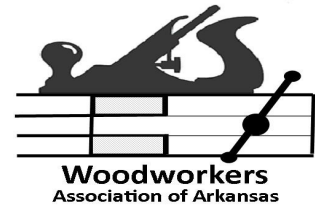


# WOODWORKERS NEWS



November 2023

## October Meeting

### Wood Carving

Roger Stegall is a nationally and internationally known caricature carver. He has received many awards, ribbons and recognition from both the Caricature Carvers of America and the International Woodcarving Congress.

He started carving in 1964 when he was a Boy Scout because he wanted to earn a woodworking merit badge. His carving tools consisted of a pocket knife, wood chisel and a wood rasp. Finally in 1968/69 he was able to buy actual woodcarving tools. Roger never did earn that merit badge, but now he instructs caricature carving seminars throughout the US.



After watching and learning from his uncle, a short tour in the Navy and 32 years working for the US Postal Service, he was able to continue his passion for carving.

Roger met other carvers in the Little Rock area and they eventually started the Central Arkansas Woodcarving Club.

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### \$\$\$ ANNUAL DUES \$\$\$

\$25.00 per year payable at the meeting to our Secretary-Treasurer, Angie Heifner.

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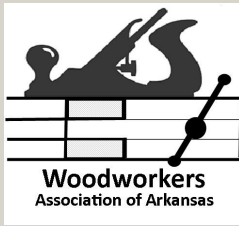
### Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at:

Park Hill Presbyterian Church  
Steen Hall  
3510 John F Kennedy Blvd  
North Little Rock, AR 72116

### Coming in November...

November 7, 2023 — Custom Built Banjos  
Luthier Lukas Pool will be sharing his skills and the techniques he uses to build and repair banjos and various other instruments.



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# SHOW and TELL

Amanda Mamula presented three different projects she created.

The first project (right) is a “Plaster cast in a box”. The plaster designs are mounted within a box and give the allusion of floating. The boxes are made from poplar stained black followed by two coats of green stain. This inside of the boxes have a clear finish.



The second project (left) is a “Knife box” made from poplar and finished using the same process of black and green stains.

The third project (right) is a “Japanese puzzle box” made from oak and finished with bees wax.



Allison and Scott Minor (left) made a cutting board using cherry, maple, and wenge then finished with food grade mineral oil.

Rachelle Tracy (right) created a “Bandsaw box” using canary wood and pine. She finished the box using Feed-N-Wax and linseed oil. Rachelle learned the technique through Youtube. She started by creating a prototype of the box.

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Roger also demonstrated how he sharpens his carving tools using diamond plates, leather strop and a buffing wheel. He prefers a very low angle bevel on his tools and insists that each tool is very sharp.



When Roger teaches a seminar, he starts the students out with a “roughout” of a caricature. This saves time because he can then demonstrate how to carve the finer details like face, hands, etc. The picture to the right shows a roughout and three possible caricatures, that could be created.



Thanks to Roger’s grandson, Roger now has a YouTube Channel, [Roger Stegall Woodcarving](#)

You can learn more about Roger Stegall at [Roger Stegall Wood Carvings](#)

## November 7, 2023—Lukas Pool, The Arkansas Banjo Company

NOVEMBER 2023						
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Holidays and Observances: 7 Election Day, 13 Veterans Day, 14 Veterans Day, 15 Veterans Day, 23 Thanksgiving Day, 24 Black Friday

Lukas Pool is a multi-instrumentalist and luthier known for his innovative playing style and respect for Old-Time tradition. He grew up in Mountain View, Arkansas in the Ozark Mountains, where he started playing the banjo as a kid and learning instrument repair from his father Scott Pool. In 2008, Lukas left Arkansas to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA adding structure to his traditional roots. Since graduating from Berklee in 2012 Lukas has had the honor of winning the National Old Time Banjo Championship twice and recorded with Darol Anger on his latest album 'e and a'. Lukas is in high demand as an instructor at camps

nationwide.

Lukas works with his father, Master Luthier Scott Pool, at the Mountain View Music Store, just off the famous Courthouse Square in Mountain View, making and repairing banjos, fiddles, guitars and more. Lukas says one of the biggest thing he's learned: It's amazing the difference made in the quality of wood you use and where you buy your wood. It's the biggest thing I have to say to anyone building a banjo or looking to buy a banjo. It's wild the difference between walnut in Arkansas and walnut from Maine. You have to know where your wood supply comes from. The density changes from one part of the country to another.

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