

# **CAPITOL WOODCARVERS**

February 2019

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### President's Message

I'm a native Oregonian, and like most folks, I couldn't name very many past Mayors of Portland. However, if you've lived here more than 40 years, you will most likely remember Mayor Bud Clark. Clark was quite eccentric and had a very distinctive style. He is often remembered as the raincoat-wearing model for a 1978 poster titled "Expose yourself to Art", in which he appeared to expose himself to a nude female public statue, Kvinneakt, in downtown Portland.

So, what does this bit of Oregon history have to do with Capitol Woodcarvers? Not much really, but it does make me think that, rather than "exposing ourselves to art" we need to "expose our art to others" and thereby further our Club purpose to: "Preserve the art of woodcarving and encourage and stimulate new carvers".

Now, I've heard some say that woodcarving is just a craft, but anyone attending the recent Artistry in Wood Show in Lincoln City, knows that nothing could be further from the truth. The artistry on display there was amazing.

It doesn't matter if your work of art is an intricately detailed and painted Bald Eagle, or it's your first carving of a simple heart, done in Denis Miller's or Jim Harris's class at 50+ Center, you can expose your art to others, in many ways, such as:

- Present your work at our Club meeting, Show and Tell session.
- Enter pieces in various events like the State and County fairs.
- Have a display table at local or even national art shows.
- Enter pieces in our own Annual Club Show competition, this April
- Create ornaments for our Club sale and Center 50+.

The list of opportunities is endless, but most of all, get involved in our existing Club events and share your ideas on how, as a Club we can "Expose our art to others" to further our Club purpose to: PRESERVE THE ART OF WOODCARVING AND ENCOURAGE AND STIMULATE NEW CARVERS.

Stay Chipper,

Don Fromherz

#### **February Meeting**

### February 26 Meeting

**Treats:** Ray Weekly, Everett Koontz, Denis Miller (Ice Cream) **Program:** "Chip Carve a Rose" by Mike Reifel.

Bring a chip-carving knife and pen or pencil. Wood will be provided.

**Future Programs:** Suggestions and/or volunteers for programs are needed. Contact Terry Moss.

#### **Club Patches**

### Order Your Club Patch



## Only \$5.00

Contact Don Fromherz or Terry Moss to get yours today. Looks great on hats, jackets, shirts, or aprons.

#### What Are Members Working On?

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Joe Perez, known for his owl carvings, has been working on something a little different for him. He is creating a "Hillbilly Band" complete with accordion, banjo, guitar, fiddle, and wash-drum bass players.

Most of the work on this ensemble is being completed during Jim Harris' Wednesday morning class and at Friday afternoon open carving sessions at the Center 50+. If you have a chance you should stop by the Center to see the progress being made by Joe.

Each piece is coming along nicely and the band is coming together well. We are eagerly waiting to see the final band assembled and playing for our pleasure.

#### **Meet Donna Miller**

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Donna Miller has been carving since 2010 and joined Capital Woodcarvers in 2011. She met Jim Harris, (also a Club member), at a local Greens show. Jim gave her a knife, a piece of wood, some inspiration, and told her to "make something out of this". Now, she enjoys carving Santa figures, but is willing to try almost anything at least once.

Fellow carvers recognize Donna as a premier painter and will often seek her help.

Many animals at the Salem Riverfront Carousel are a testament to her skills. Donna also excels at wood-burning. She will be teaching beginning to advanced wood-burning classes at the Oregon Rendezvous this September

Donna says her interest in art began when she was old enough to hold a pencil. She has taken many art classes, was a technical illustrator for the United States Marine Corps, has done freelance artwork and was involved with art as a teacher.

Donna's family consists of her husband Denis, four children and eight grandchildren.

She is heavily involved in the activities that make Capitol Woodcarvers a success. When not involved in carving related activities, Donna enjoys gardening and genealogy.

#### **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 – 2:00PM, \$3, No Instructor

### Carving Sessions (Silverton Art Association)

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

#### **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

	January 24	Olive Garden	February 21	McGrath's Fish House				
	Breakfasts (Provide location suggestions to Bob Curtis)							
	February 23	Shari's Lancaster Dr.	March 23	Mommy & Maddy's				
			April 27	IHOP				
Weekly Lunches (12:00PM after Wednesday class)								
	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday: The Roadhouse, Lancaster Drive, Salem							
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Walery's Pizza, West Salem							
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Elmer's, Market Street							
	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Mommy and Maddi's, River Road							

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday: Nancy Jo's, Keizer

We always have a good time at these gatherings and it is nice to socialize with each other outside the craft room or other carving venue. All carvers, those interested in carving, and friends of carvers are welcome. Please join us.

#### Christmas Ornaments

### **Christmas Ornaments**

It's not too early to carve ornaments for our Club sale, and Center 50+. The ornaments you carve and donate represent much more than a source of income for our Club. Those ornaments give us a great way to "Expose our Art to Others". Ornament sales create an interest in woodcarving, give us an excellent opportunity to share our love of woodcarving, and promote our club to new carvers. The other thing they do is foster a great relationship with Center 50+. We are very fortunate to have their cooperation and support in the various Club related events we have, such as carving classes, carving sessions, meetings and especially our Annual Club Show, in April. In the past, just a few folks donated most of the ornaments. Wouldn't it be wonderful if <u>every member</u> provided at least one or two?

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **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.) There are several shows events in Central Oregon in 2019. Contact for details on the various shows: Richard Esterman, PO Box 1555, Sisters, Oregon 97759 (541) 420-0279 or (541) 213-9362 Email: centraloregonshows@gmail.com, Website www.centraloregonshows.com

---The 2019 Tri-Cities Woodcarvers Rendezvous is Scheduled for June 7-9, at a new location 7.5 miles south of Pasco, the McNary Wildlife Refuge Education Center (MNWR), Burbank WA.

They are looking for <u>CARVING INSTRUCTORS</u>.

Questions or teachers interested may contact Dean Hergistad, President, at (509) 713-0108 or Joan Bradley, Vice President at (509) 430-1843.

Tri-Cities Woodcarvers, PO Box 6962, Kennewick WA 99336

#### ---Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Show

April 6 – 7 in Salem at the Center 50+. This will be another good one. See the Show Flyer in this newsletter.

#### ---Oregon Rendezvous

The 2019 Oregon Woodcarving Rendezvous is scheduled for September 12 thru September 15 at Canyonview Camp in Silverton.

### Wednesday Lunches

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All members are invited to join in, and you don't have to attend the carving class to do so. See the lunch and dinner schedule in this newsletter.

### Capitol Woodcarvers Show (April 6 - 7)

Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Show



Lots of progress was made by the show organizing committees and it is looking like this year's event will be a great one. Thank you Kathie Dalton the Show Chair, and all committee members.

Raffle/auction donations can be brought to the February/March club meetings.

More information and table reservation forms are available at capitolwoodcarvers.org.

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### Expose Your Art to Others

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In April, at our Annual Show, we have People Choice Awards. Look back through the carvings or wood burnings you created this year. Each of them took time, effort and thought. Each of them took a skill level that is amazing to the general public. Each of them is a work of art.

When the public has a People's Choice ballot in hand, they look, they consider, and they see the ART. They are often astonished. They think either, "I could never do that!" or "I would love to learn to create something like that!"

By lending the People's Choice Awards one of your carvings or wood burnings for two days during the Annual Show, you are helping to create a banquet of art for the public to see. The greater variety they see, the more opportunities they have to be astonished. Don't view this so much as a competition, but rather as an amazing display that supports our club purpose to "preserve the art of Woodcarving and encourage and stimulate new Carvers."

Please share one or more of your creations this year.

### Promoting Our Club and Woodcarving



Bob Curtis gave a woodcarving presentation to the Keizer Art Association members last Monday. He introduced the Association to the "ART" of woodcarving by talking about types of wood, tools, carving genres, and the carving process from pattern layout, the actual carving, and finishing a piece.

The presentation was well received and Bob achieved his goal of promoting our Club.

To support his presentation Bob brought several carvings and pictures to share with the audience. The attendees expressed a lot of interest in what we do.

Bob thought this was a great experience

and he encourages other Club members to find audiences who may be interested in learning about woodcarving. Bob suggests that other local art associations and clubs, senior facilities, schools, and social groups may be interested in our "ART".

#### Promoting Our Club and Woodcarving

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### CAPITOL WOODCARVERS 2019Annual Show

#### Annual Show Flyer

Table signup sheet available on website: capitolwoodcarvers.org

