

CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

Salem, Oregon



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<http://capitolwoodcarvers.org>

President's Message

Looks like we are getting used to that bright thing they call the sun which has been hanging around in the sky for nearly two weeks. Not only that but it's warm again. I know that some of you must think I'm the master of the obvious but to see the weather changes in Oregon never cease to amaze and thrill me. Growing up in Seattle we had nothing but rain then living in Southern California for over 20 years it was mostly hot and sunny. Anyway the changes here are wonderful and much appreciated by me.

For those who did not attend last months meeting it was a short one as Donna (our guest speaker and secretary) was ill with some unknown bug. As a result we discussed Club business for a short while, had the wood draw and our snacks then just had a relaxing time chatting with friends. It was very nice to have a social hour and many of the members commented on how they enjoyed it.

One of the things brought up again was to try and get a group together who own motor homes and have a group camping trip. Sounds like fun to me so anyone who has any suggestions as to when and where please contact me and we will see what we can put together. By the way Donna is feeling fine now and is back carving and keeping us on our toes.....has everyone seen the Dragon wood burning project she is working on? Wow!

Any thoughts, concerns, worries or just suggestions drop Me e-mail or give me a call.....Frank

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CLUB MEETINGS (Last Tuesday of the month, except for no meetings in August and December)

June Presenter: **Dave Strand** – *Surprise Carving*. Bring your carving tools

July Presenter: **Al Copeland**, Fish scale patterns.

Treats in June Denis Miller, Bob Lanning, Art Bennett

July Treats: Mike Goodness, Ray Weekly, Diana Perth

We usually have between 50 -60 people attending. Coffee will be provided by the Capital Carvers.

(Look for your name **here** for Sept, Oct and Nov.)

Help Needed: Are there a couple of people in our membership that would like to help us out by taking responsibility to make the coffee/cleaning up at our remaining meetings? We would prefer someone that drinks coffee regularly so they kind of know what they are doing...Ha. Seriously, our President Frank has been making the coffee and cleaning up the last few times. He has more than enough things to do without being responsible for making coffee/clean up. We sure would appreciate the help of a couple of people! This is a nice way to become more involved in your carving group and give a little back for all the education and help the club has provided for you....our dedicated members. Thank you.

August: No meeting, but a great potluck picnic at Bush's Pastures Park. More information will be coming next month.

(Still time to sign up for the 4th spot in July and wide open through November.)

Open Carving

For those that might be interested---the Salem Senior Center has a woodcarving session every Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 upstairs. A great bunch of people that are willing to help out, if you ask. Very generous group of folks!

The Silverton Silverchip Carvers meet Wednesday's, 1 to 4 at the Silverton Art Association. \$2 per session. A chance to carve and chat. For more Info, call Dave Stand (503-873-4512).

Everett Koontz is hosting an open carving session on Mondays, 9:30-3:00 at his home: 2970 Hollyberry Lane SE Salem. Bring a sack lunch and a project to work on.

Local Wood Supplier Jerry Harris
Dallas, Or. 503-884-7905
Email grich912@aol.com

Events of the Region

July 10-13 Marion County Fair: If any one in the club wants to register to show their carvings, the handbook and registration information is at: mcfair.net

July 14-18 North West Carving Academy at Kittitas County Fairgrounds, Ellensburg, Wa

August 14-17 West Glacier Rendezvous, West Glacier KOA, W. Glacier, Montana

Aug 22-Sep 1 State Fair

September 18-21 Oregon woodworkers Rendezvous

Area Classes

The following is a schedule of carving classes with Dave Disselbrett at the Keizer Art Association, 950 Chemawa Rd NE, Keizer, OR (503-390-3010) The evening classes are 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cost is \$15, (\$5 per night) for the three Monday sessions.

Mondays: 7:00 to 9:00 PM February 3, 10, 17.

And Wednesdays, 9 AM to Noon,

\$7 per session, Classes are in the craft room.

Projects of choice. Center 50+ Salem

"Bored" Dinners and Breakfasts

Several carvers have continued gathering for a Friday Night Dinner and a Saturday morning breakfast at various locations around the valley. It's a chance to go to some places you may not normally frequent and with your carving spuds. Everyone is welcome to these no-host gatherings. The only requirement is to bring your appetite!

"Bored" Dinners p.m.

July 18th---Frank & Stine
August 8th---Olive Garden
Sept. 12th---McGrath's
Oct. 10th---Olive Garden
Nov. 13th---Novak's
Dec. 31st---Best Little Road House

"Bored" Breakfast am

June 28th---Sassy Onion
July 26th---Word of Mouth
Aug. Still Open
Sept. 27th---Hwy 22
Oct. 25th---Whites
Nov. 22nd---Mommy & Maddis
Dec. No Breakfast in Dec.

How To Make Or Dye Wood Black

"I have been asked several times how to make or dye wood black. Here is one idea. "Drop a small amount of steel wool into a jar of vinegar and leave it to soak for about a week. After this time, the steel wool will have virtually disappeared, leaving a rather dirty-looking solution. Apply this to your wood and it will turn grey - some woods greyer than others will. This is because the solution reacts with the tannin in the wood.

To make the color darker, increase the tannin by applying an old tea bag. With repeated applications, you can attain almost jet-black wood. An advantage to this method is that you can paint the solution on and maintain a straight line or edge without the need to mask off any areas. If you do not like the smell, use cola instead of vinegar. It takes slightly longer, but works just as well."

"The Art of Carving Netsuke" by Peter Benson, page 55. (Info provided by Everett Koontz)

NOTICE:

The newsletter will be on the website by the Monday PRIOR TO the monthly meeting and a few hard copies will be at the meeting for those without access to the web.

If it isn't there, feel free to email me, call me----anything except late for dinner---and I will be all over it. Bob H.

Ps if anyone spots the 'intentional' error, and is the first to tell me about it, there will be a special prize at the June meeting.