

# The Colorado Carver

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January 2025

## Welcome to 2025 !!



We closed out 2024 with a rowdy Christmas party. **Carolyn Vigil** and **Karen Stalman** ran the kitchen and set a beautiful table for all our goodies. Our talented Carvers made many BEAUTIFUL ornaments to swap in the ornament exchange. Mine is proudly hanging on our tree. Our Club finished 2024 on a high note.

2025 has many exciting events coming up, with a new schedule for “Carving in the Rockies”, our 50th Annual Show (yes, 50!!), awesome seminars, and more! There will be plenty of opportunities to “plug in” and we are counting on your help to pull everything off.

Welcome to our new Board Members: Members at Large, **David Tjarks** and **Carolyn Vigil**. The rest of the Board positions stayed the same. Thank you to **Barney Schrank** and **Rob Summers** for their valued service while on the Board. Their wisdom truly made a difference to our Club. We would appreciate any suggestions you might have to help us make this year term successful. We’d love to hear from you.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let’s get ready for a fun and busy year of carving ahead of us!

Amy Eha



### Colorado Carvers Club

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month

9:00 to 11:00 Open Carving and Seminars  
11:15 Show and Tell, Business Meeting

#### 2025 Meeting Dates:

January 11  
February 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10  
June 13-14, 16-18 **CITR at the Grange**  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13 – 14 **Annual Show at Apex Community Recreation Center**  
October 11  
November 8 – **Book Sale**  
December 6 – **Club Christmas Party** – note date change - **FIRST weekend of the month**

#### **Location**

Maple Grove Grange Hall  
3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, CO

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## Answering the call

**E**arlier this year the club received a request for someone to come and teach a couple carving classes in Aurora. Silly me, I raised my hand and said I might be able to help out — what are you looking for?



Aurora has an art program for youth known as DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts) and it uses art to teach work skills. The students wanted to try

carving for quite a while. There were two classes of students,—Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday for a couple hours each night—12 students each. Amy, the instructor, had high hopes envisioning large figures and I dashed them a bit by starting with some Christmas ornament blanks.

The first class was comprised of middle schoolers. We went through cuts on practice sticks, reviewed safety, and as they started, they quickly learned grain direction. In the end, they turned out some pretty amazing trees—some even coming up with completely different looks. After the trees, we turned to snowmen and other designs.



Wednesday was the High Schoolers, a completely different type of group.

We started with mittens and soon I was asked—can I do another one? In the end some of these first-time carvers had completed three ornaments! One girl had created a hot air balloon from a snowman blank. Amazing how these kids were thinking.

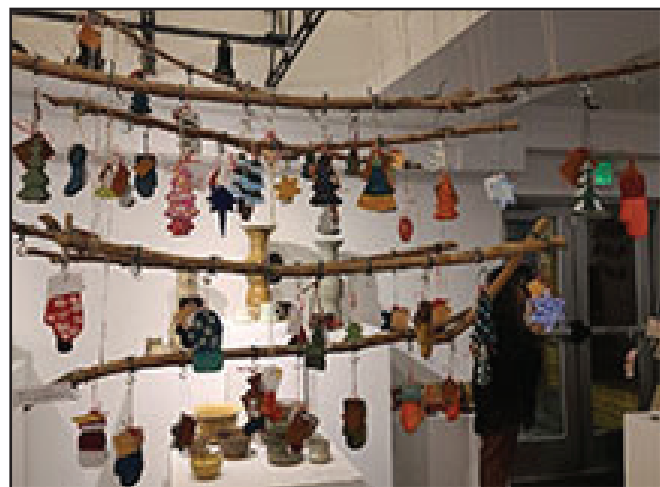
The kids were really fun to work with making the cross town drive worth it. Welcoming, engaged, inquisitive and so creative.



The ornaments they carved went to the annual art show and sale which was held in early December (which is why this article is so late:) ) with the proceeds going to the program. Normally, we never see the partially finished works again, but I was invited back for the show and Chris and I were able to see the creativity kicked up another couple notches. I definitely brought some home with me as well as some of the other works they had that night.

Best part....They want to do it again.

**Dave Tjarks**



# Library News

from Celia Schefe...

I hope you all have had lovely holidays. The big thing for the January meeting is the book sale that didn't happen in November due to bad weather. We're on for January. Prices are super reasonable.



Any library materials that you have checked out should be returned. There are no fines for November or December. Happy reading.

**Here's to a year of good health, lots of love, and plenty of laughter!!**

## January Birthdays

Carolyn Vigil January 3	Scott Ogilvie January 18
Kurt Kelley January 6	Gary Johnson January 21
Don Arnst January 9	Donela Roberts January 24
Paul Cooper January 10	Judy Roth January 31



# Dues

Heads up that the annual club dues for 2025 need to be paid in January (2025).



This is only \$25.00 per year for the entire year for your entire family. That - is a really good deal!

Please make checks payable to the Colorado Carvers Club. You may pay them at the January Club meeting or mail them to our PO Box.

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# January Seminar

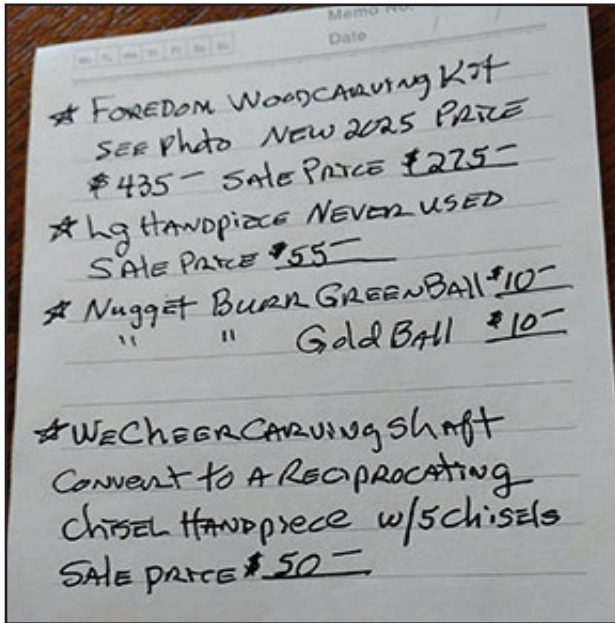
from Jan Skuderna...

Join **Terry Koger** as he teaches us to carve a Christmas ornament. You can choose a light bulb for \$1 or a tree for \$2. Bring a sharp knife and a small gouge or v-tool.



# For Sale....

A carver from the Grand Junction area has a few items cluttering her workshop she would like to try to sell. Please contact her if you are interested. Shipping would be around \$15.



Seller's name is **Nancy Burdette**. 1109 Primrose Ln. Fruita, Co 81521 970-314-0651. burdettenancy1@gmail.com. Casher check or cash.

We list this information because we share with other clubs across Colorado. Of course sometimes space can be an issue. If you have an item to sell, we can list it one time at no charge. If you want to run a regular ad, prices are on page 7.

Please let Nancy know if you are interested.

# Christmas Party





*Ornaments most stolen from.....*

*Over 100 cans of green beans donated for the Grange Food Drive!! Way to go Club!!*



## *Mountain Woodcarvers*

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*Carolina Tupelo*

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*Razer Tip*

## **Tormek for sale!**

**R**ob Summers has a Tormek T8 Unit for sale with accessories and jigs. This is a great deal and a terrific sharpening system! He paid \$1,000 in 2020 and is selling for only \$400. Hardly used!!



This is the sharpener we use at the Clements Center Rusty Nail and we swear by it. Contact Rob at: 303.810.8265

## Northern Colorado Woodcarvers

Club meetings the second Thursday of the month at 6pm at the Woodcraft Store in Loveland, CO  
Contact: Richard Bandy 970-587-9681

## Open Carving

Thursdays 9-12 noon  
Broomfield Community Center,  
280 Spader Way, 303-464-5500  
Silver Sneakers accepted

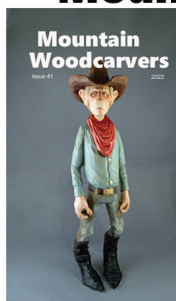
## Pikes Peak Whittlers

Club meetings second Saturday every month at Redeemer Lutheran Church 2226 N. Corona St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80907  
Contact: pikespeakwhittlers@gmail.com

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and improved website  
courtesy of Dave Tjarks!**

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## Barnum Recreation Center

360 Hooker St. Denver  
Open Carving Mondays 11am - 1pm  
[barnum.recreation@denvergov.org](mailto:barnum.recreation@denvergov.org)

## Clements Center

1580 Yarrow St, Lakewood

Open Carving Wednesdays 9am - 1pm  
\$3.00 drop-in fee

## Windsor Gardens Crafters & Carvers

Contact: Howard Fistell  
[Howard@totalspeed.com](mailto:Howard@totalspeed.com)  
303.667.6000

## Longmont Woodcarvers

**WHO:** anyone interested in carving  
**WHAT:** carving & fellowship  
**WHEN:** every Friday 8am - 11:30am  
**WHERE:** Longmont Senior Center  
910 Longs Peak Ave.  
Longmont, Colorado

### \*\*ADVERTISEMENTS\*\*

Would you like to drum up more business? Run your business ad in our club newsletter.

The price is as follows:

CLUB MEMBERS:

Business size ad - \$25 for a year run.

1/4 size ad - \$45 for a year run

1/2 size ad - \$100 for a year run

For personal ads that might only run one or two months, prices are as follows:

CLUB MEMBERS:

Free of charge. Just notify the editor.

NON-CLUB MEMBERS:

Will be \$10 per month. (However, the editor will need to be notified by the treasurer that the payment has been collected first.)

Club members may take 1-3 lines to advertise classes and club services at no charge.

# The Colorado Carver

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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