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President's Message

Happy New Year Capitol Woodcarvers!

With 2021 in the rear-view mirror, 2022 brings a renewed optimism. I'm excited for the opportunities and challenges that await our club. There is so much to look forward to in the coming months. Like you, I look forward to our meetings, the annual show, the Rendezvous and so much more. But selfishly I look forward to becoming a better woodcarver and helping to further the art of woodcarving. I want to take some more classes. Maybe I'll try something realistic instead of caricature?

Northwest Native art is interesting to me. Could I do that? What if I could someday develop the courage to teach a class?

How about you? What is on your "someday I'll get around to that" list? Is there a special carving that you've always wanted to do? Is there a skill that you've always wanted to try? How about that class that remains on your bucket list? Maybe 2022 is the year to get it done?

There is so much to learn about this art of woodcarving. The famous Chef Julia Child once said, "You'll never know everything about anything, especially something you love." When I consider the collective wisdom of our club membership, I wonder where I will be if I take just a bit from each of you. What kind of woodcarver, teacher, leader, and person will I be? What do you plan to do with your new knowledge and skills? Where do you want to be when 2023 comes around? It is an exciting thought and an interesting challenge as I peek into to the New Year. I'll look forward to the journey and look forward to sharing it with you.

With my warmest regards, Terry Moss, Club President

2022 Events

Club Meetings

Upcoming Events for 2022

We are anticipating 2022 to be a better year in terms of woodcarving events and activities. Our fingers are crossed.

Club Meetings



Club meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month at the Center 50+. Meetings are from 7:00PM – 9:00PM. The space is large enough that we can socially distance and keep safe. These meetings are a good venue to keep in touch and to see what each of us is creating. It is nice to share our beautiful art.

Each meeting also includes a “program” where members or guests share a skill, technique, or other carving related information. Past “programs” have included Fire Painting, Carving Eyes, Marionettes, Carving a Face, Chip Carving, Turning, Finishing, Pyrography, Pattern Transfer, and many other very useful and helpful tips.

The January meeting “program” will be of interest and value to all wood carvers. Everett Carter and Everett Koontz will be talking about and demonstrating sharpening. If there is one thing all wood carvers need to know it is how to sharpen our tools.

The February meeting will include another very useful and timely “program”. Kathy Dalton will be talking about how to best use online classes as a wood carver. Many of us have not been

Annual Club Show

attending events in person for the past two years. Kathy's presentation will help us to overcome our fear of technology and help us to embrace online classes and activities.

If you would like to present a "program" or if you think a specific topic for a "program" would be useful for our members, please let Terry or anyone on the Board know so that this topic can be addressed at a future meeting.

Annual Show



We had a wonderful Annual Woodcarving Show planned for last year but as with most other things it was canceled. The plan for this year is to have the show. It is scheduled for the first weekend in April at the Center50+. We anticipate that the show will be great and will provide carvers the opportunity to display their works from the past two years. It has been a difficult two years and many of us have not ventured out.

The Show Committee and our Board are working out the details for this show. Once finalized, details will be shared with all members. Hopefully you will be able to attend. We want to see you and your carvings.

Keizer Art Association Show

KAA Gallery Show

Our participation in the KAA Show has been a great success for our club and for KAA. We have introduced the art of woodcarving to so many people who would never have known about what we do. We are attracting so many new people to wood carving because of this event.



The KAA Show this year will take place during the month of October. Once again there will be no charge to members to participate. Carvings are professionally displayed in the Art Gallery where visitors' amazement at what we do is often expressed.

This show presents our club well and introduces us to the community at large. Member participation is encouraged and very appreciated. Our club mission is to preserve the art of woodcarving and this show certainly helps to achieve that mission in a big way.

Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous

This annual event, overseen and organized by Everett Koontz, with the help of club members, is an annual event you don't want to miss. This event is the perfect way to interact with other wood carvers.

Options include cabins, meals, games, raffles, tools, and of course carving sessions and classes. The Rendezvous provides the perfect opportunity to interact with others with similar interests. Learn from each other and share techniques and ideas.

The schedule is being worked on and as soon as it is finalized everyone will be notified.

Oregon Rendezvous



Classes

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Several of our members host classes and we anticipate an increased number of class participation this year. Classes will be announced on our website, on Facebook, and in the newsletter.

Some of the classes scheduled for this year include:

- Jim Harris - Wednesday morning Woodcarving Class at the Center50+
- Denis Miller - Monday evening Woodcarving Class at the Center50+
- Bob Curtis - Beginning Woodcarving at KAA
- Donna Miller - Pyrography at KAA
- Guest instructors at Everett Koontz' Studio
- Guest instructors at the Oregon Rendezvous

If you would like to teach a class, please let us know so that we can help you make it happen. Our members are always interested in learning.

Open Woodcarving Sessions

Open Woodcarving

Come join in. The Center50+ is open for carving Friday afternoons. Seating is arranged to maintain social distancing. The room will accommodate approximately 20 carvers.

You will need a Center50+ member key fob which is easily obtained from the Center50+ staff.

Everett Koontz also hosts open carving at his home studio on Mondays. Please contact Everett if you would like to attend. Space is limited.

Lunches and Dinners

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It has become a tradition for wood carvers to meet for lunch and/or dinner. Each Wednesday and Friday a group of carvers meet to enjoy each other's company and to solve the world's problems. There is always more enjoyment of each other than solving problems. Locations vary so it is best to contact a member to find out where we are meeting on a specific day. Everyone is welcome to join us at these informal gatherings.

Club Picnic

Annual Picnic



Our August Club Meeting is held at Bush's Pasture Park each year. It is a potluck picnic where we share our carvings and enjoy meeting with each other and guests. This event is always well attended and enjoyable for all. So, reserve the last Tuesday in August to attend. We would like to see you and your guest(s).

Fairs

Community Fairs

Over the years Capitol Woodcarvers has participated in:

- Oregon State Fair
- Marion County Fair
- OSU 4H Christmas Sale

Participation in these events introduces our club to the public. It is



amazing to hear the comments uttered by visitors to our table/booth. If you have not sat at our table at one of these events you are missing a unique experience. As these events near please consider volunteering to help. You will be pleased you did as you talk with visitors about what we do.

Dates and times will be announced as we get closer to when the event is scheduled.

Annual Ornament Sale

Annual Christmas Ornament Sale



Once again, we will be participating in an annual ornament sale. This sale is our club's only fundraiser, and its success depends on

the generosity and participation of our members. Last year our club raised \$1000 from ornament sales. Please, if you can, carve and donate a Christmas ornament to the club.

Donated ornaments are also shared with the Center50+ who support our club in many ways. We hold our meetings, carving sessions, and classes at Center50+. Center50+ sells the donated ornaments or they gift the ornaments to those they feel should receive a gift.

This event takes place in November.

Thank you to all members who support this annual event.

Rumor

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We have learned from a good source that our President, Terry Moss, has taken up chainsaw carving. A class or demo may be in our future.

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