



# CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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## **President's Message**

Hi Fellow Capitol Woodcarvers

The year was 1970. My beloved "much" Better Half, Barbara had just embarked upon what was to become a 35-year teaching career. April 22 of that year also marked the first official "Earth Day." Her class of fifth graders was given Douglas Fir seedlings and a booklet (donated by a private company) explaining Earth Day, and how to plant seedlings. The Buzzwords of the day were "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle." This simple concept has morphed into huge sometimes-controversial proportions, and is recognized worldwide, at this time each year.

My point here is that Capitol Woodcarvers are good Stewards of that original concept to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, taking a natural resource, and by utilizing tools, skills and creativity, repurposing it as a piece of artwork. Granted, this may be stretching things a bit, but why don't you take pictures of your projects and send them to Bob Curtis, so he can include them in our "Coming Back Strong," 2021, Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Show. Who knows, they just may be the pieces that help "preserve the art of woodcarving, and encourage and stimulate new carvers."

Be safe, stay well and of course:

Stay Chipper, Don Fromherz

## **Club Dues**

We have had a grace period on dues but the Club still has expenses and it is time to once again collect dues. Please visit our online payment page to submit your \$12 individual/\$18 family dues. <http://capitolwoodcarvers.org/membership.php>

**What We've  
Been Working  
On – Wendy  
O'Leary**

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## What We've Been Working On

### Wendy O'Leary



### Wendy has been very busy



### Artist's Statement:

"These flags are carved so that they stand out from the wall. I burn the wood both front and back, then paint front and back and carve the stars. I seal it with a clear coat. I mount D rings with a wire to hang from. I make them from 2x4's and the flag is approximately 36 inches long."

Wendy's flags, like her rings, are very popular. She said she was working on her ninth flag of the day. It is very evident that these are outstanding pieces of wood-art. Hopefully we'll be able to see one of these flags in person soon.

Wendy has entered a flag in the Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Show.

### Facebook

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## Check us out on Facebook

Kathie Dalton is doing a fantastic job keeping our Club Facebook page current and interesting. If you have not been to our page please come see us: <https://facebook.com/capitolwoodcarvers>

## Virtual Woodcarving Show

# Coming Back Strong

Building a Sense of  
Community

Year of the Carver  
2020-2021

Foster Inquiries and New  
Membership

No Entry Fee

Great Monetary Door  
Prizes

Visibility of Artwork

### Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Carving Show

**Entries:**

- a new project completed this last year
- a project started earlier, but finished this last year
- a project reworked this last year
- email entry picture(s) to Bob Curtis to get spotlighted in the show
- final deadline for entries is Saturday, April 24
- show dates are May 1 – 30

Goal is 100% Member  
Participation

Spotlight Member's Work

Showcase Creativity

Reaching Out to the  
Greater Community

Enter One or More Pieces

Unjudged Show, Door  
Prizes

Please email your entry picture(s) with title(s) to [Bob](mailto:Bob)

## Great Opportunity to Share Your Work

Imagine 120 or more varied and outstanding works of carving and burning art. Each one, large, small, complete, or in-progress, will serve to make our club proud of our 2021 Virtual Show. Please take a minute or two to snap pictures of your accomplishments, from this past year.

Multiple entries are encouraged. Email them to Bob Curtis ([capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com](mailto:capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com)) and he will take it from there. Last year our Virtual Show received statewide and even nationwide attention from the carving community. One viewer called it the best virtual show he had seen. We received many inquiries and several new members from last year's show.

This year it will be extra important to have every Club member participate! Thank you in advance for your effort in making this Capitol Woodcarvers Show a success.

### **Please participate.**

This year more than ever other wood carvers want to see what we've each been working on. Some of our carvers have not been able to participate in any of the very limited events we've had this past year and they are eager to connect through sharing of carvings. It is so enjoyable to see others' pieces even if not in person. Please participate and share in this Virtual Show

It is very easy to participate, just send a picture(s) in an email.

## Ron Lunde NW Carving Class

### And...

Everyone who sends in an entry will automatically be entered for a chance to win one of 10 \$100 door prizes.

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## Recent Carving Class



Several club members met at Everett Koontz's carving studio, March 17-21, to attend a class on Northwest Coast Native Indian Art.

Ron Lunde instructed the attendees in carving a Raven Ceremonial Mask with an articulated jaw.

Ron, the owner of

Cascade Carvers Supply, taught not only carving, but also the cultural background, theory and elements of design that comprise this art form. It was an excellent class, enjoyed by all.

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## Meet Gary Edwards

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Gary Edwards is a relatively new member of Capitol Woodcarvers. He was previously a member of the Mt. Angel group when he lived in Mt. Angel.

He particularly enjoys carving walking sticks, spoons and relief carvings. He also works in stained glass and in rock painting. Gary is a volunteer at Catholic Community Services and enjoys walking as exercise.

Gary retired from work as a Vice President of national and regional food companies, before spending his last 6 years as a program manager with Goodwill Job Connection. His family consists of his wife Cindy of 45 years, 3 adult children and 11 grandchildren.

**More, What  
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## More What We've Been Working On



Birdhouse by Donna Cereghino



Ole Mudfoot  
by  
Donna  
and  
Denis  
Miller

## Columbia Flyway Show

# Columbia Flyway and Wildlife Show 2021

To all of our carving friends and show attendees.

After considerable thought and deliberation, the planners for the 2021 Columbia Wildlife Flyway Show have decided to cancel the 2021 Show. It is possible that we could be safely together in late August, but, right now, we just don't know the answer to that question? The expense of producing the show and the possibility of having to cancel at a later date; would be a burden on our budget. We think the better choice is to cancel this year, and come back stronger the following year. Right now we are looking at August 27 & 28, 2022 and are working with our sponsors and speakers to keep the 2022 show as close to what we planned for this year, as possible.

Please everyone, be safe and stay healthy through these most trying times. We will miss seeing all of you, but look forward to an even bigger and better show in 2022!

The Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show Planning Committee.

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