



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Spotlight

Hello everyone.

I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself as the new Newsletter Editor. Bob Curtis had taken on this task several years ago and after assuming the roll in July, I have quickly come to understand how time consuming this task is! However, I am driven by the fact that communication with and between club members is a vital part of any association and I hope to add to the communication pipeline by volunteering my services.

A few of my goals:

First, to provide accurate information about upcoming events. My hope is that members will have information in advance in order to make plans for the future. I come from the thought that people don't show up because they didn't know about events soon enough to prioritize them on their calendar. This includes our monthly and weekly gatherings.

Second, to highlight past events. Providing pictures, lots of pictures 😊. If you are anything like me, we all like to see what others are working on and any new projects and techniques that we are learning.

Finally, a place to highlight members and their work. I may approach you in the near future to ask you some basic questions. Somewhat Like this...

My name is Kevin Reilly. I have only been a member and carving since the annual show in 2023. I was drawn in by one of the signs that were posted. I have had an interest in carving since my days as a Boy Scout (many years ago). I

have an interest in doing anything Celtic and haven't ventured in to carving faces...yet! I will get there! I retired fully in July of this year from my occupation as a Licensed Professional Counselor and previously used my specialties in mental health working for the State of Oregon. My other interests in retirement include watercolor painting and learning how to play the fiddle.

When asked, "How do you like retirement?", I happily respond that "I'm busier (and happier) than I've ever been.

Here are a few things I've finished for my daughters.



Happy Carving!

Kevin

NOTE: If you have any contributions that you would like to include in the newsletter, email those to me at reillykr56@yahoo.com

Past Events from August

2026 Annual Picnic

Every August the Center 50+, our regular meeting location, closes for a 2-week maintenance period. When that happens, it displaces the Capitol Woodcarvers and we have taken the opportunity to have an annual picnic for socializing together. This year, in an attempt to escape the ever-present yellowjackets of late summer, the location was moved to Pringle Park near downtown Salem adjacent to the Salem Health Hospital properties. It turned out to be a great decision by board members! Yes, there were still some yellowjackets wanting to share the picnic, but they were manageable. Make plans to join us next year.



Oregon State Fair 2026



Thank you to all the Capitol Woodcarvers who represented us on the first three days of the Oregon State Fair this year. Fair attendees show a lot of interest in booth each year.



Jack Dalton continues to be a 'Rock Star' for spearheading and coordinating this annual event.

"Thank You, Jack!"

Make sure to mark your calendar for next year's State Fair. If you haven't participated before it is a great opportunity to display your talents and to make Capitol Woodcarvers known to people around the State of Oregon that may have never been exposed to woodcarving.

Images from the State Fair



Monthly and Weekly Events

50+ Center Woodcarving Class

The purpose of this class is to promote the art and craft of woodcarving.

This class is sponsored by the Salem 50+ Center with the support of the Capitol Woodcarvers Association and its members.

We accept ages 12 and above, however, participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Beginning projects will be provided at no cost. Loner tools and cut resistant gloves will be provided as well. The wearing of these gloves as well as adherence to safety rules will also be required for your protection and the protection of others. Instruction on proper and safe tool use and study materials will be supplied.

While to Instructors and Volunteer Assistants are the best to ensure safety practices are followed, it is ultimately up to the adult carver and/or parent/guardian of a child to be

sure all act safely. Because of the sharpness of tools cuts may occur.

CLASS COSTS

The cost of the class is \$5.00 for Salem residents and \$6.00 for those living outside of Salem. Each participant is required by the Center to register at the front counter and purchase a punch card (\$20 or \$24). These punch cards are good for other classes at the Center.

Friday Lunch Gathering

Friday Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30AM each Friday:

9/4 Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer
9/11 Wild Card - BYO Claggett Creek Park, 1400 Chemawa Rd, Keizer
9/18 The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
9/25 Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
10/2 Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

See you next Friday.

Monthly Meeting

Club Meeting September 29

Plan on attending our next meeting September 29, 7:00PM at Center 50+. And 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.

"Please invite anyone interested in woodcarving to attend a general meeting. The board has offered to give any new non-member the opportunity to receive the 2027 membership free. They just need to attend a meeting."

Sarah Lynch, Club Pres.

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.

Upcoming Events cont.

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous (September)



Donna Miller is organizing this September event. If you would like to help Donna, please contact her to let her know. This event helps our club in many ways through

our participation and event support. Many of the classes are taught by our members. Please let us know if you would like to participate in this wonderful event that promotes woodcarving.

This year's Rendezvous takes place at:

Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem OR.

CORRECTION! Dates: September 18, 19 & 20

Cost: \$50

Several of our members are giving of their talents to teach classes. Thank you all! You know who you are 😊

Art Found in Wood Exhibition at KAA (October)



Woodcarving is an art form that is not widely known beyond carvers. This art show expands woodcarving knowledge to other artists and to the public. Visitors to this show are always amazed at what we can create with wood and simple tools. There is no cost nor requirement to be

Upcoming Events cont.

present to participate in this show. Carvings are displayed in a professional art gallery.

Specific information and the Entry Form are being sent out with this newsletter via email or are available from Bob Curtis.

Members are encouraged to enter up to 5 items. Drop off your pieces at Keizer Art Association on September 30 between 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

This show is wonderful for promoting our club and the art of woodworking to the public. Visitors to the KAA Art Gallery are amazed by the art hidden inside pieces of wood.

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.

If you haven't started carving some ornaments to donate for this event, there is no better time than the present, start today!

Upcoming Events cont.

If you need some Christmas ideas, there are several books available in the Capitol Woodcarver Library. Come to the meeting on September 25th and browse the collection.



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. It is not too late to start planning for this event. More info is coming soon.

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