



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Another month has passed, this one a hot one. Hope everyone out there has weathered the heat alright. It was warm for the summer pot-luck held at Bush's Pasture Park. Attendance was good with great food to go around; the yellow jackets were most impressed with the food as well. Happily no one was stung.

A Board meeting was held on Tuesday the 4th. Minor changes to the bylaws were discussed and are being drafted for presentation to the membership for approval.

A nominating committee was assembled including Bob Curtis, Jim Harris and Don Fromherz. All officers except the President and Vice President have offered to remain on the Board. Don has volunteered to run for President. We still need one or more nominees for Vice President. The nominating committee will be pleased to hear from the membership willing to run for office. Please contact one of the committee with your suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you one and all at the next club meeting in September.

I have been reminded that the annual ornament sale is November 2nd and 3rd. Please assure the success of the sale by carving an ornament for it. Also Everett Koontz reminded me that we need 20 or more hand carved ornaments for our annual exchange with a club in Washington. This is the fourth year of the exchange.

Bye all; thanks for the efforts you all put forward.

Denis

September 25 Meeting

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Treats: Laura Woods, Ray Weekly, Kathie Dalton

Program: Club member Dave Paul will present "Carvings from around the world". Dave has been a carver for twelve years and is a winner of several awards. He is a recent winner at the Columbia Flyway Show.

Future Programs: Suggestions and/or volunteers for programs are needed. Contact Don Fromherz.

Club Picnic

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On Tuesday, August 28th, 35 members and their families enjoyed sharing summer adventures, and greeting new members at the annual Capitol Woodcarvers picnic. The weather cooperated, and there was an abundance of yummy, homemade dishes. The yellow jackets, who thought they were also invited, will be deterred next year by member suggestions, such as putting Bounce dryer sheets on the serving table. Evidently the yellow jackets don't like the smell.





Article submitted by Barb Fromherz

GREAT CARVING CLASS

Carving Class



Recently, twelve Capitol Woodcarvers enjoyed a caricature carving class at Everett Koontz's workshop. Our instructor was Eric Owens, a high school science teacher from Boise Idaho.

Eric, a long time carver, started as a Boy Scout leader. For the past ten years he has been carving and teaching caricatures.

Eric's teaching style utilizes a generic band saw cut out which can be customized by each carver. He uses a lecture/demo format, followed by individualized instruction. He provides design and technique guidance without carving on projects unless requested by the student.

All of us felt the class was time well spent. Hopefully Eric will return for future classes when his high school and vacation schedule permits.



Article submitted by Don Fromherz.

Carving Sessions

Carving Sessions (Center 50+)

Mondays 6:30PM – 8:45PM, \$5, Instructor Denis Miller
Wednesdays 9:00AM – 12:00PM, \$7, Instructor Jim Harris
Fridays 1:00PM – 4:00PM, NC, No Instructor
Last Saturday of the month 9:00AM – 3:00PM, \$3, No Instructor

Carving Sessions (Silverton Art Association)

Wednesdays 1:00PM – 4:00PM, \$2, No Instructor

Denis Miller's Spoon

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A Great Imaginative Whimsical Spoon

Meet Greg Pratt

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Greg, affectionately known as the club's "chainsaw carver", is the artist who amazes us all with his miniatures. He likes to carve many small things: chains, flowers, roses and ball in cages as well as larger projects such as caricatures. He also enjoys drawing, sketching, baking and eating.

Greg was interested in carving in his twenties, but started with the Club in 2002, after retiring from a career in excavation. Several members have reached out to him for mentoring, so he has been helping them with three dimensional flower carving techniques during carving sessions at Center 50+.

Greg has a wife, three sons, one daughter and 14 grandchildren.

A Carving Vacation

Woodcarving Summer Camp

Don and I recently attended a Road Scholar Craft Workshop in the Appalachian foothills of the Ohio River Valley near Ridley, West Virginia. It was held at the Cedar Hills Conference Center, a tranquil multi acre setting. There were a variety of craft programs offered including: Photography, Marquetry/Parquetry, Quilting, Watercolor Painting, Woodcarving, Woodturning, Basketry, and Nature Printing.

Our Woodcarving class was taught by Bob Barris, a native of Ohio and a carver with over 30 years of experience. He is well known for his wildlife carving, and has over 30 years of experience. He is well known for his wildlife carving, and has won several national and international awards.



There were 40 different projects available for the 4 ½ day workshop from wildlife carvings to caricatures, relief and in the round, and at all ability levels.

Bob's laid back attitude plus his wealth of valuable knowledge made the days fly by. Having only four people in the class afforded ample individualized instruction. It was fun to work with many different woods as well as basswood, and to learn different finishing and painting techniques.



After large cafeteria style dinners there were evening programs including Appalachian music, a tour of a local 5 generation distillery, and a grand finale walkthrough of all the different workshops to see the completed projects. Meeting 70 other "campers" from around the nation made this a week we will never forget!



*Article submitted by
Barb Fromherz.*

Breaking Bread

"Bored" Dinner, Breakfast Schedule

Please join us. Spouses, family, and friends are always welcome. Dinners are scheduled for 6:00PM and breakfasts are at 8:00AM unless otherwise noted.

Dinners

September 13	Capitol City Grill (Previously known as Willamette Valley Grill)	November 8	Thai Orchid
October 11	Golden Dragon	December 31	Best Little Roadhouse

Breakfasts (Provide location suggestions to Bob Curtis)

September 29 Sybil's

Weekly Lunches (12:00PM after Wednesday class)

1st Wednesday: Nancy Jo's, Keizer

2nd Wednesday: Wallery's Pizza, West Salem

3rd Wednesday: Elmer's, Market Street

4th Wednesday: Mommy and Maddy's, River Road

5th Wednesday: Spur of the moment decision

Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous

Oregon Woodcarver's Rendezvous, Sep 13-16

It's time! See you there.

More info: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/2018orrendezvous.php>

Events

(Dates and locations are believed to be correct at time of publishing and were obtained from the source where possible. Please confirm dates, times, and venues before making plans and advise us of inaccuracies and needed changes.)

Upcoming Events 2018

September 13-16: SILVERTON, OR Oregon Rendezvous – Jim Harris – 503.421.9247, Everett Koontz - koontzde@hotmail.com, Capitol Woodcarvers web site - capitolwoodcarvers.org

September: SPOKANE, WA Spokane Woodcarvers Show & Sale – Salvation Army Center – 222 E. Indiana – Tim Rahman – 509.244.3467

October: PUYALLUP, WA NW Carvers Show & Sale – Bob Harkness – 253.833.4626 – Dave Thompson - 253.732.6951 – dthompson956@live.com

Ornament Sale

Christmas Ornament Sale



The sale is scheduled for November 2nd and 3rd at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreall.

Each ornament donated will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three \$20 gift certificates. Thank you for your much appreciated and creative ornament contributions.

Bob Curtis is our ornament donation coordinator. He will be happy to accept your donations at any time.

There are only two Club meetings between now and the sale.

Photo Opportunity

Meterite Camera Club Invitation

The Salem Meterite Camera Club has invited us to attend their meeting October 15. The meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple, 4090 Commercial St. SE Salem, Oregon 97302 October 15 at 7:00PM.

Their members offered to photograph our carvings for us. If you would like pictures of a few of your carvings this is a great opportunity.

Please let Don Fromherz know if you would like to attend the Camera Club meeting October 15.

What Are Members Working On?

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Dave Hunter, a regular Wednesday morning class attendee, has been carving spoons for many years. He gets his raw material from his firewood. He splits the firewood then rough cuts a spoon with his band saw. He then finishes the spoon by hand using a Foredom and finally with sandpaper. Dave uses a food-safe oil to protect and bring out the beauty of the wood. Dave has sold hundreds of quality crafted spoons at State and County Fairs as well as at the Portland Convention Center.

Seeking Volunteers

Oregon State Fair Booth and Competition

Seeking Volunteers and Board Members

The Capitol Woodcarvers Club was organized with the purpose of preserving the art of woodcarving and encouraging and stimulating new carvers. If you would like to play a larger role in forwarding this mission, by serving as a club officer, board member, project committee member etc. please contact Don Fromherz, Jim Harris, or Bob Curtis.

Oregon State Fair

Hello Fellow Woodcarvers – I would like to send a thank you to all the folks who volunteered to man our State Fair booth last week. It was a lot of fun and we had so many people stop by and tell us how much they liked our carvings and how interested they were in trying their hand at carving. I am very hopeful that we will get some new members for our club as a result. I hope many from our club will consider volunteering for the State Fair next year.

Please give the following people a thank you the next time you see them:

Everett Koontz, Don & Barb Fromherz, Lou & Debi Wakefield, Bob Lanning, Cheryl Greenlee, Denis & Donna Miller, Roscoe & Kaler Howard, John and Donna Cereghino, Gary & Laura Woods, Reed & Judy Barker, Janice Besing, and Bob Karr. Many thanks to all of you. It was a joy to work alongside of you all during our two days at the State Fair. Our time at the fair couldn't have happened without you!!!



Lou Wakefield



Barbara Millikan



Lou Wakefield



Lou Wakefield



Pat Dorr



Bob Lanning



Kaler Howard



Kaler Howard



Billie Larson

Submit An Article

Submit an Article to the Newsletter

Articles, tips, pictures, event notifications, announcements are always welcome for consideration to be published in the Newsletter. Please submit content to: Bob Harris; Don Fromherz; or Bob Curtis.

Great Members

How I Sometimes Feel



The difference between the two beavers in the picture and our Club members is that our Club members would "eager as a beaver" help other members with their carving project.

Whether through formal classes like the Wednesday morning or Monday evening classes, or through one-on-one demonstrations, our members are always eager to share their skill and talent with one another.

It is great and fortunate that we have such talented and helpful members in our Club.

Never hesitate to ask for advice or help, I've done it many times and have always found that members eagerly and willingly assist. In fact they enjoy helping others.