



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. It's unbelievable that a new year is here already. I've heard time goes by quicker as we age, but this is crazy. As I remember, our annual show was only a few weeks ago, but here we are getting ready for the 2025 annual show. With Denis Miller at the helm, we will have another spectacular show.

Our VP, Angie Bell is organizing the presentations for our 2025 club meetings. If anyone is interested in presenting a topic/demonstration or has ideas of possible topics, please let me or Angie know. Our next club meeting will be January 28.

I'm looking forward to attending the Coastal Carvers annual show on January 18/19, 2025. It will be my first woodcarving event of this new year.

Here is a photo of my carvings completed in a recent Terry Moss class.

Sarah Lynch



New Year's Eve Dinner

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Our Club's New Years Eve dinner took place at Garibaldi Restaurant. Members and their guests had a great time welcoming in the New Year.



This New Years Eve tradition has been ongoing for at least twelve years and has become a fun event for club members. You can tell by the expressions on everyone's face that a good time was being had.

Happy New Year

Lunch Schedule

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We have an open carving session at Center 50+ every Friday afternoon. This session includes many different styles of carving such as caricature, cottonwood bark, woodburning, realistic, etc.

Before each session many carvers get together to enjoy each other's company at lunch. Please join us

1/10/2025	The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
1/17/2025	No Lunch due to Coastal Carvers Show
1/24/2025	Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
1/31/2025	Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

2025 Club Show

2025 Capitol Woodcarvers Show

Save the dates: March 22 – 23, 2025.

This great annual event serves to promote our club and our members through display of our art. Attendees get to see unique and beautiful carvings and pyrography, participate in an auction and raffle, attend breakout sessions, share techniques, socialize, and have a good time.



We would like this year's show to be the best ever. Please participate by getting a display table. A table registration

form is included in this newsletter and is also available on our website, <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org>.

Image From 2024 Capitol Woodcarvers Show

Coastal Carvers Show

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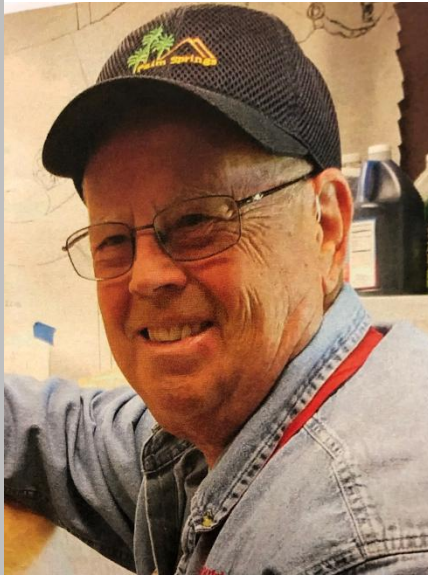
The Coastal Carvers Annual Show is fast approaching.

Make sure you visit the Coastal Carvers Show January 18 & 19. Capitol Woodcarvers

will have a display table as will several of our members. This is a wonderful yearly show that you should not miss.

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2025 Featured
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It is Capitol Woodcarvers privilege and distinct pleasure to recognize Jack Dalton as our Featured Carver for 2025. Jack is an accomplished carver, and valued member of Capitol Woodcarvers.

Jack is a past club president, and he continues to volunteer in support of our club.

Jack's' favorite medium to carve is Cottonwood Bark, but he also utilizes other mediums such as Basswood, Black Walnut, and Butternut. He is also trying to improve in pyrography. One of the things Jack likes most about Capitol Woodcarvers is the willingness to share techniques and ideas with each other, just learning, and the many classes our group makes available to its members.

Jack became involved in woodcarving when he first volunteered for the Salem carousel about 15 years ago. Since joining the Capitol Woodcarvers, he has served as President of the club for 2 years as well as VP for one year. He has been a "Member at Large" since he completed those offices. He has been the Chairman of the State Fair show for about 6 years and has always enjoyed trying to entice people to try their interest in our hobby.

Jack and his wife Kathy were the owners of two businesses in Salem before they retired. He has a daughter living in the area along with her family of husband and two wonderful grandchildren. His son and wife live in Whitefish, MT. Jack spent nearly 5 years in the Navy as an Air Traffic Controller serving in both Corpus Christi, Texas and Iceland.

Jack wants to thank all the wonderful carvers who have been an inspiration to his improved carving. Jack thinks

Artist of the Month

that anyone with an interest in carving would enjoy being a part of our growing family of carvers. Novices as well as experienced are always welcome! Jack invites and encourages you to learn more about our group at our website: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org>.

Barb Fromherz, KAA Artist of the Month

Club members create beautiful art, and our club tries to promote both the artist, and their art. Club member Barb Fromherz is being recognized as the January "Artist of the Month" by Keizer Art Association. Barb is a long-time member, past Club Secretary, and current Club Librarian. Please join us in congratulating Barb on being named "Artist of the Month".

Barb will be making a presentation about her art at Keizer Art Association Tuesday January 7, 6:00PM. Show your support and come listen to Barb.

Artist's Statement



The art of Pyrography, or woodburning, has exploded in the last twenty-five years due primarily to new precision tools, prominent international teachers, and marketing. The goal of Pyrography as an art form is to burn a wood surface to create a pleasing image with dimension and texture. This is done with a burning tool, much like a pencil, using different tips and temperatures. The sepia tones created on the wood surface then can either be sealed, or colored and sealed. It is an art form that gives the novice an instant feeling of success, but also allows for years of learning the intricacies of the process.

I started my woodburning journey in 2017 at the Northwest Carving Academy in Ellensburg, Washington. Five days with mentor Donna Miller gave me a foundation in using different tips and temperatures, and

in techniques of texturing and shading. My last eight years of growth in this art form have been through classes, several excellent books, and good old trial and error. U Tube can be a great visual learning tool, although it is not at the top of my hit parade.

For me Pyrography is both a form of meditation and a constant form of problem solving. Wood is an organic surface and must be respected as that. The burning must be revised or redesigned as the wood calls for it. As I continually learn new techniques, I move to more complicated patterns. That is part of the challenge and part of the fun!

Remembering Dave

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Anyone involved with woodcarving for eight or more years, knew of, or was somehow affected by Dave Disselbrett. Dave passed away in 2017 leaving a trail of caricatures and memories.



Dave spent his youth in Hermiston where he graduated from high school. He had a career as a lumber broker. Dave began whittling while in the Boy Scouts. Around 1996 he delved seriously into caricature carving. He used only hand tools and two by two blocks of basswood to create a multitude of caricatures. His carvings featured subjects from all walks of life... human, animal, vegetable, fictional or most anything imaginable.

Dave had a passion for sharing his love of carving with others. He conducted classes throughout the Northwest and participated in multiple carving events. He belonged to many carving clubs and groups. As a long-time member of Salem's Capitol Woodcarvers, he served in every capacity as an officer, board member, mentor...name it and he was willing to do it. Along with Everett Koontz, he formed the Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous.

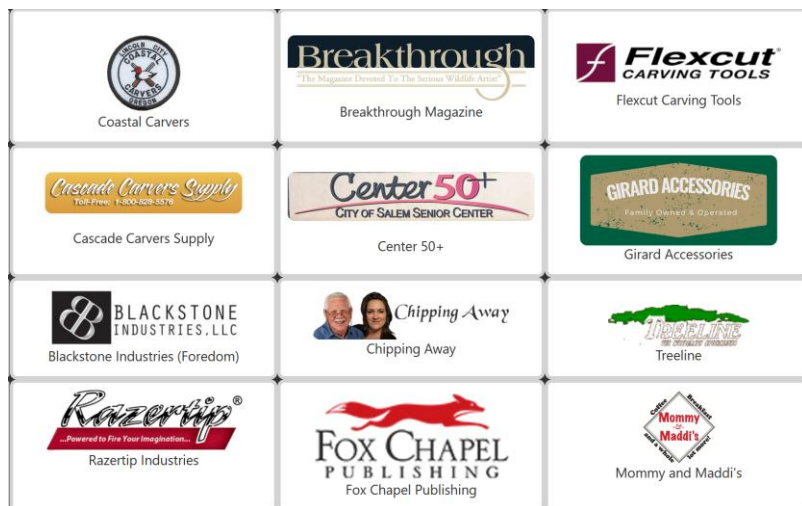
Capitol Woodcarvers will be honoring Dave Disselbrett with a caricature carving contest at their Annual Club Show in March. Check out next month's newsletter for more details. More information will also be available soon on the Club website: capitolwoodcarvers.org

Article Submitted by Don Fromherz

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Please visit our supporter's web sites and thank them for their support



Finding Nature in Wood

Capitol Woodcarver's 2025 Annual Show



March 22 – 23, 2025

Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM, Sun. 10:00AM-4:00PM
Center 50+ 2615 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97301

**Participant Registration
Due by February 25, 2025**

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of tables requested:

_____ 6' non-sales Table @ \$ 5.00 per table = \$ _____

_____ 6' sales Table @ \$10.00 per table = \$ _____

Set up: Friday, March 21, 2:00PM - 4:00PM, and Saturday, March 22, 8:30AM - 10:00AM

Membership: Participants must be paid members of Capitol Woodcarvers to participate in the show. Membership is \$12.00 (\$18.00 family) payable to Capitol Woodcarvers.

Get/renew membership now: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/membership.php>

Lunch is available for \$14.50. Please let us know the type and # of sandwiches you would like

Saturday: Beef _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____ Includes, chips, a pickle and a cookie

Sunday: Beef _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____

_____ # of sandwiches x \$14.50= _____

Saturday Night Dinner All participants and show helpers (spouse/significant other) are invited as our guests. The dinner will be upstairs in the Craft Room at 5:00 PM.

Please indicate if you will be attending dinner. Yes: _____ No: _____

Guest's name: _____

There will be a raffle and an auction during the show. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Print this form and bring payment to:

- Capitol Woodcarvers Club meeting/event,

OR Send form and payment to:

- Capitol Woodcarvers, P. O. Box 13321, Salem, OR 97301

For more information contact: capitolwoodcarvers@gmail.com