



# CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

December 2023

NEWSLETTER

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## **President's Message**

Hello Capitol Woodcarvers,

As our lives will seem to get busier and busier over the next couple of weeks, let's pause for a moment and reflect on what a year it has been, and the impact created by this great group of woodcarvers.

Just a few months ago we held our annual show and showcased our 2023 featured artist, Don Fromherz. We continued to celebrate Don's carving successes throughout the year including a carve-along at a club meeting and a roller ball derby, featuring the "Sand-o-meter." You'll recall that Everett Carter was crowned the 2023 Rollerball Champion. What fun that was!

Throughout the year our club and its members were a steady presence at the Coastal Carvers annual show, the Oregon State Fair, the Keizer Art Association, the Oregon Woodcarving Rendezvous, the Salem Riverfront Carousel and so much more.

2024 already promises to be another prosperous year for this group. We'll start it all over again with our annual New Year's Eve dinner. I hope to see you there.

Shortly thereafter, this club will be headed full steam into planning for our annual show, scheduled for April 6th and 7th at the Center 50+. As a club we are so fortunate to have Denis Miller leading the planning committee. Denis is going to use all the help he can get. I hope that when the time comes, you will lend a hand and help make this show another success for the

Capitol Woodcarvers. Meanwhile, please thank Denis and let him know that you are ready to help.

If you were at the club meeting last week you heard Bob Curtis talking about a virtual store that we'd like to add to our club website. This is a great opportunity to sell tools and wood as it is often donated to the club. This is a unique opportunity to create some exposure for the club, bring in some new carvers and promote the art of woodcarving. As Bob will handle all the technical aspects of the website. we need someone to help run the store. If you are interested, please reach out to Bob. Without some help, this project may not get off the ground.

We are also still looking for someone to help lead our club as the "Outreach Coordinator." This person would look for opportunities to promote our club and coordinate our attendance. This does not require the Outreach Coordinator to attend all these events. The job is to make sure our participation happens by lining up volunteers, coordinating any sign ups, payments etc. If this sounds interesting to you, please let me know.

At the last meeting this group elected its 2024 Board of Directors. In the coming year I will continue to represent you as the club president, Kelley Kirsch will be your Secretary and Karen Bennett will be your Treasurer. I am very pleased to welcome Jason Evans into a leadership role as he was elected to be the club vice-president. I know that this group is excited about 2024 and setting up the club for its future successes. But we need your help. A thriving and vibrant club can only exist with support at all levels of its membership. In other words, everyone from our newest member to our most senior will need to pitch in. If you want to get involved, ask questions, and share your ideas, I hope that you'll reach out and let us know.

I would be remiss without leaving a few words to express my sincere thanks for Don Currey and his service as our vice-president for the past two years. You may recall that Don also served as our club president in 2011, 2012 and 2013. This long stretch of service to the Capitol Woodcarvers deserves a hearty

round of applause. Thank you Don!

I hope that the next few weeks will lead to some time well spent with your loved ones. Don't let your tools get dusty. Keep carving and I will look forward to seeing you and the fruits of your labor very soon.

Merry Christmas,

Terry

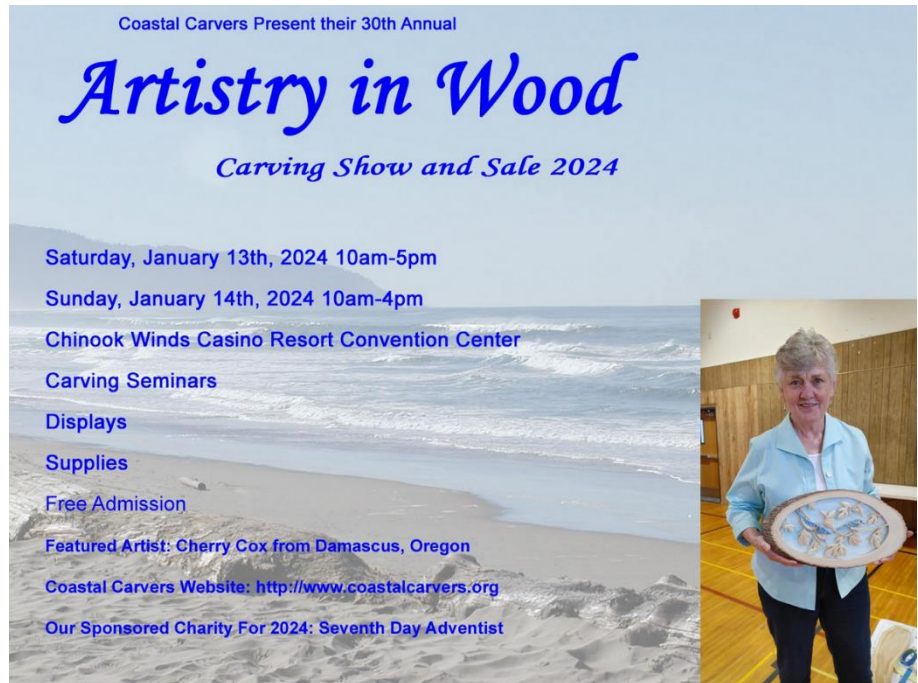
## December Club Meeting

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There is no Club meeting in December. Please enjoy the holidays with family and friends. We'll see you at the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Artistry in Wood

## Coastal Carvers Show



Capitol Woodcarvers will be participating in this great show again. Our Club will have a table as will individual members. If you would like to volunteer to sit at our Club table, please contact Barb Fromherz.

Please try to visit this show. The venue is great, Coastal Carvers hosting is outstanding and very welcoming, demonstrations and events are wonderful, and the multitude of carvings on display are exceptional.

## Friday Lunches

## Lunch Schedule

Lunch is at 11:30 each Friday. Please join us.

12/8/2023	Wild Card - Miyoko Buffet, 636 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
12/15/2023	The Yard (food trucks), 4106 State St, Salem
12/22/2023	Olive Garden, 1302 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem
12/29/2023	Garibaldi's (Mexican), 1151 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem

Bring a show and tell item to share at lunch then join us at Center50+ for Friday afternoon Open Carving.

## Open Carving

## Open Carving Sessions



*Mary Davis with her Carved Bird*

Carvers are meeting for open carving sessions every Friday from 1:00PM - 5:00PM at Center50+. These sessions are great to attend because

everyone is working on something different. Attendees are working on caricatures, chip carvings, cottonwood bark wood spirits and whimsical houses, woodburning, etc. Come join in. Share and socialize while carving.

Another open carving session happens every first and third Thursday 9:00AM - 1:00PM at Keizer Art Association. Many at this session are focused on carving wildfowl including ducks, songbirds, woodpeckers, etc. This is a great opportunity to learn realistic carving. Others in this session are woodburning, relief carving, etc.

Come join us Thursdays and Fridays.

## Things To Do 2024

# Opportunities to Get Involved 2024

Let's make 2024 a great year for Capitol Woodcarvers and our members. There will be many opportunities to get together to carve, learn, and socialize.

## **Capitol Woodcarvers Annual Show (April)**



This annual two-day show is a great hit. Members of Capitol Woodcarvers display their carvings to other carvers and the public. The show typically includes vendors, breakout sessions, auction, raffles, classes, demonstrations,

contests, and a lot of sharing of techniques.

## **Annual Bush's Park Picnic (August)**



Capitol Woodcarvers is a social group as well as a carving group. Our annual picnic is well attended and enjoyed by members and their guests. Don't miss this event which takes place the last Tuesday of August in place of the Club meeting. It is always a fun time. Bring a show and tell carving to share.

## **State Fair (August/September)**



Capitol Woodcarvers like to share with the community. Every year we have a booth at the Oregon State Fair. As a booth volunteer you will meet a lot of visitors who are in awe at what

carvers can create. It is a pleasure to interact with these visitors and talk with them about woodcarving.

### **Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous (September)**



This a great event organized and managed by Capitol Woodcarvers member Everett Koontz. This is a wonderful gathering where multiple classes are taking place simultaneously. If you ever wanted to try different types of carving this is the event for you.

### **Keizer Art Association Show (October)**



This is a great month-long show in the Keizer Art Association Art Gallery. This show introduces carving to the "Art Community" as well as to the public. The location of the gallery is in the Keizer

Cultural Center. This is an easy show to participate in. Carvings can be delivered to the gallery then picked up after the show has finished.

### **Annual Christmas Ornament Sale (November)**



This annual ornament sale that takes place at the Rickreall Fairgrounds helps to support our club. It is a wonderful feeling when the public stops by our table and comments on

the beautiful hand carved ornaments available for sale. Thank you, members, for your carved donations, they really help our club.

### **Club Meetings (Last Tuesdays 7PM – 9PM)**



This regular monthly meeting takes place at Center50+. Attendees discuss Club business. There is also "Show and Tell", a Wood Draw, and an informative carving-related program at each meeting.

## **New Years Club Dinner (December)**



Every year for decades our carvers have been meeting December 31 for our annual New Year's Dinner. The comradery and socializing are great at this event. What a great evening. Plan on attending this year.

## **Carving Classes**



Many of our members teach carving, pyrography, painting, and other classes. Classes take place at Center50+, the KAA classroom, and other venues when possible. It is amazing how much talent we have within our club and the

willingness of talented carvers to share their techniques and knowledge. It is always rewarding to participate in or teach a class.

## **Carving Session: Friday Afternoons – Center50+**



Center50+ has reserved Friday afternoons for woodcarving sessions. The facilities are great and can accommodate a large group of carvers.

This is another opportunity to gather, learn, share, and enjoy the company of other carvers.

## **Carving Session: 1st and 3rd Thursdays – KAA**



We have reserved the Keizer Art Association classroom the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Although the focus is on wildfowl carving, all

carvers/pyrographers are welcome to join in.

**Club Supporters**

**Friday Lunches (Weekly)**



As a group we like to get together and socialize. Friday lunch has been a good opportunity to do this. We rotate restaurants and gather at 11:30. Friday lunch gatherings have been going on for many years and due to

their success, everyone has a good time, they will continue for a long time to come. Guests are always welcome to attend.

**Coastal Carvers Show (January)**













This is an annual show hosted by Coastal Carvers. Our Club is always well represented at this event. Some of our members conduct demonstrations or classes

during the show. This is a good opportunity for Capitol Woodcarvers members to view others' carvings and to interact with carvers from other areas.

**Club Supporters**

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