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President's Message

Well, here we are, finally in 2021, and the operative word of the month is HOPE.

I happen to know that carvers have a corner on HOPE. Anyone who can take a piece of wood and turn it into a piece of art has HOPE and, of course, talent.

I would like to share some quotes I recently came across:

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."
-ALFRED TENNYSON

"Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."
-THICH NHAT HANH

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."
-DESMOND TUTU

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one."
-JOHN LENNON

Capitol Woodcarvers are a very "hopeful" bunch of folks, so I'd also like to share some quotes from Club members. Names are withheld to protect the innocent.

- "I hope I don't ruin this "V" tool trying to sharpen it"
- "I hope _____ can fix this "V" tool."
- "I hope this carving starts looking less like a pig and more

Meet Don and Barb Fromherz

- like a bear”
- “I hope no one notices the superglue”
- “I hope paint will make this carving look better”
- “I hope I can talk _____into painting this carving for me”

All kidding aside, I’m sure all of you, like me, have the HOPE that we can get back together soon, to share all the things we love about Capitol Woodcarvers.

I **HOPE** you all stay safe, healthy, happy, and of course...

Stay Chipper,

Don Fromherz

Meet Donald and Barbara Fromherz



Don and Barb met at Oregon State University. Barb pursued a career in education and went on to teach and enrich the lives of 5th graders for 35 years. Don proceeded to study Dentistry at the Oregon Health Science University.

The couple lived in Colorado Springs for two years where Don served as a dentist in the army at Fort Carson. Upon returning to Oregon in 1974,

Don established a solo dental practice in Keizer from which he retired in 2015.

Don and Barb like to say "it's all about family" so they spend much of their time in support of their grandchildren's sport and school related activities, as well as joining in family get-togethers. Their son Scott, an MD specializing in sleep Medicine, lives in West Linn with his wife and nine year old daughter. Daughter, Jennifer, a kindergarten teacher, lives in Beaverton with her husband and a teenage son and daughter.

Besides "family time", they like to travel and combine that with hiking, cycling and canoeing. A travel trailer, kept at Pacific City, allows them to spend time on the coast as well as "hit the road" to explore other parts of the country.

Don became intrigued with woodcarving several years ago when he was exposed to the artistry of Everett Koontz and Dave Disselbrett among others. After retiring, he decided to give it a

try, and has been "hooked" ever since. In September 2015 he joined Capitol Woodcarvers and as of January, 2017, served as the Club VP and now President.

Barb saw how much fun Don was having, and after hearing about all the cool carvers he was getting to know, decided to join the Club and started carving with Dave and the Wednesday group at 50+. Barb has really developed her pyrography skills and has been recognized in several shows. Barb serves as the Club Secretary. She loves carving and especially enjoys the social aspect of it all.

What We've Been Working On

Everett Carter

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Flat Plane Carved Scotsman

Everett Carter has been busy carving some outstanding pieces. He recently completed these "works of art"



Christmas Wreath



Siberian Father Christmas

Club Dues

Executive Board Decision, Club Dues

The year 2020 has clearly been a year of isolation, and for some folks, that might not be all bad, but for a club of creative Woodcarvers who enjoy new ideas, sharing, and each other's company, it has been a bit of a disaster.

The Board has decided to combine 2020/2021 dues into one. That means that if you had a chance to pay your dues for 2020, before the Corona Virus shut things down, then you won't owe dues before 2022. If you didn't have a chance to pay, which many folks didn't, you can get caught up by sending a check for \$12.00 (individual) or \$18.00 (family) to:

Capitol Woodcarvers, P.O. Box 13321, Salem, OR 97301 Or you can pay on the website:

<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/membership.php>

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Restoration Project

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We have been asked if anyone in our Club would be interested in restoring a carving that was created in 1911. There are a few places where the carving has been broken and pieces have gone missing. These pieces would need to be carved to match the style and material of the original carving.

The owner has a copy of the print upon which this carving was based to help guide the restoration. If you are interested in this restoration project and to view the piece in person please let us know capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com.

The owner of the carving will work directly with whoever wishes to undertake this task to determine details and payment.



Capitol Woodcarvers on Facebook

Carving Classes

New Website Content

Check us out on Facebook

Kathie Dalton is doing a fantastic job keeping our Club Facebook page current and interesting. If you have not been to our page please come see us: <https://facebook.com/capitolwoodcarvers>

Carving Classes by Jim Harris

Where: Center 50+

When: Wednesdays in January

Time: 10AM until Noon

Information:

- Class is limited to 6 students.
- Each student must maintain a 6 foot separation from others.
- Each student must wear a mask for the entire class.
- Sign up online at the City of Salem website
- Your temperature will be taken before each session before you will be allowed into the session
- Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before session start.
- Class is open to all levels from total beginner to experienced carvers.

For more information contact Jim Harris at spirits02@comcast.net.

Article submitted By Jim Harris

New Photo Album on Website

<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/photoalbum.php>



Cover picture carvings by Donna Miller