



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

It seems like just a couple of months ago we were talking about ornament sales and holiday dinners. Wait, that was a couple of months ago. I don't know about you, but it seems to me that 2022 is off to a rapid start. A little sunshine and blue skies this weekend suggest that we may be rounding the corner and headed towards lawn mowing and gardening. I enjoy the spring but it's a blessing and a curse to this woodcarver as it usually means less time in the garage. Puxsutawney Phil says that I have six more weeks to make as many chips as possible!

What a program we had at the last club meeting! I want to thank Everett Carter and Everett Koontz for their outstanding presentation on tool sharpening. I went online the very next day and ordered a new ceramic sharpening stone. Following their skilled instruction, I was able to put an edge on my knives that I haven't seen in a long time. It was an immediate confidence boost and very much appreciated.

As carving clubs and instructors from all over the country have moved their material onto the world wide web, some people feel left behind when they lack the technology or the confidence to attend. Have no fear. Our very own Kathy Dalton understands the challenges and is willing to share her knowledge. At our February club meeting, Kathy will be presenting a program on how to use the internet and the virtual world to enhance your participation in these events. It should be a very informative program.

I want to thank Bob Curtis for inviting me to assist him in teaching a class at the Keizer Art Association this past Saturday.

We helped ten brand new woodcarvers as they learned to carve a valentine heart. It was a real treat to watch their nervousness turn to excitement and curiosity. I saw myself in this exact same spot just a short time ago. Knowing how this can go, I expect to see some of the students at a future club meeting and classes. We are going to do this again next month with a group of young men and I can't wait. It will be fun!

Your Board of Directors and a few volunteers recently met to discuss the 2022 show. While the show will remain in its virtual format this year, there are a number of things to get excited about. The show will begin on May 1st and feature an auction. I am also very pleased to report that Donna Miller has been selected as our featured carver for 2022. This is an honor so well deserved. Congratulations Donna! Continue to watch upcoming editions of the newsletter and the club website for details on how you can participate in the show. So, keep making chips, burning that wood and be ready to show off your stuff.

Credit is given to Albert Einstein for the quote, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." I have no way to know if he really said it, but I think the statement is certainly true. The thoughtful creativity expressed by the members of this club continues to inspire me. I look forward our conversations about the project on your bench or the ideas in your head. And I certainly look forward to seeing those ideas come to life at the next show and tell.

Until then, don't let your tools get dusty, Terry Moss, Club President

Annual Show

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Bad news!

We have been informed by Center50+ that due to COVID restrictions they can not host our annual Woodcarving Show this April. The Club Board has been researching other venues, but the cost is prohibitive.

Good news!

We will host a virtual show with images, awards, silent auction, featured carver, online demos, and whenever possible, live Show and Tell and Programs. Some of these events will occur concurrently with Club Meetings, social gatherings, and other events.

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Our Virtual Show last year was a great success with hundreds of online visitors. This year we plan on repeating and adding to that success by:

- Increasing the number of participants
- Allowing more images per participant
- Increasing the number of auction items
- Scheduling online teaching/learning/sharing sessions
- Recognizing the work of our members

We know that a live show would be preferable, but let's rally to make this a success. The potential for reaching many more visitors is great and not limited to the Salem geographic area.

Further details will be announced at the February 22 Club Meeting and online on the Club website (<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org>)

2022 Live Carving Events

2022 In-Person Events Still Scheduled

- Annual Bush's Park Picnic (August)
- State Fair (August/September)
- Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous (September)
- Keizer Art Association Show (October)
- Annual Christmas Ornament Sale (November)
- Carving Classes (Ongoing)
- Carving Sessions (Ongoing)

Details of each event will be posted.

Feb Meeting

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February 22, 7:00PM. Learn to use technology by Kathie Dalton

New Class Announcement

Pyrography Class **Saturdays April 9, 16, 23, 30**

Instructor – Donna Miller
\$50 + \$5 Lab Fee for a total of \$55



Materials provided for use during class:

- Wood burning kit
- Wood
- Pattern
- Graphite paper
- Tape
- Tip cleaner
- Sample design

Materials suggested to bring to class:

- Small desk fan
- Red pen
- Pencil
- White eraser
- Watercolor pencils (optional)
- Small watercolor brush (optional)

Class Outline

- Brief history of pyrography
- Safety do's & don'ts
- Materials that can be used to wood burn
- Preparation of material to be burned
- Open Wood burning kits
- Short project – animal eyes (1st class, April 9th)
- Main project – hedgehog (2-4th class)
- Sealing finished project

Please register for this live class at:

<https://keizerarts.com/classes.php>

Sharing the Joy of Woodcarving

Our Club recently invested in 10 basic carving kits to help achieve our mission of encouraging and sharing the art of woodcarving. We are happy to announce that this activity is proceeding well within the local community. We have, due to the Club's generosity, and the involvement of our members:

- Conducted a carving class for Veterans
- Completed a class for beginning carvers who have never-before held a carving knife
- Scheduled a class for a church group
- Scheduled a Pyrography class

Thank you, Club Members. If you know of a group who would like a class, or if you would like to teach a community class, please let us know.



New carvers proudly showing off their first ever carving. Class was conducted at Keizer Art Association. They are asking for more carving classes so if you would like to instruct, this is your opportunity.

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