

The Colorado Carver



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July 2025

President's Corner



Carving in the Rockies was fun! This event gets better every year. A HUGE thank you to **Kathleen Reinhart** and **Rob Summers** for the many hours spent organizing it, and their crew who helped with set up/tear down and all the daily tasks in between. AND a huge thank you to **Carolyn Vigil** for morning coffee, snacks and our famous hot dog lunch. **Wes Berseth** even provided sweet musical entertainment - our members are so talented! The Classes always are full of tips, different ways of thinking and so many new ideas. I know my mind is crowded with carving "bacon" and "tacos" from **Tony Montoya's** class and carving/sharpening tips from **Jerry Canavan's** crazy chickens, who would be right at home in the pueblo **Polly White** taught us to create! Best part was being with Club members and new carvers. I'm already looking forward to next year!

For the Club, July is a "catch-your-breath" month. We get to put into practice the skills learned at CTR and slowly turn our eyes toward the annual show. Can you believe it is only 2 ½ months away! Show booklets are already online and will be available at the meeting. You know the drill, finish your creations and reserve your tables early. It takes the whole Club to make our Show work, and each year our volunteers really step up. There will be sign-ups at August's meeting.

The Board has been hard at work to ensure your show is welcoming, fun and educational. (You might want to start practicing for the famous Roller Ball challenge!)

We have so much more going on. Please ask any Board member about upcoming events or any questions you have. YOU make our Club unique. YOU are why it is successful. We thank you all.

Amy Eha

Colorado Carvers Club



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2025 Meeting Dates:

July 12
August 9
September 13-14 Annual Show
October 11
November 8 - Book Sale
December 6 Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

Location

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

CITR Kitchen News

A big thank you to everyone who brought snacks during CITR. Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2 hot dog days. All of you are so generous with donations; so much so that there was enough cash to cover all expenses for the two days and for drinks for all five days! I will be giving Morgan, our treasurer \$184.00.



Thank you, **Kurt Kelly** and **Bill Douglas** for helping put the Saturday hot dog meal together. I appreciate you. Kurt, you are a super dishwasher!

Another thank you to **Celia Shefe** and **Teresa Vitolo** for helping me clean up and put things away on the last day of CITR. Celia swept the entire downstairs (including restrooms). Teresa helped with cleaning all the tables and counters. You ladies rock!

In fact all the participants at CITR rock. Very successful week. Thank you to Kathy Reiner and her incredible crew.

Carolyn Vigil

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

Library News

from Celia Shefe...



Any library materials you may have checked out are due at the July meeting. If you're not able to attend in July, call me and I will renew items for you.

Rob Summers, Karen Stalman, and David Tjarks have recently made donations of books and magazines to the club. These donations will go in the library and the November book sale. Dave also donated duck and bird models which he wrote an article about in the May newsletter. Donations are always welcome! Thanks, Rob, Karen and Dave!

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	Joseph Sikora July 26



Al & Carolyn Vigil
July 9, 1966

Steve & Cathie Harris
July 13, 1996

KUDOS to Everyone Who Made CITR 2025 a Success, an Awesome Learning Experience, and a Sense of Community

There are so many people to thank. If you came to CITR, we are so glad you did: if you did not make it this year, we hope you will come next year because you missed so much.

Our instructors received rave reviews by participants. There were shout outs for their talent, their patience, their attentive teaching styles, and their generous natures. We had four new teachers to CITR (**David Tjarks, Tony Montoya, Doug Reinhart and Alice Geyer**) and they did a marvelous job, even a couple first timers. It is a brave thing to step out and tackle a class. It takes so much time to prepare for a class and to create a class timeline. We welcomed back a couple of teachers who were not able to join us in the past few years, (**Bob Zettler and Dan Noble**). And of course, our tried-and-true CCC and PPW instructors, we rely on you, and we are grateful for your willingness to share the craft, time after time, (**Al Vigil, Polly White, Joseph Sikora, Rob Summers, Steve Gurnett and Gerry Canavan**).

According to **Rob Summers**, our expert registrar: 57 registered students took 152 classes: 48 CCC members, 3 PPW members, and 6 Non-members. There were 6 first time carvers or pyrography students this year. Registration took on a different timeline than in previous years: 41 people registered in the first week of April and there were a total of 50 by the end of the month. 7 added registrations came in May.

The Friday through Wednesday format with Sunday being an off day, seemed to be popular.



We also added two, 15-minute breaks before and after lunch. The chance to stretch and

grab a snack also seemed well received.

I am always amazed at the wonderful members who show up to set-up the tables and then dismantle the room and clean the Grange back to its original state. Seriously, thank you, sincerely. It is a huge task, however, with so many of you, it is carried out in no time. **Kimberly McCoy** helped with the floor plan of the classes and the movement of the tables was kept to a minimum. **Karen Stalmann** kept us quite comfortable despite the high temperatures by firing up the swamp cooler and having to fight with the very temperamental and slightly broken ceiling fans. Marlys from the Grange went above and beyond making sure the restrooms and swamp cooler were in working order for us. A huge sigh of relief for many of us.

Carolyn Vigil spoiled us all with coffee, drinks and treats. Then she topped it off with the annual Hot Dog lunch and even added fresh popcorn to the afternoon break time. Give Carolyn an extra hug when you see her, she deserves it. The donations from the kitchen were well over \$175. Carolyn, we promise to get you more helpers next year, because your job is not easy and it goes on the entire event. Thank you to all the members who bring in treats to share, some healthy and some just yummy.

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Carving in the Rockies KUDOS

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Wes Berseth entertained us a couple of days by playing his guitar and harmonica at the end of lunch break. We are getting to be quite the "artsy community".



Speaking of community. We had several evaluations in the CITR comments box, saying that there is a great sense of community at Carving in the Rockies. We should all be proud to have been a part of that !!!!!

Jan Skuderna outdid the bucket drawing yet again, bringing in around \$431 to the club. The people who found themselves recipients of some very cool stuff were very happy!

A very rough estimate of the fees brought in by the registration vs fee paid to the instructors put the club in the black, over \$800. We are still waiting for a few expenses to come in, however, I can confidently say that the CITR profits will land north of \$1200. You, dear carvers, make this happen. BRAVO.

Dave Tjarks and his updated club website made so much difference in being able to have up to date info about CITR at everyone's fingertips. Make sure you check it out frequently, especially now for information on the Annual Show. www.coloradocarvers.org. If you want to see more pictures from CITR, go to the Colorado Carvers Facebook page to see each day's photos.

Thank you fellow carvers, Kathleen

Drawing Winners

The lucky winners of Jan Skuderna's drawing were:

- **Mike Cochran** - grinder.
- **Brian McKay** - basswood.
- **Rob Summers** - band saw.
- **Al Henderson** - duplicator.
- **Dave Tjarks** - hardwoods
- **Courtney App** - cotton bark
- **Erika Rafferty** - Dremel.



July Seminar

Join **Jim Biller** as he guides us through carving a small character. Cost is \$1. Bring a knife gouges may be helpful.



Carving in the Rockies







SO many KUDOS go to Kathleen for all of her work on CTR and for making sure 2025 is documented with these great pics!!

Way to GO Kathleen!!

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