



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

We had good attendance at the May meeting, a fine presenter, and many magnificent show and tell items. The business meeting went smoothly. It was good to see new member Cheryl at the meeting. Don Zuhlke presented his history as a carver and showed many fine examples of his work. Don carves maple burls and he told us how to care for any we may be interested in carving.

We had a request from the Boy Scout Council to help them with instruction in knife safety and carving. Both leaders and youth members would participate in this program. Mike Reifel volunteered to chair a committee to investigate how we can best support the Scouts. It is great to see people step up.

There was a good wood draw this month thanks to all for your contributions. There were some excellent items in the show and tell, Lou carved horse heads, Everett showed a Santa, and Mike wowed us all with another marionette just to mention a few.

That's all for now, keep carving!

Denis

Submit an Article to the Newsletter

Articles, tips, pictures, event notifications, announcements are always welcome for consideration to be published in the Newsletter. Please submit content to:

- Bob Harris;
- Don Fromherz; or
- Bob Curtis

June 26 Meeting

Upcoming Meeting

June 26: Tuesday, 7:00 PM at the Center 50+

Program: The presenter for the June 26 club meeting will be Randy Martin.



The topic will be carving and finishing feathers. Randy's feathers make beautiful pins, and broaches. His larger feathers, framed in a shadow box behind glass, are amazing works of art.

This will be a carve-a-long program, so bring your tools and your phone/camera to take pictures for future painting reference.

Treats: Don Fromherz, Pat Dorr, Bob Harris.

Suggestions and/or volunteers for programs are needed.

Contact Don Fromherz.

"Hallmark" Ambassador

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Debi Wakefield has volunteered to be the "Hallmark" ambassador of cheer for the club: When a member has an illness, accident, loss or other event; she will make sure an appropriate greeting card is signed by as many members as possible and sent off ASAP, so that they know we're wishing them well. Thank you Debi for stepping up to perform this valuable service for our membership. Let Debi know when she should reach out.

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 – 3:00PM, \$3, No Instructor

Carving Sessions (Silverton Art Association)

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

Meet Lou Wakefield

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Lou became interested in woodcarving sometime around 1994, and after retiring in 1997, he made it his major hobby. Lou started carving walking sticks and canes using a dremel. He then branched out into making intarsia. He didn't get into carving seriously until moving to Salem in 2005.



After moving to Salem he was introduced to several Capitol Woodcarver club members, and shortly thereafter he joined the club.



While on an extended six month vacation in 1998, on the coast of Washington, Lou fell in love with the Northwest Coastal Native American style of relief woodcarving. He continues to carve a few Northwest carvings each year. Lou also has a love of the Southwest style of carving and has carved several of these over the



years. Lou also enjoys carving all types of wildlife including ducks, eagles, kestrels, buffalo, owls, wolves, bears, cougars, otters, moose, horses, dogs, pigs and rabbits. He also enjoys carving a large variety of caricatures and Christmas tree ornaments, and has carved numerous types of Santas.



Most of his carving is

done using basswood, but he also uses cottonwood bark, black walnut, maple, cherry, myrtle wood, purple heart, mahogany, mountain juniper, butternut, western red cedar and pine.

Lou currently carves three days during the week, at various locations, including twice a week at the Center 50+ in Salem.

"Bored" Dinner, Breakfast Schedule

Many of us enjoy the company of other carvers at our monthly "Bored" dinners and breakfasts. These events are very enjoyable and are a good opportunity to socialize with each other at other than woodcarving sessions. Spouses, family, and friends are always welcome. Dinners are scheduled for 6:00PM and breakfasts are at 8:00AM unless otherwise noted.

Dinners

June 7	Gilgamesh	September 13	Willamette Valley Grill
July 12	Sizzlers	October 11	Golden Dragon
August 9	Christos	November 8	Thai Orchid
		December 31	Best Little Roadhouse

Breakfasts (Provide location suggestions to Bob Curtis)

June 30	Elmer's	September 29	TBD
July 28	Annette's	October 27	TBD
August 18	TBD	November 24	TBD
		December 29	TBD

Weekly Lunches (12:00PM after Wednesday class)

1st Wednesday: Nancy Jo's, Keizer

2nd Wednesday: Wallery's Pizza, West Salem

3rd Wednesday: Elmer's, Market Street

4th Wednesday: Mommy and Maddi's, River Road

5th Wednesday: Spur of the moment decision

Carving Butternut

Butternut is often used for carving. It is relatively soft and has attractive grain.

Sometimes called White Walnut, Butternut is indeed closely related to Black Walnut. While the difference is not black and white, the wood of Butternut is considerably lighter-colored than Black Walnut, as well as being very soft and lightweight.



Butternut trees can be distinguished from Black Walnut by looking at its fruit: Butternut's fruit is more oblong or oval shaped, while Walnut is nearly round. The commercial potential of Butternut's edible fruit (nuts) is generally regarded as being more valuable than its lumber. (Butternuts are not related to Butternut squash, which comes from an unrelated plant—*Cucurbita Moschata*.)

The trunks of Butternut trees are fluted, which is sometimes still evident in processed lumber—the growth rings in the

end grain may appear more polygonal and faceted rather than perfectly circular.

Cheryl Ayres purchased a slice of butternut with bark attached at the 2017, NW Carving Academy in Ellensburg Washington. She followed the junction between the heartwood and sapwood to outline her relief carving. She did not use a pattern for her unique design, but found inspiration in the wood, and images available on her computer. She hand carved all of the forms and textures within.

Her relief carving was highlighted with a light ivory acrylic wash. Shadows and depth were created with burnt umber. A transparent pearl wash was used to create a slight sheen over the lighter portions. Her carving and finishing technique allowed the beautiful wood grain to shine through.

If you want to experience carving in Butternut, Everett Koontz will be having a class at the Oregon Rendezvous where attendees will be carving a Butternut Duck. The end product is especially attractive because of the properties of the wood. *Article submitted by Barb Fromherz*

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.)

Upcoming Events 2018

June 7-10: KENNEWICK, WA Woodcarvers' Rendezvous – Benton County Fairgrounds – Dean Herigstad – 509.713.0108

July 9-13: ELLENSBURG, WA NW Carving Academy (classes) – Ellensburg Rodeo Fairgrounds – Kathy Jensen – 503.856.4158, www.nwcarvingacademy.com

August 17-20: Glacier Rendezvous Montana State WoodCarvers – held at the West Glacier KOA Campground – tandjporter@aol.com – Terry or Janice Porter

August 28: Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Picnic – held at the Bush's Pasture Park (South Side) in Salem. Time 6:00PM. Bring a pot luck item and a chair. Bring carving tools if you would like to carve.

September 13-16: SILVERTON, OR Oregon Rendezvous – Jim Harris – 503.421.9247, Everett Koontz - koontzde@hotmail.com, Capitol Woodcarvers web site - capitolwoodcarvers.org

September 8, 9: VANCOUVER, WA Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show – Don Baiar – www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com

September: SPOKANE, WA Spokane Woodcarvers Show & Sale – Salvation Army Center – 222 E. Indiana – Tim Rahman – 509.244.3467

October: PUYALLUP, WA NW Carvers Show & Sale – Bob Harkness – 253.833.4626 – Dave Thompson - 253.732.6951 – dthompson956@live.com

What Are Members Working On?

Cherrywood Bowl



Mike Gieszler has been working on a bowl. The bowl is made from Cherrywood and the carving was done solely with edge tools. Mike applied a food-safe finish using walnut oil first and then he applied wax.

Very nice Mike!

Article submitted by Don Fromherz.