The Colorado Carver

www.ColoradoCarvers.org October 2026

President's Corner

Members made this year's show truly an event to remember. From set up to chasing the last sweeper out the door - the weekend was full of beautiful woodwork and great people. We all should be very proud of our Club. Thank you.

Travis Smith and **Celia Schefe** are preparing for the yearly Book Sale in November. I always spend too much, but who can turn down a good book? We are still trying to find a new storage option for the library. It needs to be moved by the end of December and while possibilities have been discussed no decision has been reached. We'd appreciate any ideas you have. Board elections are in November. Then, before you know it, our December Christmas fun will be here. Think we'll have snow by then?

Board elections are an important part of the Club. We need people willing to serve. The time involved is minimal yet has a big impact. There are some important positions to be filled this year. Please consider joining this fun and informative way of serving our Club. Your Board has been talking to members about serving next year. Nominations will be posted in the next newsletter, and we will vote at the November meeting.

Amy Eha

Library News



As we head into this month, the library is actively accepting book donations for either our circulating lending collection or our upcoming book sale. Whether you have classic carving guides, pattern books, or reference materials you are ready to pass along, we would love to put them to good use. You can easily bring your donations to the next meeting, or I can arrange a time when I can pick them up if that is easier.

A great big thank you goes out to **Ben Kembel** and **Amy Eha** for their fantastic book donations at our August meeting—we truly appreciate your generosity in helping keep our club resources growing!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our catalog or just want to chat about what you're working on. I'm looking forward to helping everyone find their next great carving project!

Warmly, Travis Smith

*** PLEASE NOTE: OCTOBER MEETING IS ON 3RD! * This Saturday !!**
PIKES PEAK SHOW IS OCTOBER 10 & 11

September Minutes

...from Secretary Carolyn Vigil

CCC minutes September 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by **Amy Eha** after members had time to enjoy coffee and donuts. **Al vigil** made motion to adjourn and motion was carried. After the meeting Amy had a few announcements about the Carving Show.

Jan Skuderna and **Al Vigil** conducted the door prize give-away. There were many wonderful items to give away thanks to our fabulous prize master, **Kurt Kelley**. Thank you, Kurt !!

Carver of the Year...

...is David Tjarks

The 2026 Carver of the Year is a member who has single-handedly made a huge difference in the life of our club. First, they are a talented carver and teacher. Someone who always steps in when help is needed. David serves on the Board and various committees. Ballot responses included: “Awesome teacher! Creative ideas!” and “Always helpful”, but one reply described his contributions best: “David has been so vocal about promoting carving in the community. They are one of the people who told me about the CCC and was the most vocal and convincing. He is a big reason, I joined. And this is only my personal story. As we know David promotes wood carving extensively in the Scouts of America, makes toys, and makes the website, all of which promotes carving in the community.” I think that sums it up.

Be sure to congratulate him, he’s pretty awesome!



Meeting Dates



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2026 Meeting Dates:

October 3
November 14 - Book Sale
December 5 - Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

Location

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Judy Pillow
October 2

Tony Montoya
October 8

Theresa Vitolo
October 3

Michelle Hollandsworth
October 12

Barbara Glenn
October 4

Caleb Barber
October 13

June Anderson
October 4

Eric Johnson
October 23

Rob Summers
October 6

Howard Fistell
October 24

Karen Stalmann
October 6

Jim Biller
October 25

Sam Cheney
October 7

Regina Marinelli
October 30

Jan Wilson
October 30



Molly & Russell Walker
October 10, ????

Ralph & Sandy Gilley
October 11, 1963

Bruce & Margee Armold
October 24, 1987

Erika & Ben Meeske
October 26, 2013

Toy Turn In



Bring your toys to our October 3rd meeting. Did you see the adorable Bronco Stick horses **Kurt Kelley** made and brought to the show. Some little kid is going to be so delighted!

2026 Show....*from Amy*

The Apex continues to be a great venue – lots of new people – amazing woodwork – catching up with friends, a fun successful weekend. The variety of carving styles was impressive! I always enjoy seeing what you've been working on. Due to the generosity of donors and the Club, we were again able to offer cash prizes with a special donation for Novice Best of Show. A special thanks to our judges, **Aaron and Andy Mayer**. There were many very hard difficult decisions to make and they did an outstanding job.

Thank you to **Al Vigil**, Show Co-Chair, **Bill Douglas**, **David Tjarks**, **Jordan Francis** on the Judging Committee with at the competition tables. **Jan Skuderna** for setting up the donation tables, **Polly White** and **Kathleen Reinhart**, who take awesome pictures of us and our carvings. **Rob Summers**, with help from **Carolyn Vigil** and **Karen Stalmann**, who provided our delicious donuts, bagels and coffee for Sunday morning.

The amazing prizes given away Sunday were gathered by **Kurt Kelley**, our prize master. When you use your gift cards, thank the vendors for their generosity. Our guests were able to pick up a small carving as they entered. They had so much fun choosing their piece. What a great way to share donated carvings.

October Seminar

Jan Skuderna

Brian McKay will lead us in carving a cute pumpkin figure on October 3—just in time for Halloween!

All you need is a sharp knife, a small v-tool, a safety glove, and $1.





Show Highlights....

Lot's of information about our show may be found on our website (coloradocarvers.org). So be sure to go there - and to our FaceBook page as well (facebook.com/coloradocarversclub).

Whittlin' Contest - theme.....

What's the first thing the pioneers might have seen coming west...



This was tough as all were great. **Steve Gurnett** won first place with a carving of a Native American. **Jordan Francis** won second place with a horse-drawn covered wagon. **David Tjark**s won third place with a carving depicting a pueblo (Santa Fe Trail).
All four did a fantastic job. Pic on page 5.
Appreciate everyone participating!!

Show Highlights

Steve Gurnett, Jordan Francis, David Tjarks.
Wes Berseth, Jan Skuderna.



Rollerball Contest







First place - **Ron Otero**, second place - **Aaron Mayer,** third place - **Steve Gurnett**.

Every ball carved rolled....

Show Highlights

Best of Novice: **Angie Barber** "Desert Rock Scene"



Best of Intermediate: **Gerry Cavagnaro** "Totem"





Best of Advanced: **Richard Boehm** "Gentleman Bust"



People's Choice: **Don Sheffield** "Juniper Bowl"



Carver's Choice: **Doug Reinhart** "4 Square Quilt"

Best in Show: **Richard Boehm** "Gentleman Bust"

Jon Nelson Rough Outs

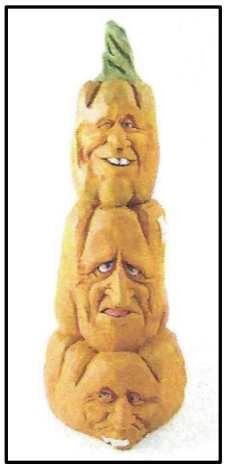
Several club members bought the rights to some of our favorite rough outs by **Jon Nelson** (since Jon has retired from the rough out business). We just couldn't stand to see them go away forever!

So far, the following have been ordered and are available for purchase. Some are indicated as "Coming Sonn" as it was cost prohibitive to order all of them to be made at once.

We will have some of these available at the October 3 meeting (this Saturday). If you can't make the meeting, but would like to order one of the rough outs, just contact the person listed as the owner of the rights. When you purchase a rough out, you also receive a sheet showing the front, back, and side view of what the finished carving should look like (according to Jon Nelson :)

Ron Otero has Plumpty-Dumpty, Twins Pumpkin, Snowflake, Chimney Santa, and Mr. Plumpkin.
tacopwr53@gmail.com

Plumpty-Dumpty
$30



Twins
$24



Snowflake
$17



Chimney Santa
$24



Mr. Plumpkin
$14



Polly White has Happy, Gregory, and Nicolas
pollywhite@comcast.net

Happy
$18



Gregory
$22



Nicolas
$24



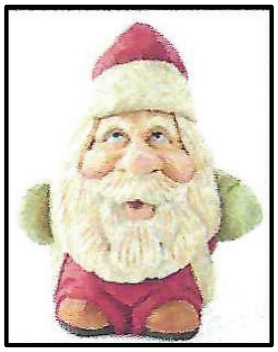
Jon Nelson Rough Outs

Brian McKay has High Lonesome, Hugs, (coming soon - Blizzard & Frosty ‘n Frieda)
brianmckay60@gmail.com

High Lonesome
$34



Hugs
$16



Blizzard



Frosty ‘n Frieda

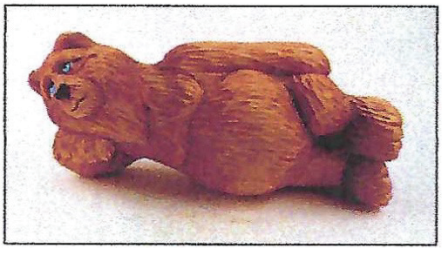


Al Vigil has Bruno, Lightnin’, St. Nick, Lamplighter, and Teddy bear Santa.
AlVigil@aol.com

Bruno
$31



Lightnin
$30



St. Nick
$38



Lamplighter
$40



Teddy Bear
$31



Jon Nelson Rough Outs

Dave Tjarks has Tweed, Stormy, Flaky, Small Waving Santa, Stretch, Slim, Suds, and Coming Soon - Finn and Gunnar.
launchtime@gmail.com

Tweed
$24



Stormy
$24



Flaky
$25



Small Waving Santa
$23



Stretch
$39



Slim
$33



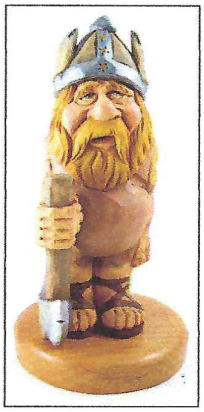
Suds
$34



Finn



Gunnar



Note: Sizes of ALL of these rough outs vary.

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

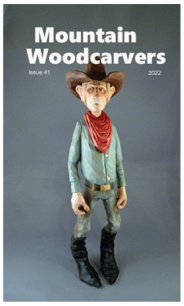
Pikes Peak Whittlers

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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$3.00 drop-in fee

Windsor Gardens Crafters & Carvers

Contact: Howard Fistell
Howard@totalspeed.com
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.

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