



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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President's Message

This year everything seems to be different with the pandemic, and our Virtual Show and Virtual Auction are certainly different than anything we have ever attempted. That said, there are some fun stories about how many of our auction items were acquired. Let me tell you a few. The first story has to do with a "larger than life" former carver, Rosie. She and her husband carved for many years. We got a phone call from Rosie. She shared with us that she had remarried, and was no longer carving. She wished to donate a few items to our Club. We arranged to meet at the Woodburn Outlets, where Rosie literally unloaded an entire carload of carving books, tools, a pneumatic power carver (with a dozen tips), and a power grinder, into the back of our car. Wow, a treasure trove!

Another fun story unfolded right before Christmas this last year. A woman, who had grown up in a Maryland carving family, met us one evening at a local Starbucks. Her father was a multi award winner and a judge in the Ward World Championships. She had collected wildlife prints done by renowned, carver/artists. She brought them to Oregon when she moved, and not having room in her new digs, wanted them to go to Carvers out on the west coast, who would appreciate them. The prints are in our Virtual Auction. I hope they will have as much meaning to the winning bidder as they did to her. You might want to check out the artist's bios on an internet search.

Jim Harris was instrumental in receiving the auction items from our faithful corporate sponsors. Check out the different magazine subscriptions for new ideas this next year. Need a new tool? Treeline has been gracious with gift certificates. There is a wonderful new book on fan carving, and then two big items. First, have you wanted to try Pyrography? Razortip has donated an amazing burner unit! Also, Flexcut has contributed a new spoon carving tool plus other wonderful sets. Huge thanks to all our sponsors.

May/June Club Meetings

Several of our own members have also donated to this auction, and it is not too late for you to make a donation. Simply email a photo and/or a description of your item to Bob at: bcurtis97304@gmail.com. Also, if you don't have a table in the Virtual show, just mail him some pictures of your projects, and he will set it up.

Please take the time to visit our website: capitolwoodcarvers.org, check out our virtual auction, and make a few bids. This can be fun way to connect with our club before we can all be together again, (hopefully no later than the August "Picnic in the Park").

Big thanks to our webmaster, Bob Curtis for his countless hours of work to make our Virtual Show and Auction possible.

As always,

Stay Chipper, Don Fromherz

June Carving Meeting

June 30 Club Meeting

Cancelled

Meet Dave Hunter



Dave is a retired carpenter, and son of a carpenter, so he always worked and played with wood. About 10 years ago, Dave joined Capitol Woodcarvers. This is his only experience with a carving club, but he began woodcarving when he was in his early teens. Using a pocketknife, Dave carved small Tiki figures. He put one on a leather thong and gave it to a girl he liked. Dave and his wife have been married 53 years now, so never underestimate the power of a little wooden Tiki God.

Dave's first carving teacher was Will Hayden, who later became part of Caricature Carvers of America. He introduced Dave to bird carving and caricatures, his favorite type of carving. Dave was also lucky enough to do cowboy carving with Cleve Taylor and Claude Bolton. One of his favorite carvings to date is the Cowboy Santa he made in a Cleve Taylor class.

His other "wood work" includes building 3 houses for his family, experimenting with building Stickley Copy-Cat furniture, and building a cedar strip canoe. Many bird houses, planters and other small projects have filled Dave's spare time. Every year Dave carves a Christmas

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ornament for each of his children and grandchildren. He enjoys coming to meetings of Capitol Woodcarvers and enjoyed taking classes from Dave Dissellbrett and currently enjoys Jim Harris' classes Wednesday mornings. Dave says he's not an artist or very original, but he still likes to work and play with wood.

Dave also likes to garden, and takes pride in his garlic and sunflowers. With his wife, 2 dogs, 4 cats and 10 chickens, Dave lives just outside of Newberg, near the new Providence Hospital. He appreciates their competent ER staff when he cuts into himself by mistake!

Upcoming Events

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous

<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/2020orrendezvous.php>

Virtual Capitol Woodcarvers Show

We decided to help members share their efforts in a Virtual Show hosted on the Capitol Woodcarvers web site.



An awards committee comprised of the current board of directors will judge carvings and select winners from photos that are posted online.

Entries for the Virtual Show must be emailed to Bob Curtis by July 1st. The board will review the entries and select the winners by August 1

You can visit the Virtual Show at: <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/virtualshow.php>

We know this does not replace the action, participation, energy, etc. provided by an actual show but at

least others will see our work.

Please participate in the Virtual Show and please share the link to the Show with friends and acquaintances.

Contact Bob Curtis (bcurtis97304@gmail.com) if you would like to have items featured in the Virtual Show.

Online Auction

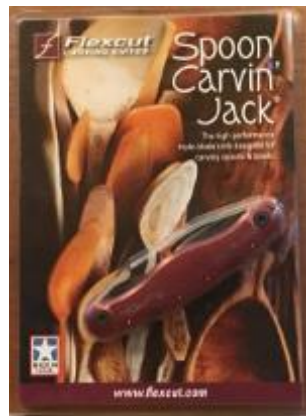
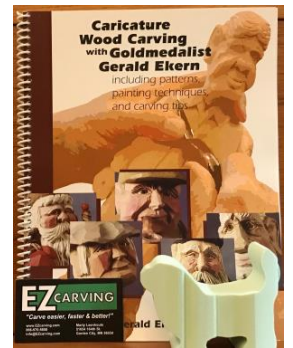
There are some great items in the auction. If you need a set of tools, wood burner, magazine subscriptions, or gift certificates come see what's available. Some of us are carving spoons for the Empty Bowls Project and there is a Spoon Carvin' Jack available in the auction.

Of special interest to decoy carvers are the prints by Keith Mueller, Larry Tawes, and Chuck Ripper.

This is a great chance to pick up an item and at the same time help out our club.

Some of the auction items

SK Burner with Fixed #1L Pen



Please check out our online auction:
<https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/auction.php>

Empty Bowls Project

Empty Bowls is an international effort to fight hunger. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2020, at the Willamette Heritage Center. The wood turners hope to create at least 150 bowls of varying sizes and decoration.

If you would like to participate in this project by carving a spoon or two please contact Denis Miller.

What Are You Doing to Keep Busy?

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There is not much going on woodcarving wise so this is a shorter than usual newsletter. Some of you are thinking yeah, great!

All regularly scheduled events are cancelled so there is little opportunity to share what we've been working on. Many have been working on spoons either for the Empty Bowls Project or just because spoons are fun to work on.



Don Fromherz just completed a beautiful spoon.

The grain and coloring in this spoon are outstanding.

It almost looks like two different woods were used. Next time you see Don ask to see this spoon.

Some of us are not carving much but we have found a way to get together for lunch. Every Friday at 11:15 AM we gather with our lawn chairs in the parking lot at Baja Fresh. Some of us bring our lunch and others order out.



Come join us if you feel safe doing so.

Stay Safe

Please Stay Safe and Healthy See You Soon

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