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President's Message

"Do I hear \$40? Going once, going twice, sold to... (perhaps you) for \$38."

One of the many adventures of being Capitol Woodcarver's President these last several months has been working with Bob Curtis on the virtual auction: procuring donations, writing descriptions, taking pictures, and getting all this information to Bob so that he could set up an online auction. It has been an interesting challenge. One of the last donations came via one of our daughter's neighbors, who had just purchased a new scroll saw at Rockler.

Since the pandemic led him to his wood shop more often, he simply wanted more bells and whistles. He was happy that his original would go to other woodworkers. So up to Beaverton we went to pick it up. I brought it home, cleaned it up and tested it. Works like a charm and is now Auction Item #35.

Another sleeper item is #14, the Proxon Grinder. Think of this as a Dremel on steroids. With a keyless chuck it can use any size shank from 1/64" to 1/8", and you can add a Flex Shaft to make it even more versatile. There are new Flexcut tools, some great books, gift certificates and much more. Someone is going to get a great deal on the brand new (\$165.75 value) Razertip SK Burner (item #10).

There is still time for a bit of friendly competition for some truly great buys. But the bidding will close soon, (July 27th), so check it out on the website, capitolwoodcarvers.org, and get your bids in before it's too late.

Was the Virtual Auction a success? Was it worth the time and effort? I guess I would answer that if a few of you had fun, if a few of you grabbed a new tool, a new book for inspiration, etc. then we did what we set out to do. Happy bidding.

Stay Chipper, Don Fromherz

Club Meetings

Meeting Status

I know we are all frustrated with the Covid restrictions and closures.

Of course, we all want to get back together as soon as possible. The reality is that the Governor has extended the State of Emergency until September 4th. The likelihood that Center 50+ will reopen in a manner allowing us to have our July meeting is slim. Until you hear differently, consider it cancelled. Further, the Medical Community has declared that buffet events present a very high risk of exposure to the virus.

Bearing this in mind, I consulted the board. The general consensus was to avoid the risk and cancel the August Potluck Picnic in the Park as well. I truly hope by September we can safely get together once again!

Until then, stay well, stay sane, and stay chipper! Don

Meet Roscoe and Kaler Howard

Meet Roscoe (Ross) and Kaler Howard



When Ross was a kid, he saw a fellow sitting on the steps of a Post Office, carving a chain. That was his first exposure to carving, but it wasn't until 1982 that he got serious about carving. He carved many things but became particularly adept at chip carving. He Joined Capitol Woodcarvers in 2002, and has been very active in the club and was the club librarian for 7 years. Now, you will frequently see Roscoe with camera in hand, pursuing photos of carvers, their projects, and carving events.

Ross is retired From Greyhound. Besides his involvement with carving, he enjoys people, family, and helping out at his church.

In 2013, Kaler and a few others "conned" Donna Miller into mentoring them in pyrography (wood burning). She became very adept at the craft and has recently created some beautiful designs on gourds. She also delights in teaching and mentoring others. Dogs are her favorite subjects (she will not do human faces). "Kaler's Awesome Annie" was judged Best In Show at the Yamhill County Fair and a Red Ribbon winner at the Oregon State Fair. In the past, she designed clothing.

Kaler comes from an artistic family. Her mother was an artist and

potter. Her brother taught sculpture at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, until retirement.

Kaler's other interests include training bulldogs in performance, knitting (a red ribbon winner at the State Fair), counted cross-stitch, and sewing. She also enjoys working in her flower beds (killing blackberry vines).

Ross and Kaler have three grown sons, six grandchildren and two bulldogs.

Events

Upcoming Events

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous

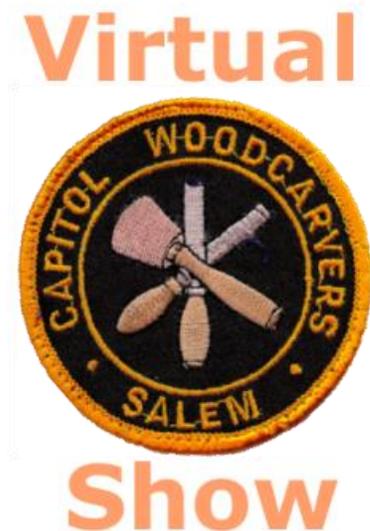
Everett Koontz, the organizer of the Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous, says he is still planning on having this event. There is uncertainty though due to changing direction from the Government, direction from the venue, and everyone's desire to stay safe. .

The Rendezvous is still scheduled until otherwise notified by Everett.

<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/2020orrendezvous.php>

Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Show

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The Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Show is a great success. There are 34 tables in the show and visitors are enjoying seeing all the carvings on display.

The awards committee will be handing out ribbons later this month. You can visit the Show at:

capitolwoodcarvers.org

The show has been such a success that we have decided to make it a perpetual show. Members can display their carvings on their table at any time. We have received a lot of visitor comments regarding how nice it is to see carvings produced by Club Members.

Please participate in the Perpetual Capitol Woodcarvers Virtual Show, and please share the link to the Show with friends and acquaintances.

Contact Bob Curtis (bcurtis97304@gmail.com) if you would like to have items featured in the Virtual Show.

Christmas Ornaments

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We have not been doing a good job of reminding everyone about Christmas ornaments this year. Hopefully we will be having our annual sale in Rickreall. We should prepare for the sale assuming it will go on as scheduled.

If the sale is cancelled we will have a good start on next year's ornaments. Please do not date your ornament. This will make it easier to sell next year if necessary.

Because of our great membership we always have very high quality ornament donations. Purchasers and lookers always comment on the excellence of the art. Please donate.

Online Auction

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There is a lot of bidding action in the auction. If you need a tool, carving books, or gift certificates come on over and join in the fun. There are some great deals to be had. None of the bids have reached an item's value so now is your chance to pick up a carving-related item real cheap.

This is a great chance to pick up an item and at the same time help out our club.

Newly added auction items



DREMEL 16" Scroll Saw with Base and Magnifier Light (Used, Very Good Condition)



Mouse Factory Original Carving by Gwen Hadland -- Otter Puzzle

Please visit the auction: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/auction.php>

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls Project

Empty Bowls is an international effort to fight hunger. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2020, at the Willamette Heritage Center. The wood turners hope to create at least 150 bowls of varying sizes and decoration.

Capitol Woodcarvers have agreed to contribute carved spoons to go along with the bowls

Dave Hunter created a number of spoon blanks to give away. You can pick up a blank or raw material at the "Parking Lot Lunch" Fridays at 11:15 in the Baja Fresh parking lot on Lancaster Drive.

Thank you Denis Miller for overseeing this effort and thank you Dave for these blanks.

What Are You Doing to Keep Busy?

What Are You Doing?



Bob Curtis isn't carving much these days. Bob finds he is most productive and creative when in the company of other Club members. He draws his inspiration from other members and finds it difficult to get motivated in the absence of the comradery afforded by our sessions and meetings.

To occupy his time Bob has started arranging his carvings to tell a story. This picture of a group of Santas was taken at a recent Santa convention. As you can see, they are shocked to hear that Christmas 2020 is cancelled due to covid-19.

Send Bob pictures of what you are working on and you may be immortalized in the Newsletter.

Some of us are not carving much but we have found a way to get together for lunch. Every Friday

at 11:15 AM we gather with our lawn chairs in the parking lot at Baja Fresh. Some of us bring our lunch and others order out.

Come join us if you feel safe doing so.

Stay Safe

Please Stay Safe and Healthy See You Soon

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