

# **CAPITOL WOODCARVERS**

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### President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

My heart is full of gratitude and thanks to everyone who helped make the 2023 Capitol Woodcarvers annual show a huge success. We must start with a big thanks to the show planning committee, chaired by Kathy Dalton, for all of the effort that went into this event. This group has been meeting for the last couple of months going over every detail. Their work made this event seamless and flawless. It truly was a fantastic event.

I know that from your efforts, we created a new or renewed interest in the art of woodcarving, and we inspired some to take action. I know that some of our visitors will consider a craft they gave up on long ago, or in some cases they will pick up a knife for the first time. Either way, you can expect to see some new faces at our next meeting. Seeing that interest firsthand was really exciting.

In case you missed it, I need to tell you about the auction on Saturday night. We had a full house, a great meal and a long list of quality items that drew a lot of attention. The fellowship and camaraderie was great, but the real entertainment came in the form of some really heated bidding wars. Everett Carter worked hard behind the scenes to collect the goods, inventory then stage these items for their sale. Our auctioneer Jack Dalton did a first class job to keep us entertained and the cash flowing. By the time it was all done, Jack helped us raise almost \$1,400 for the club.

But none of this would have been possible without the support from so many of you. Your donated items and the generosity were the real star of the show. A true team effort for sure.

On Sunday we gave awards to some fantastic artists. They presented some beautiful pieces of art that highlighted the level of talent contained within this club. There was a lot of inspiration in the display and so much to be proud of. My personal favorite was a green winged teal carved by Mary Davis. She inspires me to want to carve like that someday. Look for a list of award winners and photos in this newsletter.

A huge part of our show success was proudly displayed at the Featured Carvers table. Don Fromherz made us all look really good and wowed us with his beautiful display. Don shared his realistic wildlife, birds, caricature, relief and chip carvings. As you know Don is an incredibly diverse woodcarver. To be good at one style of carving is hard enough, but Don is good at them all. It's very impressive. Sharing Don and his talent with the woodcarving community is a proud moment for our club. When you see him at the next meeting, please say thanks.

From the folks who shared their art at a table, gave a demonstration, sold raffle tickets, staffed the hospitality room, the list of involved members goes on and on. You are appreciated and I thank you.

Our busy carving season continues. Lots of opportunity is around us and I continue to be impressed with you all. This newsletter will highlight a number of the events that are coming up. I'll look forward to a fun and exciting April meeting and the chance to compete in the Rollerball Championships. Get those ball carvings ready and I'll see you in a few weeks.

Happy carving everyone,

Terry

#### April Club Meeting

# Plan on Attending the Next Club Meeting

#### March 25 at Center 50+





At the April club meeting, carvers will compete in the 2023 Roller Derby. Select your best carved ball to enter.

Balls will be rolled down a new and improved ramp system designed by John Cereghino. Prizes will be awarded for accuracy and distance. The Club President will resolve any disputes and maintain crowd decorum.

A second ball may be carved and/or painted for entry in the new category of "Most Unique". This will be a people's choice award and a prize will be given.

# This will be a fun event. Plan on attending and participating.

#### **Lunch Schedule**

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**4/14/2023:** Best Little Roadhouse, 1145 Commercial St SE, Salem

**4/21/2023:** Applebee's North, 2625 Liberty St. NE, Salem

**4/28/2023:** Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer

#### **Club Show**

## 2023 Capitol Woodcarvers Show

Turnout and participation were great. The hall was full of visitors, and everyone was having a wonderful time. The crowd appeared a bit younger this year. There were a lot of questions about our club, the rendezvous, and carving in general. We may get some new members from this show.

The following pictures show some of the activity and booths at the show. Enlarged pictures will soon be available on our web site at **capitolwoodcarvers.org**.



This was a great show with a lot of participation. There were displays from many woodcarving categories including: chip, relief, caricature, realistic, pyrography, and even gourds. Everyone appeared to have a good time. Visitors were awed at the quality of carvings.



By all accounts this was a great return from the COVID years. Thanks to all who participated.

#### Winning entries from the show:

Caricature/Whimsical: 1<sup>st</sup> BJ Kendal; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathie Jensen; 3<sup>rd</sup> Everett Carter

Relief/Chip Carving: 1st John Cereghino; 2nd Ann

Engelson; 3<sup>rd</sup> BJ Kendal

Wildlife/Waterfowl: 1st Joyce Vaughan; 2nd Laurie Ladd;

3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Davis

Woodburning: 1st Barb Fromherz; 2nd Nadine Romero;

3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Karen Hoyt, Laurie Ladd

Congratulations to all the above award winners.

# Time to start carving for next year's show.

#### **Club Show**

# **Club Supporters**















And a big welcome to Girard Accessories who manned a display at our show.

