

## **7th Annual Gouge Chip Carving Exposition** by Russ Hewitt

The 7th Annual Gouge Chip Carving Exposition was held on 24 October – 9 November, 2009. The Expo co-sponsors were Nettie Knapp of Charley's Place Flea Market and the Springfield Missouri Gouge Chippers. This exposition provides an opportunity for gouge chippers to publically display their best works. The exposition was expanded to include relief carvings and wood burning. These items were provided by the Southwest Missouri Carving Artists. The gouge chip carvers competed in three categories (open, advanced, and novice).

Gouge chip carving uses only four gouges and two cuts: a vertical cut and the removal of a chip. The technique works best in hard woods (maple, cherry, walnut). The Springfield Gouge Chippers sponsor an exposition each year. The next exposition is scheduled for the fall of 2010 in Springfield, MO. Further information about gouge chip carving is available at [www.gougechipcarving.com](http://www.gougechipcarving.com) or through email at [gougechipper@earthlink.net](mailto:gougechipper@earthlink.net). or [rahewitt@earthlink.net](mailto:rahewitt@earthlink.net).

Warren Rauscher of Raytown, MO was the Exposition Judge and Russ Hewitt the show director.

Show Sponsors: Charley's Place (Nettie Knapp) and the Springfield Gouge Chip Carvers.

Judge: Warren Rauscher Show Director: Russ Hewitt

Best of Show: Chuck Rattenborg (lettered sign).

Best Far & Near: Otis Ramsey (trivet)

### **Open Category:**

Three Dimensional: Carol Wherry (1<sup>st</sup>, HM); Chuck Rattenborg (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Two Dimensional: Chuck Rattenborg (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Carol Wherry (3<sup>rd</sup>); Otis Ramsey (HM).

Bookmark Pair: Carol Wherry (1<sup>st</sup>, HM), Chuck Rattenborg (2<sup>nd</sup>), Sean Schwendinger (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Coaster Set: Carol Wherry (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>); Chuck Rattenborg (2<sup>nd</sup>, HM)

Lettered/Sign Item: Chuck Rattenborg (1<sup>st</sup>)

Color Accenting: Chuck Rattenborg (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Gil Gerbig (3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Advanced Category:**

Three Dimensional: Harold Stolle (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Stan Lassen (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Two Dimensional: Sean Schwendinger (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Otis Ramsey (3<sup>rd</sup>); Stan Lassen (HM)

Bookmark Pair: Sean Schwendinger (1<sup>st</sup>); Harold Stolle (2<sup>nd</sup>); Stan Lassen (3<sup>rd</sup>); Gil Gerbig (HM)

Coaster Set: Sean Schwendinger (1<sup>st</sup>); Stan Lassen (2<sup>nd</sup>) Harold Stolle (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Single Coaster/Plate: Sean Schwendinger (1<sup>st</sup>); Herb Batson (2<sup>nd</sup>); Harold Stolle (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Small Coaster: Sean Schwendinger (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>); Stan Lassen (3<sup>rd</sup>, HM)

### **Novice Category:**

Three Dimensional: Gil Gerbig (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>); Gerald Lewis (2<sup>nd</sup>); Jeffery Lewis (HM)

Two Dimensional: Sabrina Waugh (1<sup>st</sup>); Rhonda Kaercher (2<sup>nd</sup>); Gerald Lewis (3<sup>rd</sup>, HM)

Bookmark: Loy Bain (1<sup>st</sup>), Rhonda Kaercher (2<sup>nd</sup>); Jeffery Lewis (3<sup>rd</sup>), Gerald Lewis (HM)

Small Coaster: Sabrina Waugh (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>); Rhonda Kaercher (2<sup>nd</sup>); Salli Waugh (HM), Gerald Lewis (HM), Dawn Cribbs (2HM)

**Wood Carving:** The following ribbons were awarded.

Open Class Advanced: Arden Balty (1<sup>st</sup>), Larry Rabe (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Relief Carving Colored: Larry Rabe (1<sup>st</sup>), Barb Killingsworth (2<sup>nd</sup>), Arden Balty (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Relief Carving Natural: Gil Gerbig (1<sup>st</sup>), Arden Balty (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dan McKenzie (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Realistic: Larry Rabe (1<sup>st</sup>), Dick Smith (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kathy Suddeth (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Caricature: Larry Rabe (1<sup>st</sup>)

Open Class Novice: Trevor Suddeth (1<sup>st</sup>)