



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

It's crunch time! As I write this note there are just 35 days until the Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Show! Do you have your table reserved yet? Do you have all your carvings done? Denis Miller and the show planning committee have put together another fantastic show. In addition to all the beautiful pieces of art, you should expect to see vendors, a raffle, an auction and much more. The show is such an exciting time to be a part of this group.

The opportunities presented by this club to gather, socialize, learn, and carve are just amazing. Every Monday morning there is an open invitation to carve with Everett Koontz, or you can carve on Monday nights with Everett Carter. You can carve on first and third Thursdays at the Keizer Art Association. You can also carve with Everett Koontz during one of his popular carving classes. And if you want to be part of a legacy project, anyone who is interested in carving with mallet and chisel is welcome to carve on the Salem Carousel. If you are not already involved in some of these events, I hope that you'll consider it. You'll certainly accelerate your carving journey, but most important in my mind are the memories and relationships that you'll create.

If you are not already actively involved in the leadership of Capitol Woodcarvers, I must ask you to think about it. As a club, we are actively seeking a newsletter editor, someone to manage an on-line store, and in very short order, we will begin recruiting a Board

2024 Capitol Woodcarvers Show

of Directors for 2025. Please reach out to any of our current board members and share your interest. We'd love to hear from you.

Don't let a wordy letter from your president stand between you and an incomplete carving. Get back to it, finish it up and bring it to the show. I can't wait to see what you've been working on over this past year. I'll see you all on April 6 and 7 at the Center 50+

Happy carving everyone, Terry

Capitol Woodcarvers Show - April 6/7



Get your show table now. This great annual event is fast approaching. Everyone is excited to make this year's show better than ever.



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS 2024 SHOW

April 6-7, 2024
Sat. 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Sun. 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Raffle
Auction
Demonstrations
Classes
Dinner
Awards
Vendors
Member Displays

Open to the public
Free entry

Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Capitol Woodcarvers club, membership, and show information available at: capitolwoodcarvers.org



Reserve your table and display your carvings. Club members and visitors would like to see your creations.

Show Activities:

Breakout Sessions
Demonstrations
Displays
Onsite Vendors
Auction
Raffle
Awards
Dinner

Registration form is available at:

<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/documents/Registration2024.pdf>

Salem's Riverfront Carousel Presentation



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The February club meeting included a great presentation by Denis Miller and Jack Dalton. Both these members, along with several other club members, contribute a lot of time and effort carving or painting at the Salem Riverfront Carousel.

We learned about the origin of the carousel in the early 2000s, its expansion from just including horses to now having a variety of animals.

Volunteer carvers work in carving and painting areas where the animals are created or repaired. Plans are in place to expand these work areas to 2,400 square feet. This expansion will better accommodate all the creative activity taking place.

The presentation also included a description of the creation of an animal from sponsorship to final completion including planning, design, wood selection, blank preparation, carving, painting, and installation. This process takes a year or two to complete for each animal.

A couple of interesting facts presented were that there is a "romantic" side to each carved animal and each animal's size is determined by its placement along the radius of the carousel.

Denis and Jack also told the audience about the tools used. They said they use large tools and mallets resulting in very large chips.

Volunteer carvers/painters are welcome to join in. Volunteers will be introduced to and trained with respect to the process and use of large tools.



"Who Can Resist the Magic"

**A Carousel Presentation
For Capitol Woodcarvers**

Denis Miller & Jack Dalton



Club Library

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When a club member voiced the idea of doing away with the club library, Don and I knew we had to step up.

For years Bob Fisher made the club librarian job look like a "piece of cake." Then, sadly, he retired. Dr. Ann also did a wonderful job...and then she moved. The library cart was put into storage.

Our first challenge was getting the bulky cart out of the Center 50+ storage cabinet. It took some serious doing to untangle it from months of storing and stowing items around it. Then there was the matter of finding a key that would open it. Physical challenges were conquered, and you have probably seen it at the last two meetings.

We have some serious organizing ahead. When Larry Wade asked if we had a bibliography of available books, I'm afraid he was met by a blank stare. Don and I plan to soon spend some time categorizing and alphabetizing.

The good news is that it looks like 67 books have been checked out. The bad news is that some of them were checked out as long ago as 2013. Wow! And some of the carvers who checked them out have names totally

Joe's Scale Model

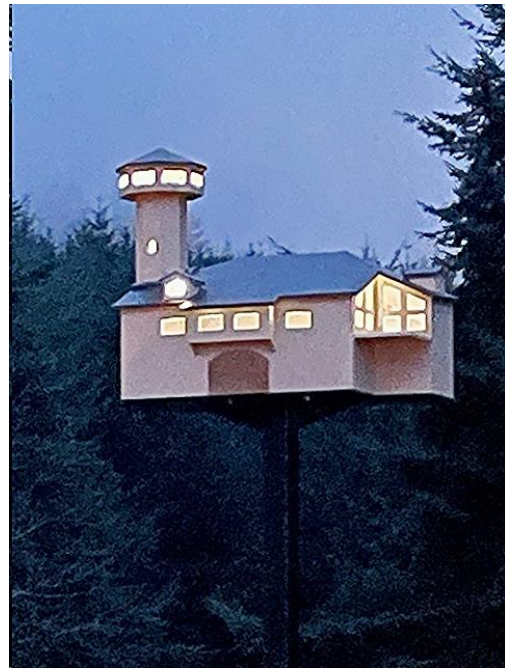
unfamiliar to us. Look through your books at home and see if you can help us by returning any that belong in the club library. Once we have it up to date, you can check them back out.

Do you own books on carving or burning that are in gently used condition? If the answer is yes, think about donating them. Do you have titles that you would like to see in the library? Let us know. Perhaps we can make a request for funds to purchase them.

Our goal is to have a library that is relevant to new carvers and experienced ones alike.

Article Submitted by Barb Fromherz.

What is Joe Perez Working On?



Club member Joe Perez carves, is an accomplished woodworker, and is also a bit of a wine expert. He has visited wine producing areas in several countries and is a veritable encyclopedia of knowledge about winemaking and tasting. Joe has had a long-standing relationship with Willamette Valley Vineyards and was recently asked to make a scale model of their

beautiful facility to serve as a landmark at the RV Park.

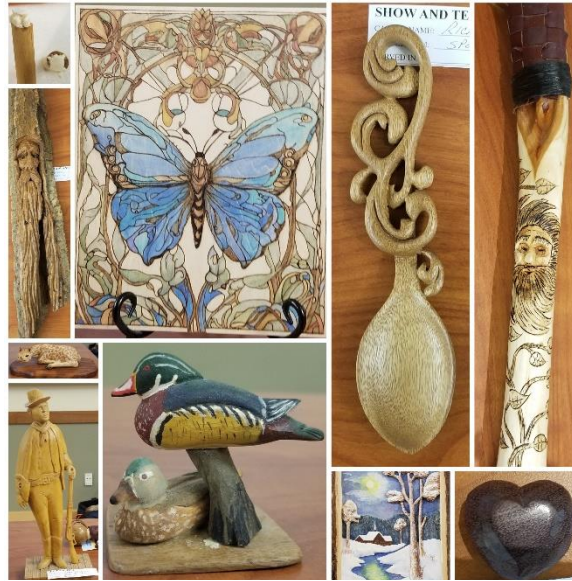
Joe spent many hours designing and constructing the replica, complete with lighting, which now stands upon a steel pole, just outside the park entrance, on Enchanted Way, just south of the vineyard.

It's worth the short drive to check out his craftsmanship.

Article Submitted by Don Fromherz.

Club Meetings

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Club meetings are scheduled the last Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM – 9:00PM at Center 50+ in Salem. These meetings are informative and entertaining. Club activities are discussed and carving-related events such as classes are announced.

"Show and Tell" items February 2024

Meetings also provide an opportunity for carvers to get together to socialize and share their projects and recently completed carvings.

"Show and Tell" is a part of the meetings that everyone enjoys. Carvers get to see what members have been working on and new techniques are often shared and discussed.

Join us March 26 for our next meeting.

Lunch Schedule

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3/8/2024	Applebee's North, 2625 Liberty St. NE, Salem
3/15/2024	Mommy & Maddie's, 4765 River Rd N, Keizer
3/22/2024	Wild Card - Chang's Mongolian Grill, 3928 Center St NE, Salem
3/29/2024	The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem

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

**Club Members in
the Art
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Some of our Club members have their art on display at the March "Blue" Show at Keizer Art Association.



Blue Butterfly
by
Barb Fromherz



Early Winter
by
Tim Flora
2nd Place Winner



Mermaid in the Sun
by
Nadine Romaro



Wood Duck by Don Fromherz 1st Place Winner

What a great showing by our Capitol Woodcarvers members who were all recognized at the show reception. Traditional fine-art artists were amazed by the quality and variety of our members' entries.

Our Club has truly made an impact with respect to gaining acceptance and recognition as "artists". Every year our members creations are on display at the Art

Volunteer Opportunity

Gallery during the month of October. Plan on participating this October as we take over the Gallery.

Volunteer Opportunity

There is 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.

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