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President's Message

Hi fellow Capitol Woodcarvers

I hope you are all well and maintaining a respectable level of sanity during these stressful times. I researched the internet for ways to reduce stress. One of the top recommendations was to meditate. So, I drove out in the country, found a quiet spot next to a gently flowing stream, sat cross legged in the classic meditative pose, closed my eyes, cleared my mind, and allowed the peaceful thoughts to flow. The first thought to emerge was, how in the heck am I going to get up? After a few minutes of leg, knee and butt pain, I'd had enough meditative stress management. I figured out how to get up by rolling over and crawling to a nearby small tree. I pulled myself upright and hobbled to my car.

On my drive home, I passed at least a half dozen pot stores. That got me thinking maybe I had misread that internet stress reduction advice. Perhaps it wasn't "meditate" but rather "medicate". So, I hurried home, went to my shop and fired up....yep, you guessed it... my carving knife, and commenced carving. You see, another way to manage stress is to keep busy, engaged, and focused on a goal or project. Woodcarving is great therapy, so keep those chips flying, and share your accomplishments via our VIRTUAL SHOW. There is information about the VIRTUAL SHOW later in this newsletter.

The Capitol Woodcarvers Board recently held a Virtual Meeting wherein we voted to:

1. Cancel the 2020 Club Show altogether, and plan for a 2021 Show (rather than try to reschedule 2020)
2. In place of the 2020 Show, conduct a VIRTUAL SHOW.
3. Cancel the May and June Club meetings. (however, it appears we won't be able to have any group events, at least through September, based on the Governor's reopening guidelines).
4. Support the Willamette Valley Woodturners "Empty Bowls" project, by providing carved, functional, and decorative spoons.

Stay well folks, and lets' try to stay connected via emails, phone calls, and the website. Please send information that can be published in the "News" section on the website to: bcurtis97304@gmail.com.

Stay Chipper, Don Fromherz, President, Capitol Woodcarvers

May/June Club Meetings

May 26 and June 30 Club Meetings

Cancelled

Meet Kathy Jensen

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Kathy has been carving about 23 years or so and has been a member of the Salem club about 17 plus years. She became interested in carving when helping in the Crafts Department of the Tillamook County Fair where they had a person demonstrating woodcarving. The demonstrator gave Kathy a cut out tree blank and a knife to try it. Kathy liked it and began taking classes in the area and then joined the Coastal Carvers Club.



As many carvers do, Kathy started out doing Santas, but she also does relief carving, whatever Dave Disselbrett was sharing, and some wood burning. Kathy

enjoys taking woodcarving classes.

A job change took Kathy to the Valley where she joined the Salem club. Kathy has enjoyed an artistic environment and background throughout her life. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education and worked as an educational graphic artist for 12 years. A reduction in force resulted in a change of direction and Kathy went on to get a Master's Degree in Library Sciences. Kathy was an Elementary and High School Librarian for 15 years before retiring from Molalla River School District. Kathy now fills her time enjoying reading, gardening, going to the movies, traveling, and trying anything that peaks her interest.

Kathy has recently moved back to Tillamook to help her mother who goes along with her to all the carving activities. Kathy still plans to get to the Salem Club meetings when she can. She is very involved with the Coastal Carvers and the NW Carving Academy.

Carving Sessions

Carving Sessions (Center 50+)

Cancelled until further notice.

Carving Sessions (Silverton Art Association)

Cancelled until further notice.

Breaking Bread

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.)

"Bored" Dinner, Lunch, Breakfast Schedule

Cancelled until further notice

Upcoming Events

Oregon Woodcarvers Rendezvous

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

Virtual Capitol Woodcarvers Show

Virtual



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.

If we get to have a picnic in the park this summer, we will give out the Virtual Show ribbons then. Otherwise we will post the awards online and give out the ribbons at a future club meeting.

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.

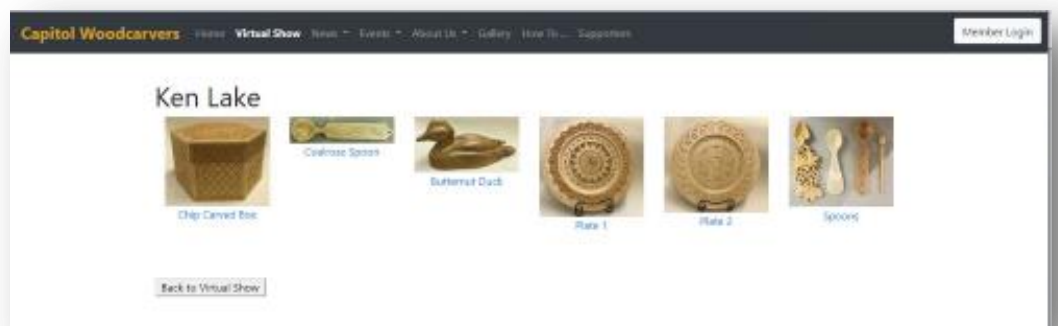
What You'll See at the Virtual Show

The pictures below show what you will see at the Virtual Show. Clicking on your show table will reveal your carvings/pyrography. Clicking on an individual carving will expand that carving/pyrography to a larger size.

Show Tables



Carvings on an Individual Table



Please participate in the Virtual Show

Visitors to our site would like to see your art.

Send an email to Bob Curtis with pictures of your carvings/pyrography and Bob will create your Virtual Show table.

Keizer Art Association Announces People's Choice Award

By all accounts Capitol Woodcarvers had a great show at the Keizer Art Association Gallery. Unfortunately the show was interrupted by the Covid-19 health issue. Many visitors were able to visit the show before the interruption and the joy and comments of the visitors reflected the quality of every piece in the show.

Visitors voted for their preferred carving and the piece getting most votes was Mike Reifel's "Lily and Dragon". This is an outstanding piece of art, and the award is well deserved. The people made a good choice.



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. Woodturners press release below:

Empty Bowls Event for 2020

For the coming year our club has decided to hold an Empty Bowl event as our community outreach and public awareness project.

Empty Bowl events are fundraising events with a focus on reducing hunger and food insecurity. These events are held all over the country and in the last few years have even been held internationally. If you would like to see the scope of this project take a look at emptybowls.com or do a basic internet search for empty bowls. There are many examples of events posted online that will give a better idea of the concept than I can provide.

We have decided to hold our event in October. This gives us an entire year to prepare and ensure that we are successful. It will give us enough time to get bowls completed from log to dry and it will also give us time to adequately publicize the event.

For those who have never attended an event of this nature, here is a brief description: Prior to the event members create bowls to donate. Every person who pays for their dinner will be able to take their soup bowl home with them. The meal is simple. A bowl of soup, some bread and, perhaps, a small dessert. The idea is that this simple meal reminds us of what hungry people in our community often have to eat for an entire day.

For our event we will be offering "step up" bowls. In order to offer this we are requesting donations of some bowls that go beyond the utility version of a soup bowl. These bowls can be larger such as medium serving bowl size, more artistic, more embellished. In general they are the ones that would command a higher price. Patrons will be allowed to upgrade their basic bowl to one of these for a larger donation. If we have even larger or more valuable bowls donated we will offer another step up option for yet another larger donation. Finally for the very special pieces we will be having a silent auction section. This can be extra special bowls, platters or other donated artwork. Finally we would like to have one spectacular grand prize that can be done as a door prize with additional raffle tickets sold.

We've been talking about this project and our possible collaboration with the Willamette Valley Woodturners, for a while now. The current status is:

- The Capitol Woodcarvers Board voted to support the event by carving functional soup and decorative spoons. (We have not committed to a minimum number).
- At this time the Woodturners still plan to have the event in October, and they are turning bowls.
- Some of our carvers have offered to not only carve spoons but also to provide patterns, wood, or rough outs to our members. Contact me for further information dfromherz@me.com
- At some future date we may have a program/demo/carve along, on spoon carving and invite the Woodturners to provide a speaker to present details of their project.

Thoughts, after consulting with some of our carvers are as follows:

- This event may need to be rescheduled to a future date due to

Denis Miller Pattern

the reopening schedule. Currently the Governor has banned group events larger than 25, through September.

- Those who wish to should go ahead and start carving spoons in anticipation that this event will occur on schedule or at a later date.

Denis Miller has been researching designs and has produced some sample spoons.



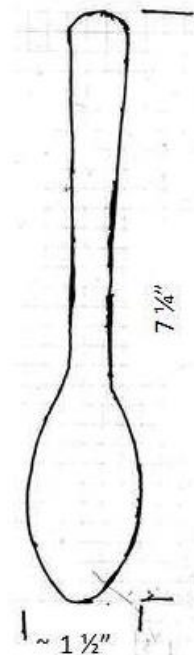
Specifications

- About the size of a large soup spoon
- Wood types:
 - Basswood
 - Apple
 - Cherry
 - Pear
 - Alder
 - Maple
 - Or any other food-safe wood

(If a nut wood is used the spoon must be labeled as such)

Rough Dimensions

- Use 1 inch stock



Stay Safe

Please Stay Safe and Healthy See You Soon

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