

The Colorado Carver



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July 2026

President's Corner



Carving in the Rockies gets better every year. A HUGE thank you to **Kathleen** and **Rob** for the many hours spent organizing it, and all who helped with set up/tear down and all the daily tasks in between. AND a huge thank you to **Carolyn** for morning coffee, snacks **Wes** even provided sweet musical entertainment - our members are so talented! The Classes always are full of tips and new ways of thinking. I loved **Gerry's** "Quadrapuss", talk about a creative carving innovation! What did you think of the new Venue? It was a fun change, but, as always, the best part was being with Club members and new carvers.

July is a "catch-your-breath" month for the Club as we turn our eyes toward the annual show. Can you believe it is only 2 ½ months away! (You might want to start practicing for the famous Roller Ball challenge!) Show booklets are online and will be available at the meeting. You know the drill, finish your creations and reserve your tables early. Our members always make this an outstanding event. It takes so many volunteers to make the Show work, and each year you really step up. Thank you!

There is so much more going on. Elections are especially important this year as many positions will need to be filled. There will be more about that in the future. Please talk to any Board member about questions you have.

Amy Eha

Library News

from Celia Schefe...

During CTR **Theresa Vitolo-Coulston** donated hanging file to the club library.

Thanks, Theresa. We can still use more if you have some.

Any library materials that you have checked out are due at the July meeting. If you have materials and know that you will be out of town, call me at 720-940-1249 and leave a message asking to have them renewed.



Meeting Dates



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2026 Meeting Dates:

July 11
August 8
September 12-13 Annual Show
October 3
November 14 - Book Sale
December 5 - Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

Location

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

CITR Kitchen Lady's Report

...from Carolyn Vigil

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for bringing treats to Carving in the Rockies. The new kitchen was a bit of an adjustment, but I think everything went very well. After paying for supplies like coffee, plates, cups, and napkins, I was able to give \$117.00 to the club. This amount included some coffee money from our monthly meetings. All of you are so generous – thank you.

Next year, I plan to have a committee to help with the kitchen duties. If you are at all interested in “kitchen work”, please let me know. It's not hard and the best part for me is getting to know all of you. You carvers are such a wonderful, friendly group.

July Seminar

...from Jan Skuderna

Ben Kembel will lead us in carving a Simple Chimney Santa. You will need a Knife, V-tool, small ruler, pencil, and safety glove. Cost is \$1.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Josh Kilgore
July 4

Russell Walker
July 19

Mike Cochran
July 6

Clay Hollandsworth
July 21

Michael Eha
July 6

Polly White
July 23

Elsie Pacheco
July 14

Mary Rogacki
July 24

David Tjarks
July 17

Kim Johnson
July 26

Joseph Sikora
July 26



Al & Carolyn Vigil
July 9, 1966

Steve & Cathie Harris
July 13, 1996

Did you know...

Woodcarvers on Reddit strongly agree that the secret to safe, effortless carving is razor-sharp tools. Dull knives require too much force, leading to dangerous slips and ragged cuts. The community emphasizes that learning to properly strop and hone is just as important as the actual carving. (Next: What is Reddit?)

CITR 2026... has come to an end.....

Kathleen Reinhart

....That's All Folks !!!!!

Day 5 of Carving in the Rockies had woodcarving, woodcarving combined with wood burning, literally burning the project with a blow torch, scrimshaw, and watercolor techniques for wood. No wonder the children from the neighboring art camp were thrilled to visit our space. Our carvers responded to all the questions presented by the kids and proudly shared a glimpse into the world of wood carvers.

Thank you to all our talented instructors for sharing their ability and knowledge. A special thank you to **Carla Thorpe** and **Brian McKay** for stepping out of their comfort zones and teaching classes at CITR for the first time. Your classes were very well received. We are so grateful for the instructors who drive goodly distances just to share their skills with us, it's so good to see them each year. So many participants rave about the caliber of the teachers and their projects. We are incredibly lucky to have access to such a carving workshop and for the accessible prices of the classes.

Trying out the new venue at the Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Arts was a calculated risk for CITR. Was the venue and working with new coordinators, PERFECT.... Unequivocally, no !!! Was the new venue enjoyed by the participants Absolutely, yes!!! As with any new adventure, there were some hic-ups; the Saturday parking debacle, the less than high-performance A/C and the unexpected concert within our building. However, there were some impressive improvements; the accessibility factor, the better lighting, the ability to spread out, the restrooms, the lovely shaded outdoor space for lunch and the airy room.

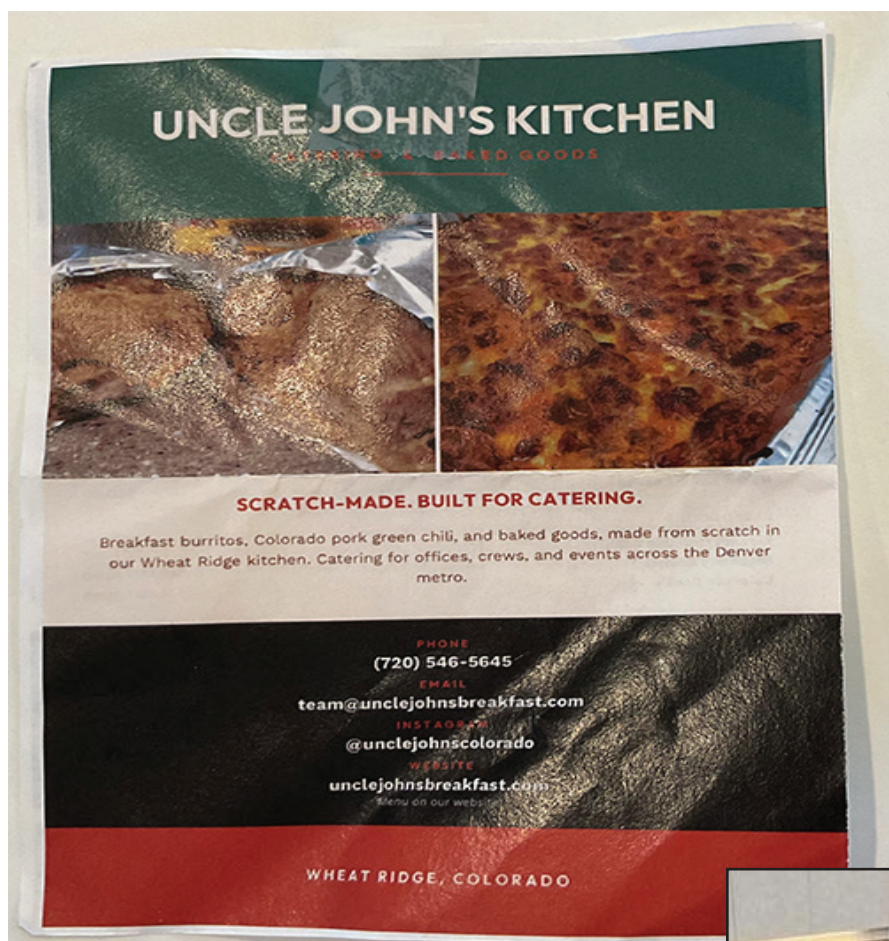
Carolyn Vigil mastered the new kitchen space and kept all the carvers well hydrated, caffeinated and well fed. We did not have our Hot Dog lunch this year, but Carolyn and Al treated us to fresh baked scones and coffee cake made by the chef who shared the WRCMA kitchen space. Rob Summers provided subway sandwiches for anyone who did not read the "NO Hot Dog" e-mails. Our carvers sure do take care of each other! Carolyn, you spoil us all and we love it. **Wes Berseth** treated us to our own mini-concert during Friday's lunch. Thanks Wes.

Jan Skuderna assembled an outstanding "Bucket Drawing" this year. We had some happy winners. Jan's effort made a lot of money for the club \$. Go to the Colorado Carvers facebook page to see daily pictures of the event.

I can never say thank you enough, to the folks who help set-up and break-down the space. Even though we did not have to ask members to bring in some of their own tables or carry tables up from the Grange basement, it is a big job dealing with the workspace for CITR. Both setting up and breakdown involve over 30 tables, 50 chairs and boxes of essentials. Not to mention the expert floor sweepers, trash haulers, and packer-uppers we have in our club. It is my pleasure to work and play with you all.

For those curious about about the break-down of the CITR participants, **Rob Summers**, the best registrar in the world reports, 68 people signed up for classes. One from PPW, 10 non-members and the rest were club members. It is so encouraging, seeing fresh faces and old friends at CITR, our love of wood carving and dedication to enhancing artistry in wood is thriving.

Lots of pics on following pages.



CITR 2026

This is the chef who gave **Carolyn Vigil** an extremely good deal on the scones and coffee cake served on Saturday at CITR.

Jan Skuderna's Trout class



CITR 2026



Polly White's
Outhouse class

Bob Zettler's
Relief Caricature
class



CITR 2026



Al Vigil's Chip
Carved Clock
class



Joseph Sikora's
The Hen
Relief class

CITR 2026



Cabin Relief in Bark
Andy (and Aaron)
Meyer

Fun with Flowers
Tony Montoya



CITR 2026



Dave Tjarks - Using Rough Outs
&
Cut Outs



Bird on a Perch

Polly White



CITR 2026



Steve Gurnett's
Three Faces Project



Rob Summers
Folk Art Candlestick



CITR 2026

Al Vigil's
Maple Leaf
Candy Dish



Brian
McKay's

Aspen
Feather
Relief



CITR 2026



Amy Eha's
Scrimshaw
class



The beginning of Gerry
Canavan's
Fish on Fire class



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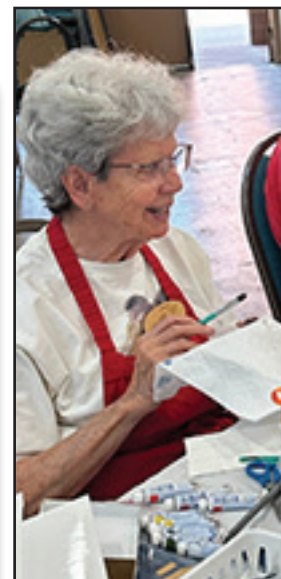
Gerry Canavan's

Fish on Fire



Carla Thorpe's

Watercolor on Wood class



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.

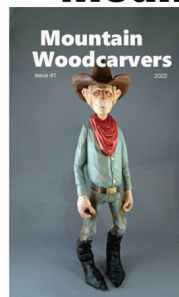
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Contact: Howard Fistell
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303.667.6000

Drop-In Woodcarving at Malley

3380 S. Lincoln St., Englewood
303-762-2661

Wednesday, 3/4-5/27, 1:30-4:30, Non-
resident \$20 Resident \$17

This is a drop-in group folks that
socialize while carving in a self-led
workshop setting.

We hope to see some new carvers.

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

Woodcarving Tips

Do you have a woodcarving tip?? Send it
to pollywhite@comcast.net.

For instance - A **dental brush**, specifically
a stiff-bristled toothbrush or denture
brush, is a highly valuable, low-cost tool in
woodcarving, primarily used for cleaning,
detailing, and removing wood "fuzzies" from
carved surfaces.

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