

# CAPITOL WOODCARVERS Salem, Oregon

June Newsletter

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# **President's Remarks**

Hi All: This is a difficult message this month as we have lost two of our carvers. Leo Wahl passed away this month. Leo was a long time member of our club much loved by those lucky enough to have carved with him. He was a regular at Everett's and at the Friday afternoon carving sessions at 50+ center. Fritz Geiling also passed away this month. He too was a long time member of the club and one of the earliest carvers at the Salem Riverfront Carousel. He carved regularly at the carousel until last year. He was well known for his willingness to help the newer carousel carvers not to mention the doughnuts he brought each week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of their families.

More pleasant news is that Dave Disselbret has finished his hospital stay and is back home in good health. He had an open house early this month to show off his new mini house. Donna and I attended and were most impressed by the practicality of the home. It's very comfortable and nice.

On another note, several of us had a pleasant meal at the monthly "Bored Dinner" at Novak's in Albany. A good time was had by all.

Don't forget the upcoming carving events coming up: Ellensburg in July followed by West Glacier in August. They are great opportunities to meet other carvers and take classes from some very experienced teachers. And of course our rendezvous will be in September.

A quick reminder that our annual Christmas ornament sale is coming up. Please carve and donate some ornaments for this fundraising event. Dave Disselbret frequently has free blanks available to members for this.

# **Other Upcoming Events**

Don't forget to sign up for our local Rendezvous September 14-17. Forms will be available at the meeting. They are also available on our website and you can print a form there.

Reserve early to make sure you get the projects you want to do.

# Second Annual Chip Pitch Carve in at Dan Henrys

- 57381 6th St, La Pine, OR 97739 Fri. July 28 Mon. July 31
- Meals are potluck Beverages-water, soda, most adult beverages provided
- Bring chairs Plenty of room for rv's camptrailers and tents if you want.
- Nightly campfire (weather, and wildfire behavior permitting).
- Arrive days early and or stay days later if you wish. Four legged "babies" are always welcome



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# **Bored Dinners**

Breakfast

Thursday July 13 Lum Yuen

Sat June 24 Annette's

Sat July 29 Mommy & Maddi's

# June 27 Meeting

The Program will be presented by Dr. Leland Gilsen, retired Oregon State Archeologist, author, and multitalented artist. His topic will be painting with natural pigments. Check out his biography on the club website: <u>www.capitolwoodcarvers.org</u> (click on "Meet A Member").

### June Treats

Pat Dorr, Tom Ham, Bob Lanning

For those who want to get in early for signing up for the monthly treats list, please let Donna Miller know right away. Please either email her or see her at the next meeting to get on the list. <u>Dleem2k@comcast.net</u>.

# Meet a Member

### **Meet Patty Ashford**



Patty saw Dave Disselbrett at the Fair eight years ago. That experience got her interested in carving and she has been making chips ever since. She and her sister, Laurie Ladd, have shared a table to display their works at the Capitol woodcarvers show and the Coastal Carvers show in Lincoln City. Patty is frequently seen carving caricatures and relief projects at Center 50+. Other carvers delight in her enthusiasm and encouragement.

Besides carving, Patty likes making pine needle baskets, enjoying the beach, and spending time with her dog.

Patty is retired from work in the business office at the Salem Hospital. A husband, two Children, and three grandchildren make up her family.

#### **Meet Bob Curtis**



After graduating from The Royal Military College of Canada, Bob enjoyed a long career as an Aerospace Engineer in the Canadian Armed Forces and later as an Information Systems Engineer under contract primarily to the US DoD.

Oil painting was Bob's first introduction to the creative arts. Several years ago oil painting was quickly overcome as Bob's artistic outlet and passion as he discovered the art of woodcarving.

Bob immersed himself in woodcarving by taking classes from

master wood carvers like Dave Disselbrett, Jeff Harness, Jerry Harris, and others. Bob now carves with members of the Capitol Woodcarvers Club and The Oregon Decoy and Wildfowl Guild located in Salem Oregon. He participates in several weekly carving sessions with talented carvers where he continues learning his art from the very best.

Wood spirits, caricatures, decoys, and fish are the focus of Bob's carving interest. Most of Bob's carving is done with hand tools but recently he has experimented with power carving. Bob displays his carvings at club and artist guild shows as well



as at state and county fairs. Bob carves primarily in basswood (caricatures), cottonwood bark (wood spirits and fantasy houses), cedar and tupelo (decoys and wildfowl).

Bob actively participates in Club activities. He is the Club webmaster and a member of the Executive Board. Bob's wife of twenty four years, Janna, is an avid runner, Bob is not. He has three adult children and two grandchildren

# **Northwest Carving Academy**

The Northwest Carving Academy features nationally known carvers / teachers (listed below). The registration fees run from \$290.00 to \$365.00 for the full week of classes. The class list and prices for each class is on the registration page of the <u>nwcarvingacademy.com</u> web page. Look at the top of the home page to get to the registration form which is the 3rd choice to the right. There is also lodging information on the web page. For a full week of instruction with these teachers, the price is a great bargain! Consider taking a class because you will end up with a great finished project.

#### 2017 Classes, July 10 - 14

Wayne Barton Chip Carving Carvers choice Penny Burns Nantucket Baskets.... Chris Hammack Caricature Carving...Carvers choice, see his web site for selections Jeff Harness Cottonwood Bark ... Pony Express Rider Donna Miller Woodburning Pat Moore Carving and Painting a Santa or a Wizard **Charlie Phillips** Basket with carved flowers Mike Reifel Red Wattle bowlegged shorebird- Marionette . Jerry Simchuk Bird Carving ... Nuthatch Fred & Elaine Stenman Relief Carving with Woodburning...choose from any of the designs they bring **Bob Travis** Caricature Carving...King of the Road **Rich Wetherbee** Sculpting and/or Caricature Carving Dick Wilk NW Style Carving Frontlet or Rattle