

# The Colorado Carver

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October 2024

## President's Corner

**O**ur Club has done it again! You made this year's show truly an event to remember. From enthusiastic set up help, to chasing the last sweeper out the door — the weekend was full of beautiful woodwork and great people. We should be very proud of our Club. Guests constantly remarked on how welcoming our members are, the incredible talent displayed, and how much fun everyone was having. Thank you all.

Now we change our focus to Lakewood Cider Days on October 5 & 6. **Carla Thorpe** is heading this fun event. Please talk to her if you'd like to be a part of it.

Next, will be our Book Sale in November and then our Christmas fun in December. How fast time goes!

We will talk about Board elections in the October meeting. The current Board thanks you for your support. While many are willing to continue in their positions, this is an important part of the Club and we need people to be willing to serve. The time involved is minimal yet has a big impact. Please consider joining this fun and informative way to serving our Club.

— Amy Eha

## WooHoo!

...from Amy

### ***Celia Schefe is our Carver of the Year!***

**T**his year's recipient is a very special person. A long-time member and talented carver, Celia truly cares for each member, taking time to learn what they are interested in, and how they are doing. She is the first to recognize the accomplishments of others, yet quietly downplays her own. She always has a smile, and constantly encourages others. With her years of dedication and service, not to mention hard work, she has built our library into an incredible asset to the club.

Celia is truly a club treasure!

Congratulations!



# Show Chairman's Notes

...from Amy

## What a show!

It was a pleasure to see the beautiful creations shared by Club members at our 49th Wood Carving Show. Your creativity and skill are so impressive! Our competition was incredible We had over 100 more guests than last year's event.

Due to the generosity of donors and the Club, we were again able to offer cash prizes. Thank you to **Al Vigil**, our Floor Chair, **Carla Thorpe**, on the Judging Committee with help from **Bill Douglas** and **Karen Stalman**, at the competition tables. To **Don Sheffield**, **Brian McKay**, and **Karen Stalman** who moved things from storage to the show. **Polly White**, who takes awesome pictures of us and our carvings. **Rob Summers**, who helps with entries and provides our delicious donuts, bagels and coffee Sunday morning.

**Kurt Kelley**, our prize master, thanks to he and his wife, we all won prizes. Please remember to thank our sponsors for their generosity when you shop or redeem your gift cards, **Jan Skuderna**, **JD Anderson**, **Terry** and **Shirley Koger** were an amazing team at the donation table! A special thanks to our judge, **Steve Gurnett** and his assistant **Gene Crockett**. There were many very hard decisions to make! They did an outstanding job.

**Don Arnst** and **Jordon Francis** were a great combo making the drawing for sculptures entertaining and fun. Our guests were so excited to choose their gift! Every job was important and necessary for the success of the show. Sadly, there isn't space here to thank everyone, but please know you made a difference, to all those who pitched in wherever there was a need, all of you who worked the donation table, admission table, all who were table sitters

and floaters, YOU are the ones that make the show successful. **YOU are the reason our Club is so special.** Thank you very much.

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Judy Pillow  
October 2

Michelle Hollandsworth  
October 12

Theresa Vitolo  
October 3

Larry Duran  
October 18

Rob Summers  
October 6

Howard Fistell  
October 24

Karen Stalman  
October 6

Serina Lesner  
October 25

Jim Biller  
October 25

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Ralph & Sandy Gilley  
October 11, 1963

Erika & Ben Meeske  
October 26, 2013

## 2024 Calendar

### Carving & Meetings SATURDAYS



October 12, 2024

November 9, 2024

December 7, 2024 \*\* 1st Saturday

### Meeting Schedule

Carving Seminars 9 - 11:15 a.m. - treats

Meeting 11:15 - Show & Tell

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

# Carvers in the Springs Heading to School *...from Dave Tjarks*

Following the days of the Caricature Carvers of America Carvin the Rockies show and our annual show in September, several of our members met at south end of Denver to carpool and battle their way for three days back and forth to Colorado Springs to the Carvin' The Rockies Caricature Carving School.

**Polly White, Mel Whitcomb, Ron Otero,** and I — along with about 26 other students — were able to learn and practice the craft of caricature carving under the guidance of three CCA members; **Wayne Laramore, Rich Whetherbee, and Bruce Ankeny.**



Each day we were able to choose a carving of our own from the instructor's inventory (it was fun and dangerous to have all those choices available at hand over the three days - some restraint was required). Quite often had our own personal go by model to refer to as well as the reference sheet while we rotated through turns with the instructor for tips, tricks and guidance on how to make the carving even better. At the end of each day we left with some pretty complete carvings with only some detail clean up to do at home.

Every day we got to stay in the same seat and the instructor changed tables to come to us. The ladies of the Shriners provided us a great lunch each day.

In all, we had a fantastic, fun time, learned some new things, saw some old friends, made some new ones, talked up the club and our events and cut some serious wood. Would we recommend you try to go? You bet!

## Library News

*from Celia Schefe...*



At the October club meeting we will have these new books in addition to the ones donated by **Polly White** and **Ralph Mueller**: READ MY LIPS (how to carve lips), CARVING AND PAINTING NOAH'S ARK, BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PAINTING WOOD, and CARVING FACES IN WOOD.

If you have any library materials checked out, please return them so you

## October Seminar

*from Jan Skuderna...*

Many of you have already signed up for **Doug Reinhart's** chip carving seminar for October. He may have a couple of blanks left and there's a possibility that someone who signed up can't make it. If you're not on the list, come prepared to do some open carving.

Bring a chip carving knife. There may be a few extra clanks of the cat and the bird.

# 49th Annual Show Highlights



Ben Kembel won Best of Intermediate, Best in Show, Carver's Choice, and People's Choice for his Nativity. Picture-taker can honestly tell you... he was humbled.....

Jim Roth won Best of Realistic Division and Best of Advanced with his amazing Blue Winged Torel. He, too, was humbled.



# 49th Annual Show Highlights



Carving Contest: Show Judge Steve Gurnett, Zona Butler, Ben Kembel, Jan Skuderna, Caroline Martinez, Al Vigil.



There were many participants, but only three winners in the rollerball contest.

Andy Meyer, Al Vigil, and Ron Otero.



# 49th Annual Show Highlights



**Featured carvers:**

**Saturday**  
Rob Summers

**Sunday**  
Ron Otero

Many more photos to  
come!



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## 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

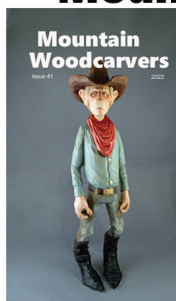
## Pikes Peak Whittlers

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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## 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  
\$2.00 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

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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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