



CAPITOL WOODCARVERS

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

My high school English teacher once said my essay writing skills would never amount to a hill of beans. And here I am, yet again, trying valiantly, and with great effort to prove her right... oh wait, was she your high school English teacher too?

I am going to use this letter to explain the decision our Capitol Woodcarvers Executive Board just made. 2020 has clearly been a year of isolation, and for some folks, that might not be all bad, but for a club of creative Woodcarvers who enjoy new ideas, sharing, and each other's company, it has been a bit of a disaster. So, the Board has decided to combine 2020/2021 dues into one. That means that if you had a chance to pay your dues for 2020, before the Corona Virus shut things down, then you won't owe dues before 2022. If you didn't have a chance to pay, which many folks didn't, you can get caught up by sending a check for \$12.00 (individual) or \$18.00 (family) to:

Capitol Woodcarvers, P.O. Box 13321, Salem, OR 97301

Or you can pay on the website:

Capitolwoodcarvers.org, Click on "about us" then "join our club"

If you are unsure if you paid or not, contact me and I will let you know.

The other issue the Board voted on, was to forego this year's Ornament Sale at the Polk County Fairgrounds in November. For those of you who have attended or have volunteered, you know it is a jam-packed event. Because we feel our member volunteers would be unnecessarily at risk, we have chosen to not participate this year. However, we will submit our entry fee, in good faith anyway, to the Polk County 4H, who count on this revenue, in the hopes that we are able to sell again in 2021.

Capitol Woodcarvers continually try to find ways to interact, by Zoom, by parking lot lunches, carving at Everett's house, or in small socially distancing groups. Until we can meet again, I wish you well. Stay sane, stay happy, and above all, stay chipper! Don Fromherz

Annual Christmas Ornament Sale

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The Capitol Woodcarvers Board has decided in the interest of safety to not participate in the annual OSU Extension Program 4H Christmas ornament sale in Rickreall this year.

This is a disappointment because we have been doing this event for many years. Several of the event's visitors will be unhappy because they enjoyed seeing our carvings as well as making it a tradition to buy an ornament every year.

Please continue carving ornaments for donation next year. We will try to make next year's event bigger and better.

Meet Jim Harris

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Jim was introduced to carving in Junior High School. He has been actively carving since 2005 and joined Capitol Woodcarvers in 2006. Jim was the club President in 2010.

An accomplished carver, Jim favors projects involving birds, animals, and caricatures. Making wood flutes is another area of interest and he sells his flute building kits with instructions. Jim is always willing to share his expertise, thus, many members seek his help with their own projects.

Jim's artistic background includes a Graduate degree in architecture. He has also taken many classes from other accomplished artists.

Jim is retired from a career with the Building Department with the City of Portland. He has two sons and 4 grandsons. Jim's other interests include reading, model ship building, and sailing.

Chat and Carve

Center 50+ZOOM Woodcarvers Get Together

Marilyn Daily-Blair is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. (Call the Center 50+ at 503-588-6303 for assistance) Agenda:

1. WELCOME AND SAY HI TO EACH OTHER
2. SHARE WHAT PROJECTS YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ON
3. SOMEONE DEMONSTRATE (10-12) MINUTES SOMETHING YOU ARE WORKING ON--WILLING TO CARVE LIVE ON SCREEN AND TALK ABOUT THE WOOD, TOOLS, STEPS ETC.
4. SHARE WHAT OTHER CARVING ACTIVITIES ARE GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND BEYOND. NEWS TIME
5. ADJOURN

Donated Spoons

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Congratulations woodcarvers on a job well done.

I would like to thank all of you who participated by carving spoons for the Empty Bowls project. Sixty-eight spoons were made in many shapes and sizes. Special thanks to Bob Karr, Don Fromherz, Everett Koontz, Janice Besing, and Dave Hunter.

I have contacted the president of the wood turners group and am waiting for him to get back to me about how I can get the spoons to him.

Thanks again (image does not include all the donated spoons).



Article submitted by Denis Miller

Thank You Note

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We are sincerely grateful for your donation. Please express my gratitude to all of your members for their fine effort. The spoons look absolutely wonderful!!

All the best,

Jeff Zens, President
Willamette Valley Woodturners
Salem, Oregon

Coping

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It has been a difficult six months for all of us. I have some carvings that reflect my feelings. Whether watching TV, shopping, trying to socialize, or being in public, I often feel like screaming at what is going on.

I am ready to move on, return to normal and enjoy the company and interactions provided by our Club's activities. Hopefully we'll get back to normal soon.

I find it helps to get involved with the limited opportunities available to us. Everett continues to have small carving sessions, we get together for "Parking Lot Lunches", and there are the Zoom meetings hosted by Center 50+.

It helps to stay in touch. Take care and stay healthy.

Article submitted by Bob Curtis

What Members Are Working On

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Marty Anderson



Marty joined us for "Parking Lot Lunch" and he brought along a surprise. He has been working on carving knife covers/protectors and was intending to have a class. But as with everything else his class was cancelled. Marty had prepared a lot of blanks for the class so he brought them with him to pass out to those present.

Not only did Marty hand out blanks, the knives were also included. What a nice and generous gift.

Each blank was specifically "fit" to its accompanying knife.

Marty also brought some examples that he had completed. These carvings are exceptional and truly great pieces.



Thank you Marty for the knives and blanks. I think we will soon be seeing some unique and creative knife covers/protectors due to your generosity.

I'm sure some will show up at show-and-tell at our next few "Parking Lot" lunches.

Zoom Invitation

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You are invited to attend a free two hour Zoom presentation by well-known carver Mary May (details below). The program is part of a monthly series by the Carving Special Interest Group in Portland.

September Program - Mary May: Carving Acanthus Leaves

Date/Time: Tuesday Sept 8 @ 6 to 8 PM

Place: Zoom

To Register: Send an email to Larry Wade, lpwade@gmail so you can be sent the Zoom link a few days ahead of time.

Be Safe

**Please Stay
Safe and Healthy
See You Soon**

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