

# The Colorado Carver



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May 2024

## President's Corner

**W**ow! All the sudden May is here. I have a feeling Summer is going to fly by this year.

Carving in the Rockies is off and running. There's a great variety of classes this year. The registration deadline is coming up so check the classes out and be sure send your requests. This is always a highlight of our year!

Another Club highlight is that we get to celebrate with our treasurer **Morgan Walton** as her family is preparing to welcome a precious little one. We'll have a shower between the seminar and business part of the meeting. There will be no Show and Tell this month as we share this special time of joy!

After Carving in the Rockies, preparations for our Annual Show will jump into high gear. The Board is recommending a change to the entries this year. To encourage people to share more carvings, we propose the following change:

\$4 entry fee for carvings 1 - 4, then for the 5th carving and above, \$20 flat fee for all.

We will vote on this at the May meeting. Please think about it, AND, you can think of 2, or 3, or 8 carvings to share at the show! Remember to thank the Sponsors who support the Show and our Club when you visit their stores.

So, get ready for the wild days of summer and wood chips. It's going to be a blast!

## OUR CCC SHOW SUPPORTERS!

Mountain Woodcarvers, Rockler, Treeline, Carolina Tupelo, Fan Carvers World, Flex Tools, Rams Products, Dockyard Tools, Razer Tip

— Amy Eha

## CITR Food...

**T**here will be coffee, water, iced tea, and lemonade for you to drink. I suggest that you bring your own containers with lids if you want to take drinks upstairs. We do have coffee containers with lids. Also bring your own soda if you want that. I will try to keep room in the refrigerator for soda (no big boxes please).

During the week we plan to serve at least two meals, one of which will be on Sunday. A donation is suggested if you decide to eat those meals.

Snacks to share are always welcome if you want to bring anything during the week. We have always had plenty of wonderful goodies!

Thanks to all of you who have been bringing snacks to our regular club meetings. I think everyone enjoys a little bite to eat while carving.

There will be more news from the kitchen about CITR in the next newsletter.

Your kitchen lady,

—Carolyn Vigil

# April Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Karen Stalman*

**P**ledge of Allegiance was recited by a very large group this month. Last month's minutes were approved.

**Show and Tell:** We were shown numerous beautiful carvings. **Bob Luckwitz** brought his beautiful Kestral hawk which was made out of Tupelo and painted in oil. **Dave Tjarks** showed us his santa from a past Tony Dill class. He explained that he textures the snow using drywall compound. **Kurt Kelley** brought his walking stick with a carved Colt 45 handle. **Jane Moore** brought an eagle head carved in bark with a wood burned texture as the background. **Rick Reynolds** said his tall bark house has 3 doors which he finished with Deft.

**New Carvers table:** What a record turn out. New people came as well as 6 returning from last month. A few want to participate in CITR. Rob thanked Al for helping with the returnees. Four new people joined the club.

**Monthly seminars:** **Jan Skuderna** thanked **Ben Kembel** for leading a class about spoons. There were 25 people participating. The May seminar will be layered hats on a flower pot led by **Theresa Vitola-Coulston**.

**Treasurer's report:** **Morgan** was absent. A thank you was sent to **Don Rieker** and he was so appreciative. At the end of next months meeting we will have a baby shower for Morgan. Bring diapers and baby wipes.

**Library:** Volunteers were requested to help sort the photo's, patterns and articles. Thank you to all who stayed.

**CITR:** **Rob** reported that are registrations coming in. Several classes are filling up.

Some still have some availability. The large self standing board was displayed with photo's of instructors and projects as well as information about the offered classes. The attached pink papers listed how many slots are full in each class. There will be an open carving table for people who are not taking classes but want to come and fellowship. **Brian McKay** will do an "information class" on painting and finishing. Carolyn plans to have 2 meals provided for the week with Dave's BBQ a certainty. Theresa will help with kitchen duties. Kathy reported that she still needs a volunteer for the climate control of the room, the overhead fans and the swamp cooler.

**New Business:** **Joseph Sikora** told us about the Spring Studio Tour he is hosting. He's opening his studio to the public to see and to display works by East Boulder County Artists.

**Health:** Several members went to **JoAnn Brallier's** service. **Ralph Mueller** is not carving anymore. He has a frozen shoulder and other health issue's. **J. D. Anderson** is suffering with rheumatoid arthritis in her hands. She will be bringing wood and tools.

The motion to close was approved.

## Grange Lighting

**G**ood news! The fluorescent light tubes in the basement of the Grange have been replaced with LED's. I want to thank **Ron Otero, Rob Summers, Amy Eha** and **Rick Reynolds** for helping with the installation. Also, I want to thank **Mike Davis** for his research on possible lighting changes. The crew was able to change all the lights in less than half an hour. I wanted to get the change made before the next meeting. I think the members will be pleased with the new and better lighting. Carving should be more pleasant.

—Al Vigil

# May Seminar

**W**e have a special treat for our May Seminar. **Don Arnett**, who was a club member many years ago (and moved out of state) will be in town and will teach carving a Christmas (money) Pickle.

The Christmas pickle is an old German tradition of hiding a pickle ornament in the tree and whoever finds it first gets something special. Don's pickles have a hole drilled in the bottom to hide a rolled up paper bill to be hidden in it and are more caricatures than real pickles.

Tools needed are pencil, knife, and a U gouge. The pickle is mostly knife work. The price would be \$1 for the blank. The blank is started and has a hole in the bottom to stash the money.



## CITR Registration Guidelines

**T**o make sure everyone has a fair chance to sign up for the class they want, the following guidelines will apply to all registration forms.

First in has priority, along with payment (check or cash). Mailed in forms are prioritized by the USPS postmark on the envelope.

Hand delivered or turned in at a meeting is in the order I receive them.

Mail the form and payment to the address on the form.

1. Deliver to Rob Summers at his home. A "drop box" will be on my front porch in case I am not home. Do not put them in our mailbox. The address is 1380 S. Ammons St., Lakewood, CO 80232.
2. Drop off at the Lakewood Clement Center open carving session (Rusty Nail – 7845 W. 16th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80214) before noon every Wednesday.
3. Bring to the April and May monthly meeting.

**If you have questions, please contact me!**  
**Rob Summers 303-810-8265**

## CITR Notes

**C**arving in the Rockies 2024 registration deadline is **May 31st**. We also have open carving, fun lunches, and great prize drawings.

**New this year:** A Drop-in Paint and Finishing Session with **Brian McKay**. This is a drop-in, come and go session. No sign-up required. Bring any completed carving, your paints and brushes. He will discuss finishing options and techniques. Before painting your piece, apply a mixture of 50% mineral spirits & 50% linseed oil.

All the CITR registration information is available at [www.woodcarvers5280.com](http://www.woodcarvers5280.com). There is a PDF file that includes the class descriptions, class schedule, registration form and pictures. This is an easy way to share CITR with others. If you have any questions at all, talk to any of the board members or email, [woodcarvers5280@gmail.com](mailto:woodcarvers5280@gmail.com).

We are asking members to bring foldable tables for us to use at CITR. We will have a set up session on Friday, June 14th at 5pm. The extra tables help reduce the tables we need to bring up from the basement and we appreciate the help with setup. With many hands this only takes about an hour. —**Kathy**

# CITR CLASS SCHEDULE 2024

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH	SUNDAY JUNE 16TH	MONDAY JUNE 17TH	TUESDAY JUNE 18TH	WEDNESDAY JUNE 19TH
<b>ANDY MAYER</b> <b>IN-THE-ROUND BARK COTTAGE</b> max # in class: 10	<b>POLLY WHITE</b> <b>FACE IN ASPEN</b> max # in class: 10	<b>POLLY WHITE</b> <b>OUTHOUSE IN BARK</b> max # in class: 12	<b>STEVE GURNETT</b> <b>GNOME CLASS</b> max # in class: unlimited	
<b>AMY EHA</b> <b>BEGINNER SCRIMSHAW</b> max # in class: 8	<b>TONY DILL</b> <b>SANTA FACE STICK</b> max # in class: 8	<b>TONY DILL</b> <b>SANTA</b> max # in class: 8	<b>JERRY CANAVAN</b> <b>BABY SASQUATCH &amp; FRIENDS</b> max # in class: 8	<b>JAN SKUDERNA</b> <b>SPOONS</b> max # in class: 10
<b>AL VIGIL</b> <b>BALL IN CAGE</b> max # in class: 8	<b>AL VIGIL</b> <b>HAPPY CAMPER</b> max # in class: 8	<b>JOSEPH SIKORA</b> <b>CELTIC DRAGON</b> max # in class: 6	<b>GARY FENTON</b> <b>CARDINAL ON A STUMP</b> max # in class: 10	<b>AL VIGIL</b> <b>INTERTWINED HEARTS</b> max # in class: 8
<b>ROB SUMMERS</b> <b>BEGINNERS BIRD, BUNNY, PIG</b> max # in class: 10	<b>BRIAN MCKAY</b> <b>DROP-IN PAINT &amp; FINISHING SESSION</b> ***not a class, all day come & go	<b>AL VIGIL</b> <b>CHIP CARVING</b> max # in class: 8	<b>AMY EHA</b> <b>ADVANCED SCRIMSHAW</b> *Prior scrimshaw or etching experience required max # in class: 8	

*All instructors are capable and willing to work with carvers of all levels. \*Classes that require a prerequisite. The class descriptions explain all class details, tool requirements and states the material fee that is paid directly to the instructor. Students are expected to bring their own tools unless indicated that the instructor will have loaners or provide items.*

**See registration form to sign up for classes. The following guidelines will apply to all registration forms. First in has priority, along with payment (check or cash). Mailed in forms are prioritized by the USPS postmark on the envelope. Forms hand delivered or turned in at a meeting are in the order they are received. Registration deadline is May 31, 2024**

Event location; Maple Grove Grange Hall, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, Co. 80215

questions? Contact: [woodcarvers5280@gmail.com](mailto:woodcarvers5280@gmail.com)

More CITR info: [www.woodcarvers5280.com](http://www.woodcarvers5280.com)

# Carving in the Rockies June15-19, 2024 – Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**. WRITE IN THE CLASSES YOU WISH TO TAKE WITH THE INSTRUCTOR’S NAME**

CARVING CLASS

INSTRUCTOR

Saturday, June 15, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 16, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, June 17, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, June 18, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday, June 19, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: A registration fee for Carving Club Members (any Wood Carving Club) of \$20.00 per day (a 2-day class costs \$40.00); must be included with your registration to reserve a place in the class. Fees for non-Club members are \$25.00 per day (a 2-day class costs \$50.00). Registration fees are non-refundable unless the class is not available or CITR is cancelled by the Club leadership.

Make your checks payable to THE COLORADO CARVERS CLUB. You must sign the waiver below to complete your registration.

**IMPORTANT:** MATERIAL COSTS ARE PAID **DIRECTLY TO THE INSTRUCTOR** THE DAY OF THE CLASS AND **MUST NOT** BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM.

Return this completed form, together with the registration fees NO LATER THAN May 31, 2024, to:

Robert Summers  
1380 S. Ammons St.  
Lakewood, CO 80232-5321

**Call Rob (303-810-8265) with any questions regarding classes.** You will receive a letter confirming which class you are registered in, plus a class description and notes regarding needed tools and materials you will need to bring to the class. Rob will call you if your chosen class is full or otherwise unavailable. In that event, your registration fee will be refunded.

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY

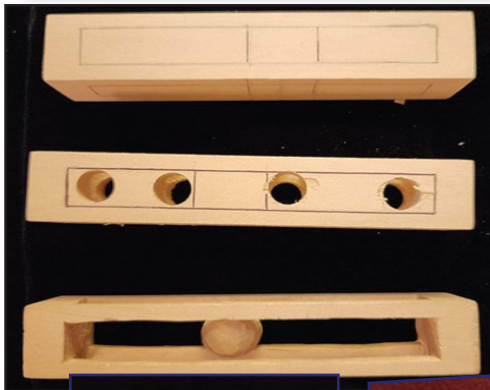
The undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the COLORADO CARVERS CLUB, its board, officers, agents, and instructors from all liability, causes of action, claims, and demands for or by reason of any damages, loss or injury sustained by the undersigned at any Colorado Carvers Club function.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

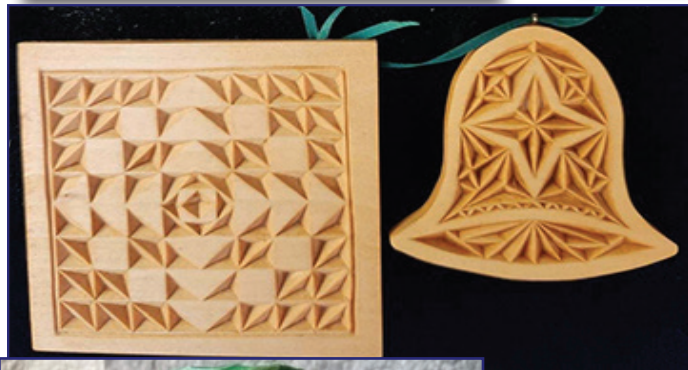
Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(If student is under 18 years of age)

# CITR Project Pics



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The *Colorado Carver* is a monthly publication of the **COLORADO CARVERS CLUB**, a registered, nonprofit organization. Unless otherwise stated, meetings will be held on the **SECOND** Saturday of each month, **11:15am** at the Maple Grove Grange Hall, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO. Open carving and instructional carving is held on the **SECOND** Saturday of each month, **9:00 till 11:15am**. Annual membership dues are \$25.00.

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