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President's Message

This will be my last newsletter as President of Capitol Woodcarvers. I appreciate the words of encouragement I received during the last two years.

The roller derby during the October meeting was a blast. Congratulations to the winners of the competitions and a big thank you to Don/Barb Fromherz and John/Donna Cereghino for all their help in making this a great event.

New officers will be elected on November 24rh. Try to attend the meeting and have your voice heard. I hope we have members willing to accept the positions. If you know a member that would be interested in any of the positions, please discuss a possible nomination.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Sarah



Thank you, Sarah!

for leading the Capitol Woodcarvers

October 2026 Meeting

Annual Rollerball Derby

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The annual Rollerball Derby occurs at the regular October Meeting each year and as usual, it did not disappoint! Over 25 participants carved one-inch cubes of basswood into ball shapes to compete in 4 categories, Distance, Accuracy, Creativity, and the new category this year of Balance.





It is really encouraging to see the youth participating and learning the lifelong joy of woodcarving!



Don Fromherz' "brother"??? The esteemed Doctor of Rollerball physics presided over the event.

His visit is always enjoyable and keeps us all entertained.

Rollerball Winners

Distance winners

Grand Prize - Kevin Reilly, 2nd – Everett Carter, 3rd – Ray Weekly



Accuracy winners

1st – John Timmons, 2nd – Donna Miller, 3rd – Ray Weekly



Creativity winners

1st – Everett Carter, 2nd – Sean Prodo, 3rd – Mike Riefel



Balance winners (New Category)

1st – Kevin Reilly, 2nd - Everett Carter, 3rd – Tom Seymour



Mark your calendar to participate next year

KAA Art in Wood Exhibition



Keizer Arts Association 'Art in Wood'

October was a busy month for Capitol Woodcarvers. The annual Keizer Arts Association exhibition 'Art in Wood' occurs every year. This year's show was exceptional with several of our members participating.
Above picture courtesy of Terry Moss



"The Squirrel"

By Don Fromherz

Don's carving was chosen as the People's Choice Award this year. This award is voted on by people who visit the gallery throughout the month of October.

Please note: This event needs our support. The first Saturday of October KAA presents an open house for all participants. If you are a presenter, it is desired that you attend that event. There are many benefits for our club when we participate with our attendance to discuss the art of woodcarving with other artists and the community at large.

Lunch Schedule

Friday Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30AM each Friday:

11/6/2026 Wild Card – Chang's Mongolian Grill, 3928 Center St NE, Sa
11/13/2026 The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
11/20/2026 Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem
11/27/2026 **No Lunch – Thanksgiving Week**
12/4/2026 Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem

See you next Friday.

November Meeting

Club Meeting November 24

We need your attendance at the next meeting! November 24, 7:00PM at Center 50+. This is the meeting when we elect our new officers for 2027. At the October meeting Terry Moss nominated the following members to serve on the Executive Board; President, Don Fromherz, Vice President, Barb Fromherz, Secretary, Kelley Kirsch, and Karen Bennett for Treasurer.

Barb Fromherz makes the following appeal for a volunteer Librarian.

"When Don and I took over the Club Library, we were amazed at how many really good books were in there, and thanks to Bob Fisher, our past librarian, they were in excellent shape. We organized them into easy categories, alphabetized them and created a catalog to simplify the search. At each meeting we have 6 or 7 folks looking for a new pattern, inspiration , trouble shooting…etc. The internet is great, but a book has its strengths also. Checking out or returning a book is pretty self explanatory, so the librarian isn't chained to the shelves.

The Club Library also contains 10 Colwood woodburning machines. Because of value and weight they remain in our attic until someone requests one. They can be checked out for a month at a time.

It is time to turn over the job of librarian to a new club member. Training should take all of about 2 minutes. See Don or Barb if you have any questions."

Please bring a "Show and Tell" item to share with others. A highlight of these meetings is seeing what other members

have been carving and talking with these carvers about their process and inspiration.

Reminder: There is no meeting in December, however, there will be a newsletter! Please send pictures of your Christmas themed carvings for the newsletter to Kevin Reilly, reillykr56@yahoo.com.

See you at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

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

Annual Ornament Sale (November)

We do not know if this is happening this year. Many have already contributed items to sell so it is being included here.



Capitol Woodcarvers has participated in the Rickreall Annual Ornament sale for over a decade. This sale is our club's only fundraiser 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 16 -17

Our own Bob Curtis will be the featured carver and presenter this year at the Coastal Carvers annual show. Many of our members will have tables displaying their carvings.



The Coastal Carvers Show attracts many visitors from all over the State. 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.

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