



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT Capitol Woodcarvers are an amazing group. Over 45 members and guests braved impending snow and icy road conditions to attend our February club meeting. We had folks from as far away as Silverton, Turner, Newberg, Oregon City, and Gervais. They were rewarded with fabulous, homemade treats brought by Everett Koontz and Ray Weekly, plus Häagen-Dazs ice cream bars by Denis Miller. There was an awesome Show and Tell, conducted by Don Currey and Terry Moss. Some truly amazing projects were displayed. Mike Reifel wrapped it up with a performance by Mabel, his latest dragon marionette creation. Somewhere amongst the fun and treats, we did have a business meeting, details of which can be found in the "minutes" on our website, www.capitolwoodcarvers.org.

Mike Reifel then put on a well-prepared program. Mike provided everyone with wood, transfer patterns, and instructions to chip carve a rose. Thanks Mike, for all the time and effort you put in.

We adjourned the meeting shortly before 9 PM, as snow was beginning to fall.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON Preparations for our Annual Club Show, April 6 & 7 are well underway. The theme for this year's show is "The Art Found In Wood". Thank you to Everett Carter for his theme suggestion. We will be having a catered banquet and a food cart for lunches. Display table spots are filling up fast. If you don't have one yet, reserve one soon.

Let's have an abundant raffle and auction. Bring your donation items to the next monthly Club meeting, to the Show at set-up time Friday afternoon, or first thing Saturday morning.

We hope to have lots of entries in our Carving Contest. A representative from the Keizer Art Association, will award a ribbon from their group. There will also be many other categories to enter. Think of this not as a competition with your fellow carvers, but rather as an opportunity to "Show and Tell" our artistry to the public. When folks are milling about the tables, the many wonderful carvings displayed can overwhelm them. When asked to place a vote for the People's Choice award, they are forced to really focus on individual works, and thereby, appreciate the effort that goes into them. This year, let's show the public what our artistry is all about with lots of entries!

Stacy Chipper, Don Fromherz

March Meeting

March 26 Meeting

Treats: Kathie Dalton, Laura and Gary Woods, Bob Karr

Program: Terry Kramer, carving faces and other interesting things.

Future Programs: Suggestions and/or volunteers for programs are needed. Contact Terry Moss.

Club Patches

Order Your Club Patch



Only \$5.00

Contact Don Fromherz or Terry Moss to get yours today. Looks great on hats, jackets, shirts, or aprons.

Meet Denis Miller

Meet Denis Miller



Denis was the 2017/18 Capitol Woodcarvers Club President. He has been a member since 2011.

Denis became interested in carving when as a young scout he carved neckerchief slides and other scouting items. Denis carves a wide variety of items. He presently enjoys carving and teaching Northwest Coastal Indian Art, and carving at the carousel. He has a broad artistic background including sketching, oil and watercolor painting, leather craft, and woodturning.

When not carving, Denis enjoys exercising, watching movies, planning carving projects and sharpening his tools. He was also a competitive shooter, and was successfully on target for ten years.

Denis spent 30 years with the Oregon Department of Transportation, as a civil engineer and traffic engineer. After retiring from ODOT, he spent five years consulting and as an inspector on major public works projects.

Denis' family consists of his wife Donna and 4 Children: Brigid, Denis II, Tamsen and Laura.

Carving Sessions

Carving Sessions (Center 50+)

Mondays 6:30PM – 8:45PM, \$5, Instructor Denis Miller
Wednesdays 9:00AM – 12:00PM, \$7, Instructor Jim Harris
Fridays 1:00PM – 4:00PM, NC, No Instructor
Last Saturday of the month 9:00AM – 2:00PM, \$3, No Instructor

Carving Sessions (Silverton Art Association)

Wednesdays 1:00PM – 4:00PM, \$2, No Instructor

Breaking Bread

"Bored" Dinner, Breakfast Schedule

Please join us. Spouses, family, and friends are always welcome. Dinners are scheduled for 6:00PM and breakfasts are at 8:00AM unless otherwise noted.

Dinners

March 21	Road House on Lancaster	April 18	Sizzler's
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Breakfasts

March 30	Mommy and Maddi's	April 27	IHOP
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Weekly Lunches (12:00PM after Wednesday class)

1st Wednesday: The Roadhouse, Lancaster Drive, Salem

2nd Wednesday: Walery's Pizza, West Salem

3rd Wednesday: Elmer's, Market Street

4th Wednesday: Mommy and Maddi's, River Road

5th Wednesday: Nancy Jo's, Keizer

We always have a good time at these gatherings and it is nice to socialize with each other outside the craft room or other carving venue. All carvers, those interested in carving, and friends of carvers are welcome. Please join us.

Please provide location suggestions to Bob Curtis.

Auction Items

Show Auction Items

Show Auction information:

At the dinner on Saturday night of our show, we will be having the auction to help our club with funding. We will also have items during that time that will be auctioned to help pay for Kay Hayden's medical bills. We were given carvings from Will Hayden's things after the Lincoln City show. Will was one of our carvers and was in our show often in the early years. He was one of the Caricature Carver of America carvers and we have a few of those pieces for the auction. If you have early chip chat magazines, he had a cartoon in almost every issue. Please look at the items before the dinner and think about getting one of them.

Events

(Dates and locations are believed to be correct at time of publishing and were obtained from the source where possible. Please confirm dates, times, and venues before making plans and advise us of inaccuracies and needed changes.)

Upcoming Events

---**The 2019 Tri-Cities Woodcarvers Rendezvous** is Scheduled for June 7-9, at a new location 7.5 miles south of Pasco, the McNary Wildlife Refuge Education Center (MNWR), Burbank WA.

They are looking for CARVING INSTRUCTORS.

Questions or teachers interested may contact Dean Hergistad, President, at (509) 713-0108 or Joan Bradley, Vice President at (509) 430-1843.

Tri-Cities Woodcarvers, PO Box 6962, Kennewick WA 99336

---**Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Show**

April 6 – 7 in Salem at the Center 50+. This will be another good one. See the Show Flyer in this newsletter.

---**Oregon Rendezvous**

The 2019 Oregon Woodcarving Rendezvous is scheduled for September 12 thru September 15 at Canyonview Camp in Silverton.

More info at capitolwoodcarvers.org/2019orrendezvous.php

---**Chainsaw Carving**

June 14-15, Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Sculpting Championship, in Reedsport. (oregonccc.com); June 28-30, Sand and Sawdust, Ocean Shores Convention Center. (oceanshores.org/sand-sawdust); July 27-28, Woodfest, Willapa Bay, Washington. (tokelandnorthcove.com)

---**NWCA Artistry in Wood Show October 12 - 13**

Waller Road Grange, Tacoma, WA 98404

Bob Harkness (c.l.harkness@q.com): Ron Dyer (dyer.ronald@comcast.net)

Capitol Woodcarvers Show

Capitol Woodcarvers Show (April 6 - 7)



Break-Out Sessions

Saturday

11:00-11:45 Everett Carter will do a demonstration on carving a Santa face
1:00-1:45 Reed Barker will demonstrate spoon carving
2:00-2:45 Kathie Dalton will discuss the use of modern technology and carving
3:00-3:45 Jim Harris will demonstrate how to carve a feather
3:00-3:45 Mike Reifel will be doing a demo TBD

Sunday

11:00-11:45 Glen Bledsoe will discuss photography and how to take better pictures of your carvings
1:00 - 1:45 Bob Curtis will do a demonstration on bark carving
2:00-2:45 Don Fromherz : Hands on carving and painting a simple magnet/ornament. Tools needed: Knife & medium "V" tool. Optional tools: Chip carving knife & #1 or #2 sweep gouge

Cheryl and Chuck Ayres Carving Cruise

Carving Cruise



Capitol Woodcarver members Cheryl and Chuck Ayres, Shari Fisher and Sara Lynch went on the Celebrity Cruise Lines Carving Cruise from January 28 - February 8.

On board were carvers from all around the United States. The ship left from Ft. Lauderdale, FL with stops and excursions in Grand Cayman, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia. Cheryl said that both the weather and the food were excellent.

During sea travel days the carvers shared a wonderful caricature carving and painting class from instructors Dennis and Susan Thorton. Included is a picture of the completed product.

Cheryl reports that the experience was so much fun that she and Chuck have already signed up for the next carving cruise in two years.

Promoting Our Club and Woodcarving

Falls City High School – Woodcarving Class Update

(by Jason Evans)



At the beginning of March, we have just started our 6th week of class. Originally, the plan was to offer the class for 9 weeks, but the students were enjoying themselves and they requested to extend the class for the whole semester (18 weeks). Currently there are 12 students enrolled, and the administration would like to see the numbers increased the next time the course is offered.



As none of the students had prior experience with woodcarving, the course was designed to build their carving skills and their confidence, with the goal of them designing and carving their own creation by the end of the course. Currently we've completed (though some are still working on) the following projects:



- Practice Stick (lighthouse) – the project's purpose was to get the students familiar with the basic cuts for woodcarving and potentially have a finished project.
- Block-Cylinder-Sphere – this was to orient the students with grain direction and the practice of rounding a block.
- Hearts – this project was designed to have quick projects that could be carved and painted to give the students practice painting and finishing a project. The end result was refrigerator magnets, but some students made pendants instead.

• Quick Carve Snowman (current project) – based on the pattern by Cyndi Joslyn, this project was their first large project. Students are excited about this carving project; creativity was encouraged.



Future projects include carving a jam spreader with other carving woods; carving a hillbilly; and possibly a santa/wizard pattern. Since the class was extended for the semester, there will be a research project where students will explore the various types of carving. This will be done through a poster/classroom presentation. Lastly, the students will design and carve their own creation.

I'd like to once again thank the club for making this dream come true. The donated tools, safety items, and wood has helped greatly. I've been pushed as an educator through this process, which is always good. Together we've created a viable program, that I believe could be replicated at other schools. But most of all,

we've given the chance for 12 students to be introduced to a lifetime hobby that is accessible to them inside and outside of school.

Progression/Demonstration Sticks

Learning Aides



Everett Koontz has a dozen or so of these demonstration sticks. Faces, animals, figures, ... These are great learning aides.

**Poem by Bob Harris
(On retiring as
Newsletter Editor)**

*The Club wishes to
thank Bob Harris for
his many years of
service as newsletter
editor and board
member upon his
retirement.*



A Humble Ode to all my Chiefs,

Now idle but not too sad, the job was not all that
bad
officially retired from my monthly chore
and no longer allowed to be a big, monthly bore
First President I served was a certain Mr. Currey,
Not to be confused with a person in an early
morning hurry.
If one saw him up and about before 11ish
It was only if there was a place within 100 miles
to go fish.
Next came a burly guy not referred as svelte
But had a very large heart above his belt.

His talk might have sounded rough
But it was really only a blustery bellow
And to a grand daughter was just a big marsh mellow
A VFW and excop who knew no fear but turned to quivering jelly
If even a picture of Tabasco got near his belly
Then a business owner with multiple talents
And shared his acumen with our club,
Involved in many volunteer projects that did
our community proud
but never beat his OWN chest very loud.
Next to bite the bullet and share his skills
And only rarely needed to take any calming pills
Because he almost never his own blood did spill.
Quite adept with a chisel or a knife, but at times
outdone by his talented wife
Now we have a former tooth jockey whose serene nature
Didn't let cowardly patients allow him to be vexed
Who learns so quickly he can take a class one month and teach it the next
Our new Pres could easily see that the Web Master was so capable and fast
The club could save a lot of money by having the newsletter be *two* jobs a
thing of the past.
Why should there be a person on the payroll and getting quite rich
When he should be out using his computer skills (?) by de-weeding a ditch!
Thus ended the editing career of a certain bloke
who's brains have already partially broke.
I enjoyed the several years of service to our club
But bow to the talents of a "Canadian spy" who opts to light in us a creative
spark
Of how we, too, can create masterpieces out of cottonwood bark
The 'old' pretend newsletter editor is dead! Long live the 'new' Newsletter
editor:
Who is a master of computers instead

The Other Harris on the club Roster.
Bob.