

# The Cutting Edge

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**Results from the Bucks County  
Chainsaw Carving Contest and  
other contests**

**Meet Sculptors Ray Holmquist and  
Edith Croft**



### **Cover Photo:**

*Ray Holmquist relaxing on one of  
his furniture creations*

Photo By: Bill Hutchisson

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### RESPONSE FROM NEW MEMBERS

I sent \$25 because I didn't know if dues had gone up and anyway you sent me some free issues-so just keep the extra \$5 if they haven't.

Thanks for a real good newsletter. Good carving.

*Jim Rourke  
E. Stroudsburg, PA*

### \* EDITORS NOTE: Dues are still only \$20.00.

Thanks for the back issues. Enjoy tips and stories from issues. Would like to know what rules apply to carving competitions such as tools allowed to use. I Like the pictures of great works by great sculptors. Also Don't forget "Chip Chats" used to be only a two page newsletter.

*Al Heron  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada*

\*EDITORS NOTE: The rules to carving competitions differ. There are basically two kinds of contests. Chain saw only, which you only can use a chain saw. This focuses on the tool and what kind of sculpture can be created with only a chain saw. The second type of contest is "anything goes" In addition to a chain saw, you can use any other kinds of tools, including sanders, die grinders, etc. This type of competition focuses more on the finished sculpture.

### Response from Ellensburg Contest

A coin toss is superficial Dan! Ellensburg Contest.

*Garvin Ditzel  
Royal Palm Beach, FL*

### A Note from the WORLDS SMALLEST CHAIN SAW CARVING CARVER

Sorry I do not have a picture of the squirrel but President Clinton has it. It was sent to him as a Christmas present. However I hope that you like the tape and pictures I have included with this note. I also hope you like the canoe - (a dug out) that I sent. Although a little large, I hope you like it. Thank you for clearing up the mistake.

*Carroll D. "Chain saw" Sanders  
Hawesville, Kentucky*

\*Editors Note: Carroll mailed me a little canoe carved out of a matchstick. He carved it with a chain saw. Thank you, Carroll. He also plays the lottery and scratches his tickets with a chain saw.

### RENEWERS

I've enclosed this years subscription dues in with this letter. I'm sorry about waiting so long to renew, but I was thinking of dropping the subscription due to the fact that even though I think the world of you guys, all we hear and see in the newsletter is about the West Coast. There's nothing mentioned about the carvers, activities, or the out come of competition in the Midwest. But, I've since changed my mind about renewing...carvers do those things you know..

I do thank you for keeping me on your mailing list this long. I learned from last issue about the competition in Pennsylvania. I met some of the carvers in that area and enjoyed their hospitality. I know that I'm speaking for all the carvers that attended the competition in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. We would like to thank Bill and Alene Plant for all the hard work and time put into the competition. They opened their home to us and we were made to feel like family. I would also like to extend an invitation to any of the carvers that are traveling across the Midwest to stop by my shop here in the Ozarks, to visit, spend a few days and carve with me, or just stop in and "shoot the breeze".

*Gary Patterson  
Hawesville, Missouri  
5744700*

\*EDITORS NOTE: I'm glad you decided to renew your subscription, Gary. The newsletter started here in the Northwest to update local carvers of upcoming contests, etc. Our following has developed nationally. I try to write about what I know. I really depend on carvers out there to update me on information, upcoming events, stories, etc. Send me your letters and photos and I'll print it

### NEW MEMBERS

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Garvin Ditzel               | Palm Beach, Florida          |
| Al Heron                    | Windsor, Ontario             |
| Jim Rourke                  | E. Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania |
| Paul Kiesel                 | Evansville, Indiana          |
| Country Corner Collectibles | Orick, Calif.                |
| Will McGraw                 | Richmond, Indiana            |

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Cascade Chain Saw Sculptors' Guild was founded in 1986 with the purpose of promoting public and private awareness of chainsaw work as an art form, provide trade information and to invite a collaboration of energy among members. Annual membership dues are \$20.00 (U.S. Funds). Dues money pays for the bi-monthly newsletter The Cutting Edge, other mailings, and expenses of the CCSG.

Dues are collected in January for the current year. To join, please return this form, \$20.00, check or money order, payable to the Cascade Chainsaw Sculptors Guild

NEW MEMBER  RENEW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To help us get to know you please complete the following:

YEARS SCULPTING WITH SAW? \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SCULPTURE USUALLY DONE? \_\_\_\_\_ LOG \_\_\_\_\_ USUAL LOG SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

MY BEST TYPES OF WORK ARE \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE: \_\_\_ FULL TIME CARVER \_\_\_ PART TIME CARVER \_\_\_ NOVICE \_\_\_ FAN of the ARTFORM

REMARKS/COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Artist, R.L. Blair cuts the damaged head off a bear by California carver, Steve Blanchard

## We Love Our Work!!!

By: Lewis Bray  
Manager, LeBlanc/Burlwood

Renowned artist R.L. Blair, the world famous Disney carver, was on site at LeBlanc/Burlwood in Monterey California, carving 'em up.

When asked if he minded recycling old carvings into new, he was hesitant to comply. Yet, when he discovered what was in store, an old damaged Steve Blanchard original, his joy was evident.

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**Standing left to right:**  
 Gary Patterson, MO, Rick Travers FL, Dwayne Hall, KY, Trisha Gatz, PA, Duane Bender, PA  
**Bottom left to right**  
 Ben Risney, PA, Ben King, Tenn, Dennis Beach, PA, James Taylor, IND, Jim Bourke, PA, Bob  
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