



# CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

## Salem, Oregon

September 15 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Hello Fellow Carvers!

Well, here we are, finally approaching Fall, at least judging by the calendar. I think summer has a few warm days left for us (at least as I write this). Oh, the many thoughts of **Fall**...the kids returning to school (do I hear a few younger parents cheering?), hunting season begins again (do I hear the hunters out there cheering?), football season begins again (do I hear some cheers...and groans from family members?), and salmon/steelhead season getting started again (do I hear all the fishermen cheering?) So much going on in all our lives as fall begins for us all. I hope you all will find some time to do a little carving as well, and attend our meeting this month (Sept 29<sup>th</sup>) and share with us all your newest creations.

Some past and upcoming Fall events to keep in mind:

So many of you spent many hours of your volunteer time to represent the **Capitol Woodcarvers at the State Fair**. As you may remember we had one booth in the "Artisan's Village" which was open each and every day of the fair, and another booth in the Columbia Hall for two days. We couldn't have had such great representation at the fair without your help. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. I would like to thank Jim Boatner and Jim Harris for taking the lead on the Artisan's Village booth. I would also like to thank Barbara Milligan for coming up with great kits to give kids wanting to learn how to carve soap. We gave out 30 of them in the Columbia Hall with great enthusiasm

shared by all who received one of the kits. Thank You all for your contribution!!

We had a nice attendance at our annual **August Picnic** Bush's Pasture's Park. Along with the 35 or so who came we also shared the space with some of our hungry native yellow jackets. Fortunately no one got stung and a great evening was had by all.

I hope that all that attended the **September Rendezvous** enjoyed it. Each year we are offered so many great chances to learn and improve on our many skills associated with wood carving. This is an event I have been going to since I joined our club. We are fortunate to have so many talented instructors in our group. Looking forward to seeing some new finished carvings etc at our September meeting.

It looks like things are moving along nicely for us to demonstrate our carvings at the Lancaster Mall in October. **Bob Curtis** says we will have a great opportunity to promote our club and share our carving skills with the public. We will hear more about this at our meeting.

We are moving closer to our **November elections**. If the membership agrees, I have decided that I will again run for President for another year. I believe most current positions will again run for their position also. We will be looking for a new Vice President for next year. Our wonderful carver/painter/woodburner and extremely dedicated Donna Miller has decided not to run again next year. She has done a fantastic job this past year and we will miss her dearly. If you have an interest in running for this position (or any other position) I would like to hear from you. You can contact me via email [jbdsale@gmail.com](mailto:jbdsale@gmail.com), or via my cell phone, 503-931-9718. The VP job is a challenging position and it does take some long term commitment, time, and effort, so give it some thought and consideration and get in touch with me. Others that are interested in running for a specific position should contact me as well. It is an extreme honor (to me) to hold an office in this organization. Everyone should try it sometime! Now is your chance!!

We will again begin our November meeting with our **Fall Potluck**. More about that in the next newsletter.

**Club Meetings:** Last Tuesday of each month; but no meetings in August and December)

**Presenter for September:** Mike Reifel on puppets

**Treats for September:** Laurie Ladd, Janice Besing, Tom Ham and Lorene Bartell

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. Special classes occur during the year so check ahead to make sure it is okay to be there.

**Local Wood Supplier:** Jerry Harris, Dallas, Or. 503-884-7905, Email: [grich912@aol.com](mailto:grich912@aol.com)

**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 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 started 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 that you may not normally go and to be with friends. Everyone is welcome for these no-host gatherings. The only requirement is bring your appetite!!! The following is the schedule of upcoming gatherings.

#### **Bored Dinners, 6 PM**

Friday Oct 9 Frank n' Steins  
Friday Nov 6 Spaghetti Warehouse  
Thurs Dec 31 Best Little Roadhouse

#### **Bored Breakfast, 8 AM**

Saturday Sept 26 Whites  
Saturday Oct 24 Annette's  
Saturday Nov 21 Busic Court  
Saturday Dec 19 Sassy Onion

If any questions call Dave Disselbrett (503-390-9125) or Ken Lake (503-851-7468)

### **Capitol Carvers Dates To Remember in 2015**

September 26 & 27 Lower Columbia Woodcarvers 31st annual Show and Sale, 10AM-5PM Saturday, 10AM-4PM Sunday. Regional Conference Center Longview, WA  
Contact Mike (360) 577-7318 or Dave (360) 751-0036.

#### **September 29 Club meeting**

#### **October 27 Club meeting**

November 24th: Club meeting and Annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner (serve at 6 pm), meeting starts at 7 pm. Annual election of officers.

**No Club meeting in December.** TBA later will be dates for selling ornaments, etc.

## **Microwave Drying**

If you work with wet wood be sure to keep it well wrapped in plastic between carving sessions and if there is a delay, put it in the freezer until ready to carve and finish.

To dry in the microwave, start with a bag of popcorn, time it, divide that number in half. That is how many seconds you will start with to dry.

Weigh your carving, dry for x seconds, weigh again, let it cool, then do it again, and again, and again, up to 50 times or more.

Write down the weights each time. When you finally get to the point where there is no difference between the entrance weight and the exit weight, your piece is probably dry.

Cracks may form during this process but as it dries they should close.

From the Northwest Carving Association newsletter

### **Montana Bound**

(A true story by one of our oldest members.)

We left Everett's abode at 8:30 am to pick up Dave D for our 12 hour journey: Montana was awaiting us! (We made a stop-over before arriving at our destination but, because of my senior moments, I can't tell you where it was.) We were going to attend the carving session held at the KOA campground for a few days. The three of us, Dave Disselbrett, Everett Koontz and I would be teaching some projects in wood carving at the Glacier rendezvous.

Arriving back home, we drove right by a sparkling white car. It took me a moment to realize it was MY mossy, green car that I had left there but it had been given a bath. Four members of our Capitol Carvers group had gotten together and washed it for me. That revealed the sparkling, white color that it was some months---years?----ago!

I want to thank Janice Basing, Frank Campbell, Jack Dalton and Steve Nebriga for being so generous with their time and thoughtfulness. What a surprise! (What really surprises me is I didn't have a heart attack thinking MY car had been stolen!) Thank you, Thank you!

George Goetzelman