



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

Since they had Christmas decorations out before Labor Day, let's say thank you to Costco for creating a sense of urgency. Can we slow it down a bit so we can properly celebrate pumpkin spice lattes, flannel shirts, candy corn and cleaning gutters? Maybe a good Halloween riddle will get you in the mood?

What did the pumpkin say to the carver? Cut it out!

By the time you see this newsletter preparations will be well under way for our month-long display at the Keizer Art Association. Showcasing the artistry and skill of our membership is always a tremendous opportunity for our club. We should all share our thanks and gratitude for Bob Curtis and his relationship with the KAA. It is only through his leadership and his behind-the-scenes effort that this event gets to happen. For that, I am grateful.

Why wouldn't the ghost dance at the party? He had no body to dance with.

We only have a couple meetings left in this calendar year. I hope that by now you have given some consideration to a position on the Capitol Woodcarvers Board of Directors. Our club can only be successful if the membership is willing to step up and share in its leadership. If you are thinking about a leadership role you've already taken the first step. The next one is to raise your hand and let us know. Please see Everett

Promoting Woodcarving

Carter and ask questions. As our nomination chair, he is happy to help.

Why did the vampire read the newsletter? He heard it had great circulation.

As always, there is a lot going on in the world of woodcarving. Look into this newsletter to find information on classes, events and shows going on in our area. If you are not finding what you are looking for, just ask. Our club roster is filled with some of the most generous people I know. Any one of us would be happy to help. Happy carving everyone, Terry

Promoting the Art of Woodcarving



Capitol Woodcarvers members Don Fromherz, Cheryl Ayres, and Tim Flora conducted a great wood carving presentation October 3 at Keizer Art Association. They represented and promoted Capitol Woodcarvers very well.

The audience consisted of artists experienced in 2D mediums such as colored pencil, pastel, acrylic, oil, watercolor, and more. These “traditional” artists were spellbound by the speakers and by the examples of art that can be created from wood.

The presentation included a discussion and display of different types of carving including chip; caricature; relief; bark; realistic; Scandinavian; wildlife; cultural; spoon; stylized; and chainsaw carving. Each speaker talked about their carving experience, process, and the tools used to create their art. The audience showed real interest in our medium and there were a lot of questions.

Thank you, Don, Cheryl, and Tim, for putting on such a wonderful presentation. Capitol Woodcarvers gained a

Art Found in Wood Show

lot of art-community visibility and recognition because of your presentation.

Art Found in Wood Annual Show

What a great show. The creativity of our members is amazing.

Thank you to all who participated in the planning and setup of the show. A special thank you to all who submitted carvings to make this show a big success. Capitol Woodcarvers members have over 100 carvings professionally displayed in the KAA Art Gallery.

A Show Reception was held at the Gallery Saturday. Carvers interacted with the public and with artists from a variety of mediums. There was a lot of discussion about wood as an art medium, the carving process, and techniques. Everyone who attended enjoyed the interaction and comradery.

Terry Dempsey, a KAA Board member, provided food for the reception. As an artist Terry captured the woodcarving theme by presenting the food displayed as trees and pine cones in a woosy setting

In keeping with a long time tradition, KAA likes to recognize individual artists and their art. The Board, who selected individual pieces for recognition, had a particular hard time for this show. They said all entries were exceptional and deserving of recognition.



**“Woman in the Forest” by Barb Fromherz
Best of Show & Pyrography
First Place**



**"Pulling Stumps" by
Tim Flora
Relief Carving
First Place**



**"Harris Hawk" by
Cheryl Ayres
Realistic Carving
First Place**



**"Prepare for
Departure" by Terry
Moss
Caricature Carving
First Place**



**"Globe" by Don Fromherz
Other Carving
First Place**

This show is a great opportunity to interact with and educate the public with respect to wood carving. If you were unable to participate this year, please consider doing so in the future.

October Meeting

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Don't forget the Club meeting October 31 7:00PM – 9:00PM.

Don Fromherz will be leading a carve-along session so bring some tools to the meeting.

See you at the meeting.

Chris Hammack Class

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There are a lot of learning opportunities available to our club members. Everett Koontz recently hosted a Chris Hammack class at his studio. Attendees learned a lot and had a good time. Everett

hosts several classes throughout the year so keep an eye out for registration information and plan on signing up for a future class.

Columbia Flyway Show

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The 2023 Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show and Competition was held Sept 22 – 24 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria. As always it was an amazing display and competition of decoy and wildlife carvings, along with categories for relief, caricature, and Pyrography. There were also workshops offered by pyrographers, specialists in decoys, painting wildlife carvings, carving techniques, and Native American Art. The raffle and silent auctions were extensive. There were a variety of vendors there also. Literally, something for everyone! Two Capitol Woodcarvers took



home ribbons. Tim Flora won a ribbon for his relief of the plow horses, and Cheryl Ayres won ribbons for both bird and mammal carvings. Congratulations to both of you!

Article Submitted by Barb Fromherz

Board Nominations

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We would like to remind everyone that the Capitol Woodcarvers Board Officers elections are coming up fast. Three of the current Officers have served for at least the last 2 years. We need to fill the President, Vice-President, and Secretary positions. Please consider serving on the Board.

If you are interested in supporting our club as a Board member, contact Everett Carter or any of the current Board members. Thank you.

Current Officers: Terry Moss President; Don Currey Vice President; Karen Bennett Treasurer; Kelley Kirsch Secretary.

Article Submitted by Everett Carter, Nomination Chair

Class

Classes

It is not too late to sign up for these classes:

- Donna Miller – Pyrography – Oct 14 & Oct 21
- Kelly Stadelman – Painting Carvings – Oct 28
- Everett Carter – Monday Evening Carving

More information is available on the Capitol Woodcarvers website: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org>

Friday Lunch Schedule

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

10/6/2023	Wild Card - Chang's Mongolian Grill, 3928 Center St NE, Salem
10/13/2023	The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
10/20/2023	Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
10/27/2023	Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
11/3/2023	Lum Yuen, 3190 Portland Rd. NE, Salem

Bring a show and tell item to share at lunch then join us at Center50+ for Friday afternoon Open Carving.

Ornament Sale

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The ornament sale is fast approaching. This is always a good fund-raising event for our club. The generosity of our members is much appreciated. The money raised at this event does a lot to promote and support wood carving in

the local area. Funds raised help our club obtain and make available kits for beginner classes, purchase signage to promote our club, pay for show registration costs, club advertising, etc.

Nadine will be accepting your carvings at the October meeting. Please also consider sitting at the sale table for a shift during the sale.

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