



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March General Meeting will be held on March 31st.

The Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the General Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. If you arrive early for the General Meeting, we again ask that you please keep the noise down, so that the board can conduct their meeting.

Topics for discussion include an offer by the North Shore Maritime Museum to sponsor an exhibit of LWCCG members' carvings' on one weekend this summer. The Museum will offer tables to LWCCG members at no cost. You will be allowed to sell or just display your carvings. There will be a 10% fee assessed to the carver for any carving sold at this event. The Museum has agreed to heavily advertise this event. This will not only allow members the opportunity to sell carvings, but will give us great exposure to advertise our October Festival. By now everyone should be aware that the 2010 Festival will be held on October 1, 2, & 3rd at the Castine Center in Mandeville, Louisiana.

Almost all of the Sponsors have re-committed to the 2010 Festival. The Rules should be very similar to 2009.

Kathy Reeves has been typing a preliminary draft of the rules; this should be completed shortly so that the Rules Committee can consider any changes that need to be made. If anyone has any suggestions to change, please contact a club officer or rules committee member.

The most important business for the March meeting will be the nominations of Officers and Board Members

for the election to be held at the April meeting. If anyone wishes to run for any position as an Officer of the LWCCG or Executive Committee, you must notify an Officer or Board Member of your intentions prior to or at the March meeting. A list of nominees will be compiled and submitted for the election to be held at the April meeting.

The Web page is still in the process of being updated. We have started putting the newsletters on line and they should be available for viewing before each monthly meeting. We are also working on the Gallery with our pictures from the show as well as other club related information which should be completed very shortly. Please continue to check LWCCG.com on your computer.

Since the January meeting, I have been informed of the sad news that we have lost two of our long standing LWCCG members; Mr. Robert Hutson, and Mr. Jimmie Vizier. Please keep their wives and families in your prayers.

Finally, please don't forget to bring your show & tell to the meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting as we have some new and exciting news.

Richard

**LWCCG 'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 31ST, 2010 AT PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY., SUITE 107, AT 7:00 P.M.**



**Jimmie Vizier-head carving at the LWCCG Festival in December 2009**

It is with sad news that we notify our club members of the passing of Mr. Jimmie Vizier. Jim was born 7/21/33 and died 3/13/10 at the age of 76 years of age. He was a valued member of our club and will be missed. Many of us knew Jim well from his participation in carving shows throughout the country for many years. With that sparkle in his eyes, he always had great stories to tell\_\_ gathered from a bountiful lifetime spent in the marsh and on the water. He has left quite a legacy in the carving world. As a carver and judge he would gladly help his fellow carvers with valuable constructive criticism. We will remember his wisdom and feisty personality and we will miss his presence at our carving shows.

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**LWCCG  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
JANUARY 25, 2010.**

**The meeting opened at 7:10 pm.**

**LWCCG FESTIVAL:** Richard thanked everyone for the good job they did in making the Festival such a success. We have reserved the Castine Center for October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of 2010, the only dates available for this year's Festival.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & BOARD:** At the March meeting, nominations will be taken for anyone who would like to serve as an officer or board member. Voting will take place at the April meeting.

**CHANGE IN MEETING NIGHT:** Meetings were changed to Wednesday nights during the football season, due to low attendance and conflict with Monday night football. It was recommended at the time that after the season we go back to Monday night meetings. The executive board suggested we keep it on Wednesday nights permanently to avoid confusion and most members were in agreement that it was a more convenient night for them.

**AN INVITATION TO LWCCG MEMBERS TO EXHIBIT THEIR CARVINGS:** The Louisiana Maritime Museum in Madisonville is offering LWCCG members a large room at the museum on Lake Ponchartrain to exhibit their work one or two days during the summer months of June, July or August, with the only conditions being that: **a.)** whatever a member sells, the museum would receive a 10% fee; however there is a possibility the fee may be waived. and **b)** you must be a member of LWCCG in order to participate. All carvings as well as antique carvings will be allowed. No crafts are allowed. It will be handled on a first come first serve basis. **We will put out a sign up list at the March meeting if you wish to participate.** Many advantages were mentioned by members: **1.** It is a wealthy community with art interests **2.** It will help advertise our

show for this year. (We can pass out pamphlets announcing the show in October). **3.** There is no cost to members to display their work. (It is free) **4.** They will set up 20 to 30 tables for us.

**MEMBERS TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** We were advised by different members that some of our fellow members were ill: Joe Courcelle had a major stroke. Wade Hanks had open heart surgery and is doing good. We will keep you updated on their progress.

**ADVERTISING FOR THE OCTOBER FESTIVAL:** It was mentioned that we need to do more advertising in magazines and on TV for the show and especially for the auction. A member suggested that we get a volunteer who could possibly get a "Press Kit" which contains 4 or so pages on how to mail out to TV Stations, etc. (No one volunteered).

**ANTIQUE DECOY RULES:** A member stated that he didn't get the rules in time for the show on antique decoys. This year's deadline for rules for the Antique Decoy competition must be in by the March 31st meeting.

**NEW LWCCG CATAGORY NAME:** Mention was made that the "North American Championship" name was available for use, since the Michigan show was no longer using the name. After discussion by the executive board and the general membership, a suggestion was made that we keep the "Gulf South Championship" as our main name and use the "North American Championship" as a category title. We will contact Michigan for their approval and permission to use the name, and will up-date you at the March meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dickie Autin gave the treasurer's report which included a \$1,500 profit on the Show. The report is available for viewing at the General Meetings.

**Robert Hutson**

It is with sad news that we wish to report the passing of another of our longtime members; Mr. Robert Hutson, an active member for over 30 years. Mr. Hutson was retired from the Coast Guard and was also a Minister.

**Bobby LeBlanc**

We were also notified that Bobby Leblanc, another member of LWCCG passed away, but at this time, we have no further information.

**Show & Tell from the January Meeting**



**From left to right: Richard Reeves shows a Brown Pelican he is working on, Garard Ruth displays a dove he recently purchased, Don Huber holds a Woodduck he is currently working on.**

**APRIL EXPO SHOW HOUMA  
PRESENTED BY WILDLIFE  
ARTISTS & CARVERS GUILD  
Carvers-Sculptures-Flat Art  
Native American Crafts & Art**

**Saturday April 17th Sunday**

**9am to 7pm**

**Sunday April 18th 10am to 5pm**

**SATURDAY AUCTION**

**BEGINS AT : 1 PM**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:SIMMON BARRETT WHO WON  
THE "BEST IN JUNIOR DIVISION L" AT OUR SHOW IN DE-  
CEMBER.**