



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

July 2026

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

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First, I would like to apologize for my absence at the June general meeting. I could tell you all the reasons I forgot, but in the end, I think I'm just getting absent minded.

Hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July. It seemed there was more celebrating this year than past years. It's amazing the strides this country has taken in 250 years. I have hope for the future generations to move forward in a positive direction and make the world a better place for all.

I've been getting prepared for the Oregon Rendezvous coming up in September. The relief carving I will be teaching is almost completed. We should have a great time.

We will be having a board meeting on July 28th, at 5:30pm, prior to the general meeting. Our Vice-President has some ideas she wants to present to the board. I would like to remind everyone that we are in need of club officers beginning in November. Vacancies will include President, Vice-President and Secretary.

I would like to give a big shout out to Kevin Reilly for volunteering to be the newsletter editor, at least through the end of this fiscal year.

Hope to see everyone at the July general meeting.

Sarah

Friday Lunch

Friday Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30AM each Friday:

7/17/2026 Love Love Teriyaki, 4555 Liberty Rd S #250, Salem

7/24/2026 The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St SE, Salem

7/31/2026 Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem

See you next Friday. Don't forget the Open Carving Session at Center 50+ after the lunch gathering.

Monthly Club Meeting

Club Meeting July 28

Plan on attending our next meeting July 18, 7:00PM at Center 50+. The comradery that is shared as members and visitors gather monthly is exceptional! And when you come, please bring a "Show and Tell" item to share with others.

In June, 15 members brought their carvings to share and Angie Bell walked away as the winner of a Starbucks gift card.

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 will be offered by presented by Nancy Girard – *Chip Carving Ornament with embroidery*. 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 meeting.

Past Events

Past Events - *What you may have missed*

NW Carving Academy – Ellensburg, WA July 13 – 17

Several members made the journey to Ellensburg, WA. Looking forward to hearing about this event.

Upcoming Events

Rich Wetherbee Woodcarving Class – Everett Kontz House July 7-9

Rumors have it that this was a very successful class. What a tremendous honor to have the Everett Koontz family allow for the use of his workshop. If you haven't been around the past few months, you may not have heard of Everett's passing. He is greatly missed.

Terry Moss – Gangsters Carving Class – June 8-12

Terry is our Past President and we are privileged to have access to his instruction. Looking forward to seeing the projects that come out of this class at our monthly 'Show and Tell'. The Gangsters were displayed on Terry's table at the annual show earlier this year.

Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events help promote our club and woodcarving in general. Please plan on participating if you can.

SHORT NOTICE - KAA Woodcarving Exhibition

The Keizer Arts Association has requested that Capitol Woodcarvers provide items to display during the month of August. Bob Curtis says that he will be collecting items for display at (or before) the July 28th meeting. All items will need to be suitable to hang on the wall. KAA is hoping to have 20 – 30 items on display to showcase the club's work. PLEASE NOTE: This is in addition to the October event at KAA listed later in the newsletter.

August Meeting

Center 50+ closes the last two weeks of August each year. This has facilitated Capitol Woodcarvers to have our Annual Potluck Picnic in conjunction with our August Meeting at the Bush Park Picnic area. More to come at the July meeting.

State Fair Booth (August)



Capitol Woodcarvers will have a State Fair booth in Columbia Hall on the first weekend of the Fair, August 27-29. Volunteers are needed to display their carvings, demonstrate techniques, and speak to Fair

visitors. The presence of Capitol Woodcarvers is always a desired attraction gathering a lot of interest. Please volunteer to sit at our booth your participation is one way to promote the club and recruit new members. Jack Dalton is managing the sign-up sheet.

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous



Donna Miller is organizing this September event (September 10-12). Sign-up sheets are available at the monthly meeting. **Please Note** there is a different location this year due to cost. Center 50+ is allowing us to use the facility to help reduce the costs. If you would like to help Donna facilitate elements of this event, please contact her to let her know. This event helps our club in many ways, member participation and event support will

continue to make the Rendezvous something special and attract carvers from all over the State. Many of the classes are taught by our own 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

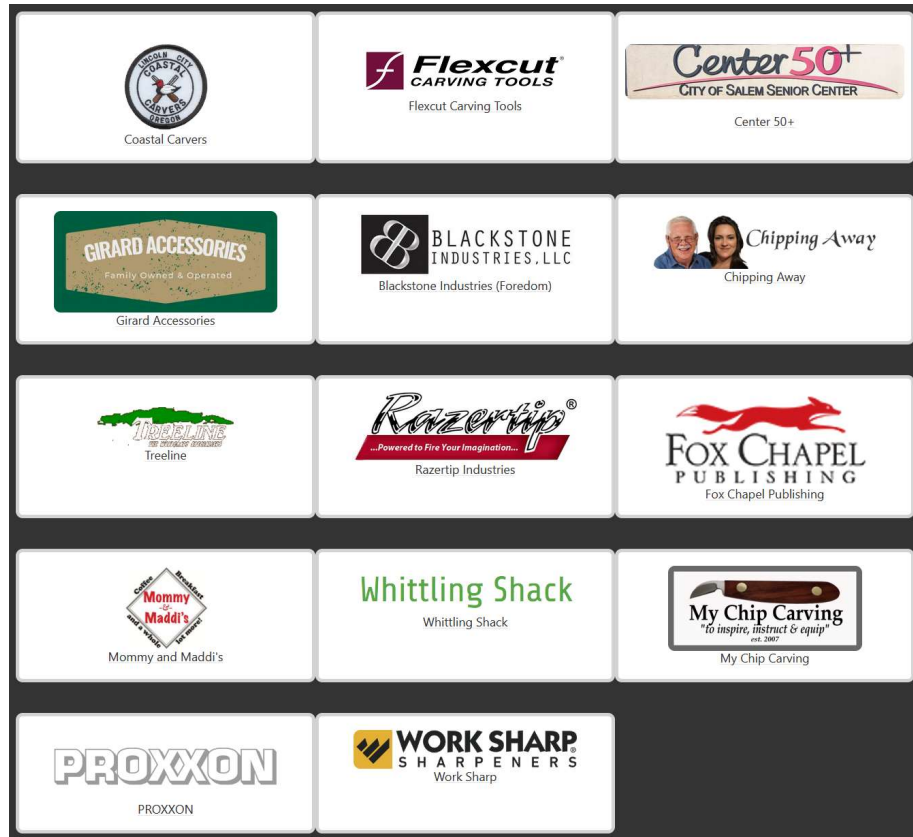
ornaments. In addition, booth sitters are needed during this two-day event. Please contact us or Nadine Romaro to schedule your booth sitting time.

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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Contribution to the Monthly Newsletter is encouraged; Pictures, Articles, Events, etc. are desired from our members. If you have pictures from past events or something of interest, please send them to Kevin Reilly at reillykr56@yahoo.com and title your email CW Newsletter.