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President's Message

Over 45 years ago, Barb and I moved to Salem. We dreamed of building a home on small country acreage. That never happened because we discovered a forested development within the city limits that had the "country feel", without all the maintenance. Our home sits on a circle surrounding a central, common area, at the end of a cul-de-sac. We were one of the first three homes in a total of 16. As more homes were built, and folks moved in, we had many progressive dinners & neighborhood gatherings to celebrate various holidays and to welcome new homeowners. As the years progressed, original owners moved away, new families moved in, and the neighborhood gatherings diminished. Barb and I, as the senior residents in the development (I hesitate to say the oldest homeowners) lamented the loss of the gatherings, socializing and the friendships that had developed.

Now, in 2020, folks have been somewhat cloistered in their homes, for obvious reasons. We've started seeing more and more individuals out walking to get exercise, and it seems that many enjoy stopping to chat and enjoy a little human contact. For Halloween, one of our neighbors cooked up a plan to have a pumpkin-carving contest. Tables were set up in our outdoor central area, to display the carvings, in a safe, socially distanced environment. Hot apple cider and snacks were provided so people could drop by and enjoy the display and meet their newer neighbors. Nearly everyone participated, either as a carver, a judge, or to merely enjoy the fellowship. Another neighbor suggested we put up a Holiday tree in the central area. Each family was to provide and hang, several, preferably homemade, ornaments. A time was set to light the decorated tree on Sunday evening. Nearly all the neighbors participated. The lighting event once again allowed an outdoor, socially distanced, gathering of friends with the common need to connect with fellow human beings.

So, I say there is somewhat of a silver lining to this Covid cloud we're living under. I'm sure if we dwell upon the matter, we can come up with some other positives that will ultimately come out of our current state

of affairs. If any of you would like to share a positive thought or "silver lining" that will emerge from this cloud, please do so! Write it up, send it in, and we can put it in the next newsletter and/or on the Club website.

Have a safe, happy, healthy Holiday, and by all means...
Stay Chipper,
Don

Meet Mike Goodness

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Mike has been carving since 2011. He got started when he signed up at the State Fair, for classes at Dave Walker's Studio. His previous artwork was pencil drawing.

Animals and caricatures are Mike's preferred subjects. He carved a fabulous chess set, which was almost lost due to a suspected theft. It turns out though that it was not stolen but only safely stored by Mike.

Mike has been a very active volunteer carver at the Salem Carousel for over 7 years. Carving carousel horses is very different than carving caricatures but Mike enjoys the challenge.

Mike retired from Quest Communications in 2004. Besides carving, he enjoys camping, some fishing, and classical music.

His Family consists of his wife Genny, and two children: Leah and Timothy.

Friday Noon Parking Lot Lunch



**Cold
But Fun
Parking
Lot
Lunch**



**Socially
Distanced
Lunch**

What We've Been Working On

Owls by Lorene Bartell



I miss everyone and our monthly meetings. I'm doing pretty good, knitting, carving, cooking and waiting for a vaccine. I'm working on a heart welcome-plaque and a sleeping cat. The heart is almost done and the cat is a challenge but I've done two in the past so I think it's doable. Take care. Lorene Bartell

Quill and Ink / Baker by Don Fromherz



It is nice to see carvings that tell a story. You can imagine Ben Franklin sitting at his desk ready to sign an executive order. Or picture a baker creating a sweet dessert.

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For Sale







Donated Items for Sale

Members or former members often donate their tools and supplies to Capitol Woodcarvers. Included in this Newsletter are some great tools and equipment donated by Ken Lake (no longer carving due to health), and from the estates of Marilyn Sloan and Julie Heinrich.




All proceeds go to Capitol Woodcarvers to help with the mission of promoting woodcarving.

If you would like to purchase any of these items please email Bob Curtis at bcurtis97304@gmail.com to arrange a meeting.

Items for Sale

	Woodriver Model 140605 Dust Collector Retail: \$244 https://www.walmart.com/ip/Power-Carving-Dust-Collector/191480789	Your Price: SOLD
	PanaVise with woodcarving head. Retail: ~ \$50	Your Price: SOLD
	Dremel MultiPro Rotary Tool Model 365 With Flexshaft, over 50 burrs/bits/wheels, and carrying case.	Your Price: SOLD
	Collection of 24 Drake, OCCT, and misc. gouges Retail: ~ \$600	Your Price: SOLD each
	Flexcut Beginners Palm Set Retail: ~ \$70	Your Price \$30
	Set of 5 Dockyard gouges and tool roll. Retail: ~ \$60	Your Price SOLD

Carving Classes

	Magnifier and light. Retail: ~ \$25	Your Price \$10
	Collection of Chip Carving, detail, and Bench Knives Retail: ~ \$300	Your Price SOLD each
	AWP Tool Tote Retail: ~ \$20	Your Price SOLD

Carving Classes by Jim Harris

Where: Center 50+

When: Wednesdays in December

Time: 10AM until Noon

Information:

- Class is limited to 6 students.
- Each student must maintain a 6 foot separation from others.
- Each student must wear a mask for the entire class.
- Sign up online at the City of Salem website
- Your temperature will be taken before each session before you will be allowed into the session
- Do not arrive more than 10 minutes before session start.
- Class is open to all levels from total beginner to experienced carvers.

For more information contact Jim Harris at spirits02@comcast.net.

Article submitted By Jim Harris

Check us out on Facebook

Kathie Dalton is doing a fantastic job keeping our Club Facebook page current and interesting. If you have not been to our page please come see us: <https://facebook.com/capitolwoodcarvers>

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Facebook**

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The Club is seeking someone to help find and manage storage space for our Club. We have accumulated tools, display fixtures, audio/video equipment, brochures, containers, Christmas trees, carvings, banners, signs, and more. These items are currently stored in various members' garages and houses.

The storage space does not need to be large but must be secure, accessible, local, and it will need shelving.

If you are interested in taking on this task please contact Don Fromherz

Submit an Article

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Members would like to know what other members are doing. Submit an article with a picture of what you've been working on to Bob Curtis, bcurtis97304@gmail.com. Your article will be published in the Newsletter.

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