



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

August 2026

NEWSLETTER

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**From the
Club
President**

President's Message

Thank to everyone that attended our July general meeting. The show and tell had wonderful items. Nancy Girard's carve along was widely popular. The snacks provided by Donna/Denis Miller and Kelly Kirsch were delicious.

Please invite anyone interested in woodcarving to attend a general meeting. The board has offered to give any new non-member the opportunity to receive the 2027 membership free. They just need to attend a meeting.

In lieu of the August general meeting we will be holding a potluck picnic on August 25 at 6 pm. Our newsletter editor has graciously looked into venues and will speak to that in this newsletter.

Next year's annual show will be held at Center 50+ on April 10 - 11, 2027.

The club's table at the State Fair will be on August 28, 29 and 30. If you can help man the table, please contact Jack Dalton.

The Rendezvous is scheduled from noon on September 18 through noon on September 20. Registration forms can be found on our website. I would love to see this event grow into what it used to be. Please consider attending and invite new carvers to attend.

See you at the picnic, Sarah

Picnic Location: Pringle Park

606 Church St SE, Salem, OR 97301 - Starts at 5 PM

Past Events

2026 NW Carving Academy Highlights

Several of our members made the trip to Ellensburg, WA to participate in this annual week-long event. A big thank you to those that documented this event through pictures and their own private Facebook accounts, you know who you are! Some of the work from this event was exhibited during the show & tell at the July meeting. It was all exquisite and we are looking forward to other completed works in the future. If you want to see these items you may need to make sure you remember to attend the monthly meeting.



Members learned some valuable techniques from very talented instructors. Above Ray Weekly and Terry Moss are seen working on their wreaths while Sarah Lynch was caught just beginning her carving. Barb Fromherz followed her passion of pyrography and others were carving squirrels.



Northwest Carving Academy, continued

"Time flies when you are having fun. It's Friday and the northwest carving academy has drawn to a close. I spent the week carving with Izo Becic and came up with an oak leaf relief carving. All mallet and chisel work so I was way outside my comfort zone. Several times during the week I wanted to grab something gas powered and get after it. We had a great time!" – Terry Moss, Past President of Capitol Woodcarvers



Events Happening in August

Friday Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30AM each Friday:

8/7/2026 Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem

8/14/2026 Lum Yuen, 3190 Portland Rd NE, Salem

8/21/2026 Best Little Roadhouse, 1145 Commercial St SE, Salem

8/28/2026 Applebee's North, 2625 Liberty St NE, Salem

See you next Friday. Join us for Friday carving after lunch at Center 50+ (1 PM every Friday)

Club Meeting August 25th - Annual Picnic

Plan NOW on attending our Annual Picnic/Meeting in the park, August 25th, 5:00PM. This year's picnic will be at Pringle Park, 606 Church St SE, Salem. There is a large parking area (more parking on Church St) and plenty of tables. There are plans for a special show & tell presentation. Bring your best pieces to show off!

The comradery that is shared as members and visitors gather monthly is exceptional! This is a potluck so you have an opportunity to show off some culinary skills as well. Bring your own drinks, plates and cutlery.

When you show your work, you have the opportunity to win a gift. A highlight of these meetings is seeing what other members have been carving and talking with these carvers about their process and inspiration.

At the July meeting the program/demonstration was be offered by presented by Nancy Girard.



Nancy always has interesting and very skilled methods to share. You are encouraged to come and get some great hints from her.

See you at the Picnic!

KAA Featured Artist August 2026

Keizer Art Association (KAA) recognizes a featured artist every month and prominently displays the selected artist's creations in the Association's Classroom. This month the Association has chosen to feature the art of Capitol Woodcarvers members who attend open carving sessions at KAA.



The carvings on display are outstanding, and the comments heard from visitors include a lot of "unbelievable", "wow", and "beautiful". Viewers are amazed at the quality of the art found in wood.

Thank you Barb & Don Fromherz, Nadine Romero, John & Donna Cerighino, Tim Flora, Rick Bittner, and Kevin Reilly for displaying your carvings.

Open Carving sessions are scheduled every first and third Thursday of the month 9:00AM – 1:00PM at Keizer Art Association, 980 Chemawa RD NE, Keizer, Oregon.

Capitol Woodcarvers flyers are available at the display. Visitors are encouraged to check out our Club.

Future Events

Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events help promote our club and woodcarving in general. Please plan on participating if you can. These are not only opportunities to get involved as a member but are also great ways to promote Capitol Woodcarvers to friends, neighbors, and the community at large.

State Fair Booth - August 28, 29, 30



There are still a few openings to participate! Capitol Woodcarvers will have a State Fair booth in Columbia Hall on the first weekend of the Fair. Volunteers are needed to display their carvings to Fair visitors. This event

attracts a lot of visitors and really helps to promote our club. Please volunteer to sit at our booth. More information is coming soon.

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous – September 11 & 12



Donna Miller is organizing this September event. If you would like to help Donna, please contact her to let her know. This event helps our club in many ways through

our participation and event support. Many of the classes are taught by our members. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this wonderful event that promotes woodcarving.

Capitol Woodcarvers Art Gallery Show (October)



Woodcarving is an art form that is not widely known beyond carvers. This art show expands woodcarving knowledge to other artists and to the public. Visitors to this show are always amazed at what we can create with wood and simple tools. There is

no cost nor requirement to be present to participate in this show. Carvings are displayed in a professional art gallery. More information about how to participate will be coming soon.

Annual Ornament Sale (November)



Capitol Woodcarvers has participated in the Rickreall Annual Ornament sale for over a decade. This sale is our club's only fund raiser and is dependent on your generous donations of

ornaments. In addition, booth sitters are needed during this two-day event. Please contact us or Nadine Romaro to schedule your booth sitting time.

Coastal Carvers Show (January 2027)



The Coastal Carvers Show is scheduled each January, and it attracts many visitors. Capitol Woodcarvers has a booth at this show, and volunteers are needed to sit at this booth. It is always fun to talk with booth visitors and promote our club. You are also encouraged to get your own table. More info is coming soon.

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