



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

The blue skies have made way for the summer carving season. It is setting up to be a busy one. Just last week Bonnie and I hosted a group of woodcarvers and held an Uncle Sam carving class in the garage. What fun that was. In just a couple of weeks we'll be in Reedsport for the Oregon Divisional Chainsaw Carving Championships. And just a couple of weeks later we'll be on our way to Ellensburg for the Northwest Carving Academy. And that only takes us halfway through the summer. Another long list of carving activities will cover the second half. So, it suffices to say that I will be knee deep in chips this summer.

I like to talk about carving, but I'd be remiss to not share some club administration. Your Board of Directors met recently and discussed some new ideas for the promotion and growth of our club. Future committees that would help to promote, recruit, and teach were all part of the discussion. But we need to know "who's in" and willing to participate in this activity. So, we created a survey. The results of that survey will give us a pretty good idea of who we can call on when the time is right. In a perfect world, every member would have responded. Unfortunately, were not even close. So as I thank those of that have already participated, I need to plead with the rest of you to please jump in. The survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHBZBKZ> It will only take a couple minutes of your time. Please

remember that we are going to give a \$50 Amazon gift card to one of our lucky participants at the next club meeting. Your input matters so please share your thoughts.

During the board meeting we were reminded of the financial assistance that could be passed along through the Dave Disselbrett scholarship fund. When Dave passed away, some money was set aside to help pay for carving classes. So, I want to remind our membership that the lack of financial resources should not get in the way of your woodcarving journey. If you want to go to a class and need to know more about access to the funding, I encourage you to speak to Everett Koontz.

Since I have never been to a club meeting where Everett was absent, he was certainly missed earlier this week. Most of you know by now that he went through a really rough patch a couple of weeks ago. After a hospital stay and rehab, he's doing much better. I suspect that by the time you read this he will be resting comfortably at home. I'll look forward to carving with him again very soon.

I am happy to also share that your Board of Directors received a nomination for Life-Time Membership for Don Curry. Don has been a long-time member of this club and has made his way through our board of directors at least twice. As you know he currently serves as our vice-president. With no hesitation the motion was unanimously approved. Congratulations Don!

In other good news, our club is growing ever so slightly. In the last month a small handful of new members have joined us. Like you, I'll look forward to welcoming them at a future meeting.

We have two meetings coming up that will be incredibly informative. Our June meeting will feature Kelly Stadelman. Kelly is going to talk about painting techniques, brush selection and care. Then in July, Everett Carter will be teaching us how to carve a Santa ornament. Mark these on your calendar with a "must attend." They will be good ones for sure.

I'll close with one more plea. We need your newsletter ideas and articles. If you have stories to share, carving items to sell, tips, patterns, pictures or just about anything of interest to the club, please let us know. Send you thoughts to me at tbmoss@msn.com or to Bob Curtis at bcurtis97304@gmail.com . We'll make sure to get them in the next newsletter.

Happy carving everyone,
Terry

Lunch Schedule

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June 9 - Nancy Jo's Burgers (South), 4550 Commercial St. SE, Salem

June 16 - Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

June 23 - Outback Steakhouse, Keiser Station, Keiser

June 30 - Hops and Drops, Keiser Station, Keiser

If you would like to suggest a restaurant to be added to the list, please let us know.

Restaurants must be able to seat a group of up to about twelve.

Member Survey

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We are trying to improve our club and be responsive to our member's preferences for club activities. Everyone who completes the survey will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card. To be eligible, your response must be received by Monday June 26th. We will announce the winner at the club meeting on June 27th. Please use this link and begin the survey.

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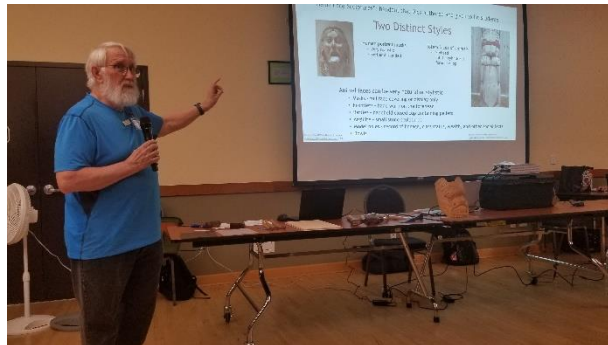
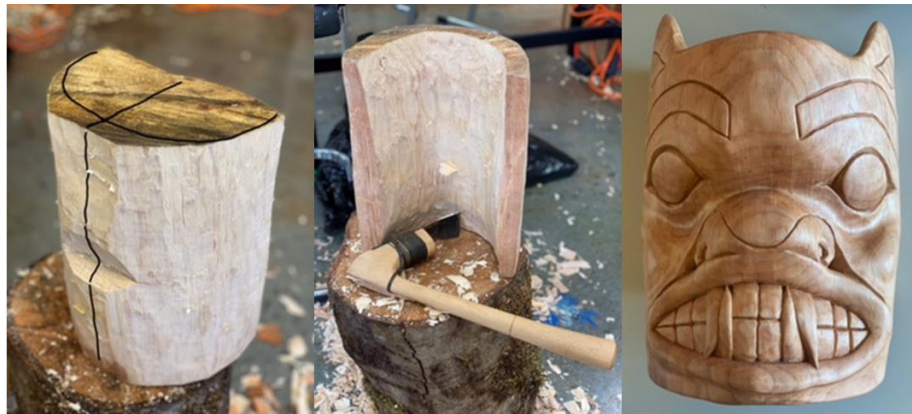
The program presenter for the Capitol Woodcarvers May 30 meeting was Tom Seip. Tom is a member of the Coastal Carvers Club. He is also a member and Newsletter Editor of the Oregon Carvers Guild.

Tom's program focused on the process of carving a Haida Ceremonial Bear Mask. His completed mask earned a 2nd place ribbon at the 2022 Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show. Tom also touched on the history and culture of the Haida Tribe. Utilizing photos and visual aids he led the audience through the process of creating the mask out of a freshly cut block of Alder.

He demonstrated the use of tools that would have been originally used by the Haida tribe. Tom emphasized the care needed to prevent the green/wet wood from cracking as it dries. Attendees left the meeting with a greater appreciation for this unique style of carving.

The Club thanks Tom for traveling from the Coast to share his knowledge with us.

Images from Tom's presentation



Tom Seip
May Capitol
Woodcarvers
Presentation

Harris Hawk Class



Capitol Woodcarver members Cheryl Ayres and Don Fromherz recently attended a five-day carving class in Milwaukie, Oregon, given by Josh Guge. (Joshguge.com). The project was a power carved, half sized, Harris Hawk.

Josh provided a tupelo, band saw cut out and a resin cast model. The model was detailed on one half, and the other half was left without detailing to give perspective on contours and anatomy.



With frequent demonstrations and subsequent follow-up, Josh led the carvers through blocking out the general shape, refinement, and finally detailing with small rotary bits. Wood burners were utilized to complete the fine feather detailing.

Member's Projects

The last day was spent setting the eyes and painting the project. Josh provided paint and custom mixed colors to achieve the appropriate shades. Carvers who were unable to complete the carving in time, were able to paint the resin cast for practice and were given the color formulas and some mixed paints to use later.

Participants gained valuable knowledge about bird anatomy, skills in power carving, woodburner detailing and painting techniques.

What Members Have Been Working On



Club member Tim Flora is a relief carver who produces outstanding works-of-art. Most recently Tim came into possession of an old painting by a family member.

Tim wanted to preserve this painting for future family members, so he created a relief carving of the painting.

This carving is a rural scene with a farmer clearing his field. Tim accurately captured the subject, mood, perspective, and story from the original art.

Monday Evening Carving Class

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Carving Classes at Center 50+ have been ongoing for several years. Denis Miller has done an outstanding job hosting these classes. Unfortunately, Denis is taking a break from teaching.

Luckily, we have many excellent carvers in our club. Everett Carter has agreed to step in to teach these Monday evening classes. Contact [Center50+](#) for class registration.

Open Carving Sessions

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You are invited to attend free Open Carving Sessions. These are great opportunities to learn from other carvers, share techniques and experiences, and to socialize with like-minded artists. Just drop in and enjoy the comradery. Beginning carvers are encouraged to attend these sessions to see what carving is about.

Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR
97301

Friday Afternoon, 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Keizer Art Association, 980 Chemawa RD NE, Keizer
OR 97303

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9:00AM – 1:00PM

June Meeting

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The June meeting is scheduled for June 27, 7:00PM – 9:00PM at Center 50+. Our June meeting will feature Kelly Stadelman. Kelly is going to talk about painting techniques, brush selection and care.

Annual Ornament Sale

Annual Christmas Ornament Sale

Nadine Romero has stepped up to assume oversight responsibilities for the Club's annual Christmas ornament sale.

This has always been a good event for our Club in that it not only provides operating funds, but it also introduces our Club to the public. Please plan on participating in this year's event. Nadine will be publishing event news, seeking volunteers, and accepting ornaments as the sale approaches.

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