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“Art Found in Wood” Featured at KAA this October By Bob Curtis, Capitol Woodcarvers

Each October the Keizer Art Association Gallery hosts one of



its most unique exhibitions of the year—the Capitol Woodcarvers “Art Found in Wood” show.

This unique and inspiring exhibition brings together some of Oregon’s most accomplished wood artists and offers visitors

the opportunity to experience the remarkable versatility and beauty of woodcarving.

Capitol Woodcarvers is a group of talented artists proficient in woodcarving and pyrography. Most of these artists are from the Salem/Keizer area and meet regularly at KAA to share and exchange ideas, encourage one another's growth, and explore new techniques and creative approaches. While many members are award-winning, both locally and nationally, the club welcomes carvers at all levels who are committed to learning and artistic growth.

The Capitol Woodcarvers Show, which happens every October, has become the largest and most prestigious woodcarving art show hosted by Salem Capitol Woodcarvers. This year's show will feature more than 20 wood artists displaying more than fifty original carvings. Visitors will discover impressive range of styles and subjects, from realistic, caricature, pyrography, whimsical, relief, and other works that push the boundaries of wood art. The "Art Found in Wood" exhibition runs from October 1 to November 3.

Wood carving requires both technical skill and creative vision. The works on display reveal the many possibilities of the medium and the unique artistic vision of the carvers who create them. Some of participants in the show, like Terry Moss, are well recognized artists at the national level.

This year's exhibition will be juried by the KAA Board, all of whom are excellent artists who will apply their artistic background and knowledge when awarding ribbons to deserving entries. Awards will recognize outstanding achievement among participating carvers.

The Art Found in Wood exhibition will be on display throughout the month of October at the Keizer Art Association Gallery, located on the second floor of the Keizer Cultural Center at 980 Chemawa Road NE in Keizer.

Convenient parking and elevator access make the gallery easy to visit.

An awards reception will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to meet carvers, enjoy refreshments, view the artwork, and celebrate the creative spirit that makes Oregon's art community so vibrant. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Gallery hours throughout the month of October may vary but are generally Tuesdays 3 p.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesdays – Fridays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 3 p. m. Visitors are encouraged to check the Keizer Art Association website, <https://keizerarts.com>, before attending. Additional information about the exhibition, classes, workshops, and other events can also be found there.

Whether you are an art enthusiast, an aspiring artist in any medium, or simply looking for an enjoyable cultural experience, the Art Found in Wood Show offers a wonderful opportunity to discover the beauty of wood carving and the vital role the arts play in building community. We invite you to join us in Keizer this October and experience one of the region's premier woodcarving exhibitions.

For more information about Capitol Woodcarvers and to see the carvings on display, visit <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org>. To inquire about classes or art programming at KAA, please write to keizerartassociation@gmail.com

[Here is a list of winners for each category:](#)

Best of Show: Gangster Trio - Terry Moss

Pyrography: Hummingbird – Barb Fromherz

Relief: Bronc Buster – Tim Flora

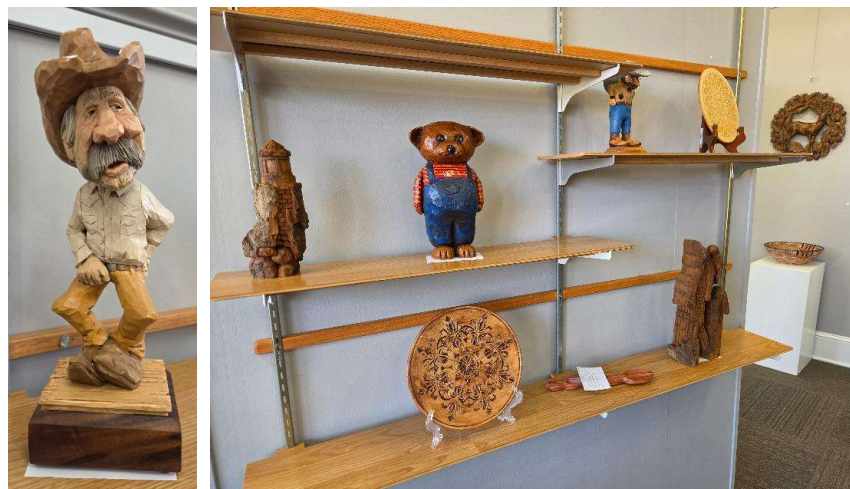
Chip Carving: Native American Paddle – Don Fromherz

Caricature: Oktoberfest – Terry Moss

Realistic: Cougar in a Cave – Cheryl Ayres

Other: Bird in House 360 – Gary Edwards

Images from the KAA Show



President's Message

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Hello everyone. I apologize for missing the September meeting. I was needed in California. I'm sure Kathie did a wonderful job. Our next meeting will be held October 27th.

I would like to remind everyone that elections for club officers will be held in November. We have a need for a President, Vice President and Secretary. These are

PAST EVENTS

Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous

positions necessary to have a club. If you want information on the duties of any of these positions, please just ask.

Coastal Carvers have begun taking table reservations for their annual show "Artistry in Wood". The show will be held at Chinook Winds on January 16 and 17, 2027. This is a wonderful show. Please contact Kathy Jensen for more information.

See everyone at the meeting,
Sarah

2026 Rendezvous

It was a great weekend!

A huge thank you to all that participated. The venue change this year to the Center 50+ did not seem to put a damper on this annual event. People are still talking about the classes presented by our members and are very appreciative of people being willing to share their expertise. Below, participants work on a relief carving, taught by Sara Lynch.



Bob Curtis offered these insights about his class.

Carving Cottonwood Bark at the Rendezvous

"It was an honor and a pleasure to teach two cottonwood carving classes during this year's Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous. The Friday class focused on carving a

whimsical house while the Saturday class was all about carving a wood spirit.



Both classes were well attended and included both experienced and new carvers. Students were taught the fundamentals of carving cottonwood bark and instructed on the best process to produce a quality carving. After being instructed on process, rules, and approach, each student was provided with a piece of bark and hands-on carving began. Because everyone carves at their own pace, I did not require that each student follow my individual cuts. Instead, each student received individual help as needed while they carved at their own speed. A



key to carving cottonwood bark is that each piece of bark dictates the look of a final piece. This is due to the individual characteristics, shape, density, and size of the bark being carved.

At the end of class each student had an individual and unique carving of a whimsical house or a wood spirit. I'm looking forward to my next opportunity to teach cottonwood bark carving."

Classes in pyrography, chip carving and more were presented and we had several participants from around the State. This is an annual event that is well worth your time. Make a note of this event for next September! A big "THANK YOU" to Donna Miller for coordinating this event.



Barb Fromherz shares her expertise in Pyrography at this year's Rendezvous.

Friday Lunch Gathering

Friday Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30AM each Friday:

10/9/2026	Lum Yuen, 3190 Portland Rd. NE, Salem
10/16/2026	Best Little Roadhouse, 1145 Commercial St SE, Salem
10/23/2026	Applebee's North, 2625 Liberty St. NE, Salem
10/30/2026	Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer
11/6/2026	Wild Card-Chang's Mongolian Grill, 3928 Center St NE, Salem

Open carving session at Center 50+ after lunch.

Monthly Meeting

Club Meeting October 27

ALERT, ALERT! THE ROLLERBALL DERBY IS ALMOST HERE!

Hey all you Capitol Woodcarvers, do not miss our next Club meeting. Mark your calendar for October 27 at 7:00 PM at Center 50+. It is going to be an epic event. The word is, Don Fromherz's better looking, smarter brother, the Professor, was able to get a flight scheduled from Germany

to Salem, so he will be there. Don asked him to come up with a category and a device that would allow more people to take part. Even new carvers with little experience can participate. All you have to do is knock some corners off that square block to get it kind of round and you can enter it for a chance to win a fabulous prize. If you need a basswood block, contact Don or Barb Fromherz, or make your own 1X1inch block and chip away.

We will still be doing "Show and Tell" so bring an 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.

See you at the meeting. Here are the rules for the Roller Ball Derby.

ROLLER BALL DERBY -2026-

* CATEGORIES:

1. DISTANCE - GRAND PRIZE, 2ND, 3RD
2. ACCURACY
- [NEW CATEGORY] 3. BALANCE → 1ST, 2ND, 3RD
4. CREATIVITY

* RULES:

1. YOU MAY TAKE 2 BLOCKS OR CUT YOUR OWN 1 INCH SQUARE BASSWOOD CUBE
2. THE BALL YOU CARVE MUST BE WITH A KNIFE ONLY - NO SANDING OR POWER IS ALLOWED !!
3. NO BALLS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS MAY BE ENTERED
4. BALLS ENTERED IN THE CREATIVITY CATEGORY MAY BE CARVED, BURNED, PAINTED, AND/OR EMBELLISHED, AND WILL BE VOTED ON BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE BALLOTS.

* NOTE:

RANDOM TESTING MAY BE DONE ON ROLLERS WITH DEVICES DESIGNED BY THE PROFESSOR TO CERTIFY ELIGIBILITY.



Upcoming Events

Hi Capitol Woodcarvers - if any of you would like to help with planning and executing the annual show, we welcome your thoughts and ideas. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 15 11:30 AM - 1PM at the Keizer Arts Center. Attached is the agenda. Please come with your thoughts, ideas, and creativity.

Thanks, Karen Bennett, Committee

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

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.

Northwest Carving Academy 2027

Registration for the 2027 Northwest Carving Academy went live on October 1st! Check out the course offerings at www.nwcarvingacademy.com and then go to the registration tab to get signed up. The classes are taught by renowned woodcarvers and this event has become the place to be in the Pacific Northwest Woodcarving World. Talk to Terry Moss if you have questions.

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the monthly newsletter please send your ideas to Kevin Reilly.

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