may recall a while ago, I published some shots of carver from Venice. Here are some more, from Cathy's recent visit.

Cathy writes:

Here is the photo of the wooden holdall by Loris Marazzi, the woodcarver in Venice.

(There is a carver's shop in Venice which has a range of great work and this is one of the objects displayed.)



Cathy also writes:

I also attach some pictures from inside San Giorgio Maggiore church (on the island of San Giorgio) which has magnificent wooden relief panels depicting Bible stories.

Three of these beautiful panels are shown below. More from Cathy's trip in the next issue..



Carvings from Facebook (through Woodentops Wood Carvers Facebook page)



Asmin Diver, right (country unknown).
Which Venus is the 'before' and which the 'after'?

Ivan Chukurov, left and below (Bulgaria)



What a wealth of material and what carving skills there are to see in this world of ours. Start viewing it through our Facebook page.



Ideas



← Another simple storage idea for your carving tools. From https://uk.pinterest.com/pin/644929609108120660/?utm_campaign=category_rp&utm_source=31&utm_term=5&utm_medium=2012

This very cheap rest (probably meant for kitchen tools) is perfect to help stop your gouges from falling off the bench. Thanks to **David** for this idea.

The stock number is shown below so you can find it quickly when you next go to that Swedish store. ↓



Club Matters

Competitions or Projects for the Woodentops?

This was discussed at the last meeting. Club members were asked to think about a project or competition that members could participate in.

Possible ideas:

- Relief carvings (all same size blank used) on the them of Brexit
- Something to support (and then perhaps be sited in) a local charity or other 'Good Cause'.
- There must be many more thoughts that you have about possible themes.
- **So do let us know at the next Club meeting, or by email (e addresses below)**

"From our Treasurer:

The renewal date for membership of the **British Woodcarvers Association is 1 June**. Please could any members who wish to renew, and would like me to submit their payment for them, bring their subs to one of the May or June meetings, or pass them to me by 24 June. The cost is £25 per year (£5 for junior members). I can take cash or cheques made payable to BWA (SEL & WK). I have a list of current paid-up members which I will bring along to the meetings. Benefits include an excellent carving magazine sent to all BWA members
Thank you,
Cathy



If you still haven't paid, Club subs are still due to Cathy.
2017 prices held at £20!!

Ripley Garden Party 2017 26th
August 12.30 to 5pm
WE will have a stall.
Can you help? Please hold the date in your diary

The Club AGM will be held at the June meeting, that's 3 June 2017 at around 12 noon, within the Club's normal monthly meeting This is an important event in the Club's calendar. Whilst we hope it will be short, it's an opportunity to express YOUR views and to consider enhancing your experience in the Club by volunteering to help on the Committee.

T'Committee

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The next 2017 **Main Meeting** (Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests and potential new members) will be from
9am to 1pm,
Saturday 6 May 2017

There are **additional mid-month meetings (No frills, no coffee/cake just pure carving)**
All 9am to 1pm, Saturdays

The next 'No Frills' Meeting:
Saturday 10 June 2017
(Held in the Church 'Link' area)

All our meeting dates are shown on our website
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