



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

After a busy spring and all the work that went into our annual show, it may seem that our club is going into a period of rest. That would not be true. For many of us, it is full speed ahead and chips are flying. Behind the scenes, so many of you are working on your next piece or preparing for another carving adventure. I'll look forward to seeing many of you next month at the Northwest Carving Academy in Ellensburg. If you've never been, I hope that you'll give it some serious consideration. I may be a little biased, but I'll say that it truly is one of the premier carving events on the west coast.

The Oregon State Fair is just around the corner. Are you working on a piece that you plan to display? Maybe the Columbia Flyway Show is on your radar? Dennis Miller reminded the group last week that it's not too early to start carving spoons for Empty Bowls.

Whatever this carving journey brings I look forward to sharing it with you.

If the cost of attending a carving class is an obstacle for you, I'd like to remind you that the club has made it a point to help our members through a stipend or scholarship. This is an opportunity that may not be well known by our newer members. If you have questions about the process, please ask me about it. We'd love to help you get to a carving class.

Meeting Programs

In case you missed it, we had a great club meeting last month. Everett Carter led us all in a great carve-a-long with comfort birds. It was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all. Look for pictures in this newsletter. Thank you, Everett!

I need to remind you that our next club meeting on June 25th is one that you should not miss. We will have a very special presentation from Quilts of Valor for our military veterans. It is sure to be a very extraordinary meeting, so I hope to see you there.

Happy carving everyone.

Club Meeting Programs

Our Club meetings always include a carving related program/demonstration. Over the years we've had presentations about styles of carving, carving processes, painting, finishing, tools, tool care, etc. If there is a program you would like to see, or you would like to present, please let us know.

Events / Opportunities

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Annual Picnic: Bush's Pasture Park picnic scheduled the last Tuesday of August.

Art Found in Wood Show: October show at the Keizer Art Association Gallery.

State Fair: Fair booth advertising our club and showing carvings to Fair attendees.

Empty Bowls: Donating carved spoons to a worthy cause.

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous: Classes, sharing, and socializing.

Ornament Sale: Well attended and fun event to raise funds for our club.

All these activities serve to promote our club and our members. Wood carving is creative, fun, and social. The more we participate the more visibility our club gets. More information about all these activities and how you can join in will be forthcoming.

Silver Chips Carving Club Show



Silver Chips Carving Club members have been active members of our Capitol Woodcarvers club for many years. Their Silverton weekly get-togethers are fun to participate in and the Club is always welcoming to visitors.

The Silver Chips Club currently has a carving show at the Silverton Library. Please visit the show to see the outstanding carvings on display.

Great job Silver Chips!

May Meeting

May Club Meeting



The May 28 Club Meeting was a good one. The program was Everett Carter conducting a carve-along. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the program.

June Meeting

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Members are encouraged to bring a "Show and Tell" item to share. It is always nice to see what others have been working on, and we can all learn from each other. Let's make this a large showing so that others can see

Lunch Schedule

Volunteer Opportunity

what each of us is creating. New carvers are not always aware of what can be produced with a knife and experience. "Show and Tell" encourages others to try something new in addition to the sharing it provides of beautiful creations.

A special event planned for the June meeting is the presentation of "Quilts of Valor" to some of our veteran members.

What is a Quilt of Valor?

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

Several of our members will be honored at this meeting. Please plan on attending to help recognize these members.

Lunch Schedule

6/14/2024	Lum Yuen, 3190 Portland Rd. NE, Salem
6/21/2024	Best Little Roadhouse, 1145 Commercial St SE, Salem
6/28/2024	Applebee's North, 2625 Liberty St. NE, Salem
7/5/2024	Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer

Lunch is at 11:30 each Friday. Please join us, guests welcome.

Volunteer Opportunity

There is still a great opportunity for you to get more involved by becoming the club newsletter editor. As editor you will be responsible for creating and publishing the monthly newsletter. The newsletter editor also participates as a member of the Club's board of directors.

If you are interested in becoming the newsletter editor, please let us know at capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com.

Josh Guge Class



Several Capitol Woodcarvers recently participated in a five-day power carving class in Milwaukie Oregon. Josh Guge, a World Champion Wood Sculptor and an excellent instructor, (<https://joshguge.com>) guided the attendees in carving and painting a nesting Ruby Breasted Hummingbird. He also provided suggestions

and guidance for constructing complimentary habitat to artistically display each piece.

The class was fast paced yet tailored to meet the needs of everyone's experience level. It was unique in that Josh taught many techniques for achieving realism (the nest) that are not often shared in a class of this length. Everyone was able to leave after five days, with a finished, painted carving, suitable to display or ready for habitat completion.

Article Submitted by Don Fromherz

Looking for Inspiration

Looking for Inspiration?

Are you looking for inspiration for your next project: a refresher on how to sharpen gouges; painting techniques for Native American totems; or the correct anatomy of mountain goats?

All the answers to these questions and many more can be found in the Capitol Woodcarvers Library. It is now categorized, alphabetized and cataloged for easy access. We have some amazing treasures for the beginner and the seasoned carver alike. There are general carving books, lots of patterns for the holidays, many wildfowl and wildlife resources, and fun caricature ideas.

A few of our categories are pretty lean: relief carving, chip carving and pyrography. If you have any gently used books in your home library to donate in these categories, bring them in. If you have titles and/or authors you would like to see, we can request funds to purchase them from the board.













Please come to the back corner at our next meeting and check it out.



Article Submitted by Barb Fromherz

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