

The Colorado Carver



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December 2025

President's Corner

Woo Hoo! I saw some snow - it must be Holiday time! I hope you are looking forward to the fun, get-togethers, and chaos! It truly is a wondrous time.

The Board and I would like to thank you for making our Club a welcoming, fun place to learn and enjoy. Thank you to our outgoing Board members – **Kathleen Reinhart**, my Vice-President whose humor and joy of carving constantly kept us on our toes with her wonderful ideas and wise observations. **Karen Stalman**, who performed Secretary duties with grace and humor. I love her enthusiasm, hunger for learning and the many behind the scenes work she does. **Morgan Walton** has helped the Treasurer position move into Computer age, all while juggling a lively young daughter, work and house move. Her careful attention to the Club finances, along with her ever-present smile, have been very appreciated.

The **Vigil's** are a couple extraordinaire! **Al** is moving from Past President to Treasurer, and **Carolyn** is moving from Member at Large to Secretary. The Board welcomes **David Tjarks** as Vice President (and our resident computer expert), **Terry Koger**, **Kimberly McCoy** and **Jordan Frances** as Members at Large. It's going to be a great working with all of you. Thank you for your service to the Club.

Please remember to also thank the following for their continued and much appreciated service to our Club: **Celia Scheffe**, who takes amazing care of our massive library. **Jan Skuderna**, who arranges our monthly seminars, encouraging new skills and FUN. **Polly White**, who not only is an amazing carver, also publishes our newsletter, sends email notices and keeps all of us on top of the latest Club happenings. All of you are Club treasures!

Our Amazing Christmas party will be on **DECEMBER 6**. This is the first weekend of December - **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas goodies to share, open carving is available and we'll all enjoy time visiting with friends. THEN....our amazing Ornament Exchange will begin! Bring a handmade ornament that is **WRAPPED** to put under our tree. We'll draw numbers, then starting with 1, choose an ornament. Now the fun part is the next person can either choose a new package OR steal your ornament and you go back to the tree. Each ornament can only be "stolen" twice. There are so many beautiful things – it's a blast plotting, stealing and having a great time. Did I mention your ornament needs to be **WRAPPED**?

I'll see you on DECEMBER 6.



Amy Eha

November Meeting Minutes

...from Karen Stalman

The pledge of Allegiance was recited to start the meeting. The minutes from last month were approved and seconded. A huge thank you to **Jan, Rob** and all who volunteered to run last months meeting.

Show and Tell: Rob Summers showed his **Rich Weatherby** santa. He chose not to use Christmas colors when painting this carving.

Gary Makens had an ormate chip carved box. He used linseed oil and then stained it for a softer finish.

Dave Tjarks displayed birch bark blade covers for knives. He told us it was 10 minutes to make them. The painted stencils of santa's and elves were quick and easy to make. Treeline has the Nunez patterns.

New Carvers: Ralph Gilley and Rick Reynolds taught nine new people. A sign up sheet was passed for volunteers to help at the new carvers table next year.

Monthly Seminar: Jan Skuderna thanked **Polly White** for teaching the penguin carving. Over 20 students! The sign up sheet for next year's seminars is filled. Thank you to those who volunteered to teach. Next month is the Christmas party.

Treasurer: Morgan Walton explained about her move, having a sick baby and other busy-ness she was experiencing. She said that everyone who was owed money would receive it soon.

Library: Celia Schefe thanked numerous people who helped with the book sale. **Ron Otero, Travis Smith, Noah and Jim Roth.** She thanked **Kathy Reinhart, Al Vigil, Rob Summers, Barney Schranck, and Bob Luckwitz** for donations. Thank you Celia for putting together and managing the sale.

Cider days: Thank you to **Carla Thorpe** for another successful year in Lakewood. Many new people attended our meeting after meeting us at Cider Days.

Annual Show: Our club was complimented for cleaning up in record time. We are signed up for the Apex for next year. **Doug Reinhart** told us that Chipping Away has excellent people who supported our show. Doug urged members to support them in return by showing our appreciation when placing an ordder. We want them to support us in the future. **Amy** was thrilled at how awesome this years show was, family and friends gathering around carvers, a "togetherness" in attendees.

New Business: Elections were held and the new officers are: **Amy Eha**-president, **Dave Tjarks**-vice president, **Carolyn Vigil**-secretary, **Al Vigil**-treasurer, and members at large are **Terry Koger, Jordan Francis** and **Kimberly McCoy**.

Notifying members about inclement weather was discussed. Amy will send out an email, and call those who have no email. Dave will put a notice on the club website.

The Grange is having a food drive again this year. They ask for us to bring soup, the brands that don't need water added. It is requested that we take the cans upstairs.

There is a possibility that our October meeting date will be changed so people can attend the Colorado Springs show. **Gerry Canavan** is doing the same thing at Pikes Peak Whittlers so that they can attend our show.

Future Dates: Dec 6 is the Christmas party and ornament exchange.

January 10 is the next club meeting.

Dues are Due

Heads up that the annual club dues for 2026 need to be paid by January (2026).



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 December or January Club meeting or mail them to our PO Box.

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December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sharon Baxter December 3	Darwin Baxter December 20
Ben Kembel December 3	Carla Thorpe December 20
Kathy Reinhart December 18	



Rob & Susan Summers
December 13, 1970

Meeting Dates



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2026 Meeting Dates:

January 10
 February 14
 March 14
 April 11
 May 9
 June 11-13, 15-16 CITR (maybe)
 July 11
 August 8
 September 12-13 Annual Show
 October 10
 November 14 - Book Sale
 December 5 - Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

Location

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

Library News



from Celia Schefe...

We have received donations: hanging files and books from **Al Vigil** and many magazines and books from **Bob Luckwitz**.

The total income from the November book and magazine sale is \$225.00. Many thanks to all of you who participated in it, especially to **Jim Roth, Ron Otero, Travis Smith, Karen Stalman, and Noah**.

I will not bring library books to the December meeting unless you call or email me to bring books for you.

Any materials you checked out at the November meeting are due January 10, 2026.

Ornament Exchange

The December ornament exchange is a lot of fun so we hope many of you will participate. It works much like a White Elephant Gift Exchange (also called Dirty Santa, and Yankee Swap).

How to Play:

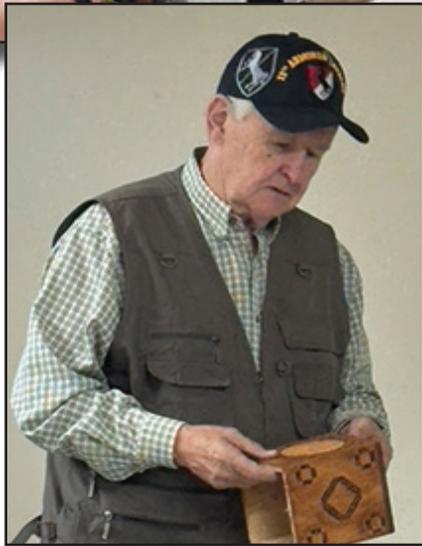
- **Prepare the ornaments:** Each participant brings one wrapped handmade ornament.
- **Draw numbers:** Everyone who brought an ornament draws a number to determine the order of play.
- **Player 1:** The person with number one selects and unwraps an ornament.
- **Player 2 and beyond:** The next player can either choose a new wrapped ornament to unwrap or “steal” an already unwrapped ornament from someone else
- **If your gift is stolen:** You get to choose a new gift to open, or you can steal from a different player.
- **Game end:** Play continues until everyone has had a turn.
- **NOTE:** An unwrapped ornament may ONLY be Stolen TWO TIMES.



Bring a can or two or twelve of soup for the December 6th CCC meeting to help with the Grange food drive. Be the Woodcarver Super Hero we know you can be !



Pics from the November Meeting



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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

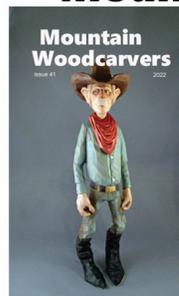
Pikes Peak Whittlers

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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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
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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.

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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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