



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

Opportunity. A word used to describe a favorable juncture of circumstance.

I think about my journey through the art of woodcarving, and this word immediately comes to mind. Just a few short years ago I was without any carving tools and had no idea how to get started. I needed an opportunity. The magic of the internet led me to Jeff Harness. Jeff invited me to his classes, exposed me to woodcarving and changed my life. This was the opportunity I was looking for. Later, I had the privilege to meet Dave Diselbrett and he introduced me to the Capitol Woodcarvers. Another wonderful opportunity. I could go on, but it suffices to say that my path has been paved with so many personal connections, stories, lessons, and opportunity.

Just last week, Bob Curtis, Don Fromherz, Reed Barker, Judy Barker, and I presented a basic woodcarving class to a group of young boys at a church in West Salem. I have already expressed my interest in teaching, so this was a wonderful opportunity for me. To put aside my own selfish interests, I thought about these boys and the blessings they were presented with. I don't know if they fully realize how fortunate they were to gain this knowledge. The opportunity to carve with Don, Bob and the Barker's don't come around every day. These young men now have a very basic understanding of an art form they can practice for the remainder of their existence. What an opportunity. What will they do with it? Will they keep carving? Will we see their art in future shows? Will they share their wisdom someday? Was a future Club President in the room?

As we launch into spring and summer, I see a number of opportunities coming this way. Our annual club show will get underway on May 1st. Donna Miller will be teaching pyrography at the Keizer Art Association. Everett Koontz has a full slate of professional classes scheduled. The State Fair will be here before you know it, and that will be followed by the Woodcarving Rendezvous. This isn't even half of it. Looking beyond our club, the Northwest Carving Academy is coming up. The Oregon Woodcarving Guild is very active. What else is going on? Opportunities for you, this club and the art of woodcarving are all around us. As ideas come up, we will do our best to share them with you. I hope that you will reciprocate.

Sharing our talents, while helping those less fortunate, is another wonderful opportunity for the club. Our affiliation with the Empty Bowls event is great example of this. At our March club meeting our very own Denis Miller will be presenting on the topic of spoon carving. He will cover some tips, tricks, and finishes to put on your spoons. Maybe it will spark an interest and encourage your participation in the Empty Bowls event. If you've wondered how you can help, come to the meeting, and learn how.

Until I see you again, I hope that a favorable juncture of circumstance will allow you to make a huge pile of woodchips, take a class, teach a class, and continue to be a part of this woodcarving journey.

Terry Moss, Club President

Virtual Show (Coming May 1)

Annual Show



This is a great opportunity to display your carvings to the public, other Club members, and to carvers throughout the world.

You can participate by requesting a "Virtual Show Table" from Bob Curtis. You can make this request by sending an email to capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com. Along with your table request please send pictures of the carvings you want to include in the show.

An exciting part of the show will be an online silent auction. This event was a huge success last year and we are expecting similar success again. Everett Carter is heading up the auction and collecting donated items to be auctioned off. Please contact Everett, or any board member at capitolwoodcarver@gmail.com if you would like to donate tools, books, carvings, classes, etc. All proceeds raised by the auction go to Capitol Woodcarvers to help with their mission of promoting woodcarving.

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.

Featured Carver

Featured Carver for 2022



It is Capitol Woodcarvers privilege and distinct pleasure to honor Donna Miller as our Featured Carver for 2022. Donna is an accomplished and recognized pyrographer, carver, and teacher.

Donna has been carving since 2010 and joined Capital Woodcarvers in 2011. She met Jim Harris, (also a Club member), at a local Greens show. Jim gave her a knife, a piece of wood, some inspiration, and told her to "make something out of this". Now, she enjoys carving Santa figures, but is willing to try almost anything at least once.

Fellow carvers recognize Donna as a premier painter and will often seek her help. Many animals at the Salem Riverfront Carousel are a testament to her skills. Donna also excels at wood-burning. She teaches beginning to advanced wood-burning classes at The Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous, Keizer Art Association, and at the NW Carving Academy, in Ellensburg Washington.

Donna says her interest in art began when she was old enough to hold a pencil. She has taken many art classes, was a technical illustrator for the United States Marine Corps, has done freelance artwork and was involved with art as a teacher.

She is heavily involved in the activities that make Capitol Woodcarvers a success. When not involved in carving related activities, Donna enjoys gardening and genealogy.

Visit capitolwoodcarvers.org to see Donna's carvings and pyrography.

2022 Live Carving Events

Scheduled 2022 In-Person Events

- Annual Bush's Park Picnic (August)
- State Fair (August)
- 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.

March Meeting

March Club Meeting

March 29, 7:00PM. Please join us to catch up on Club events and to take part in a wonderful presentation by Denis Miller. Denis will demo and talk about spoon carving, from start to finish.

The timing of this demo is perfect for those wishing to participate in this year's Empty Bowls Project. Empty Bowls organizers were very pleased with the spoons donated by Capitol Woodcarvers members last year. Let's implement what Denis demonstrates and make this year's Empty Bowls Project even better.

Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous

Rendezvous

The Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous is enjoyed by everyone who attends. This year's rendezvous is well into the planning stage and all indicators show it will be a great event. Please consider presenting a class and/or attending. Everett Koontz is the event organizer, and he would welcome your support, assistance, and participation.

Contact Everett if you would like to support this popular event.

Ornament Sale

Christmas Ornament Sale

It is not too early to be thinking of the 2022 Christmas Ornament Sale. Club member Ann Engelson is overseeing this year's sale and she is off to a good start. Our table at the Polk County Fairgrounds has been reserved and planning is underway.

Ann will be announcing details as they become available. Until then, please start carving ornaments to donate to the Club.

Carving an Arrowhead

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If you would like to carve an arrowhead, as recently presented to a church group, here are the instructions summarized in pictures.

(Thanks to Don Fromherz for creating the pictured blanks and roughouts.)



Inspirational
arrowheads by
Bill
Weisenhaus

Club Lunches

Lunches

Lunch schedule for March/April 2022. If you have any location preferences, please let us know and they will be added to the restaurant rotation.

- 3/11 Applebee's North Salem, 2625 Liberty St. NE, Salem
- 3/18 Paddington's Pizza North, 410 Pine St. NE, Salem
- 3/25 Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer
- 4/1 Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market St. NE, Salem
- 4/8 The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
- 4/15 Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
- 4/22 Baja Fresh, 945 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
- 4/29 Red Lobster, 521 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

All are welcome. We would like to see you at lunch.

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