

A Group Effort

The River Bend Carving Club of Racine, Wis., decided to carve Noah's Ark along with a Nativity set shortly before *Woodcarving Illustrated* Winter 2016 (Issue 74) was published. We were delighted when we received the issue. The club liked the look of

Betty Padden's ark and used the pattern for our project. We used different Noah and animal patterns. We were looking for an annual project that would be suitable for carvers of all levels and this did the trick. One person carved the ark to keep the look consistent. We unveiled the project at our annual picnic in August and offered it for sale at the annual Walk in the Woods Art Fair. The River Bend Carving Club has offered carving classes for the past two years at the River Bend Nature Center on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am for prospective carvers 10 years of age and older. Some of the students have become members and participated in this year's ark project.



Members of the River Bend Carving Club of Racine, Wis., display their carvings of Noah's ark and the Nativity at the club's annual art fair.

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We'd love to hear from you! Send your thoughts and comments about our magazine and woodcarving in general to: Letters, *Woodcarving Illustrated*, 1970 Broad St., East Petersburg, PA 17520, or e-mail editors@woodcarvingillustrated.com.

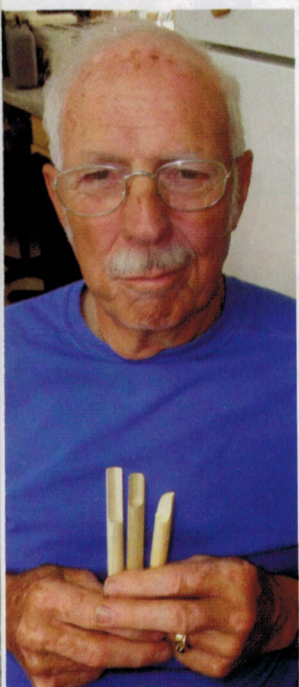
A Carver Recognized

I enjoyed the article "Learning to Carve Soap" by Barbara Millikan in *Woodcarving Illustrated* Summer/Fall 2016 (Issue 76), especially since you noted that the tools used at your Open House came courtesy of the Desert Woodcarving Show. We added soap carving to give kids something to do at the show and were surprised by how many adults sat down to try it.

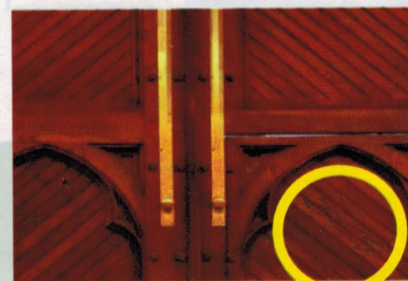
I showed your article to Jim Sublet, a retired engineer who designed and built all of the tools for our show. I can't tell you how happy he was to see his tools featured in your magazine. Jim has made 100 sets of the wooden tools—that's 300 tools!

I didn't tell Jim, but I planned right then to let you know who made the tools in hopes that you could make mention of Jim's efforts. I wanted to send this photograph in hopes that you could recognize Jim in some way—believe me, it would make his day!

Jerry Chapman
Via email



Jim Sublet displays a handmade set of soap carving tools.



FOX HUNT

Jim Tharp of Clackamas, Ore., and Tommy Anderson of Quitman, La., are the winners drawn from the correct entries received for WCI Fall 2016 (Issue 76). The fox was in the Barrie Casement feature article, in the lower right corner of the cathedral doors photo on page 59.

Find the fox in this issue, and contact us with the page number and location. Two readers randomly selected from all correct replies will receive a \$25 Fox Chapel Publishing gift certificate. Entries must be received by April 6, 2017, to be eligible. *NOTE: With his feet on the "ground," the contest fox faces left (other foxes in WCI don't count).*

Send your entry to: *Woodcarving Illustrated*, Attn: Find the Fox, 1970 Broad Street, East Petersburg, Pa. 17520, or enter online under the contests link at www.woodcarvingillustrated.com.