

The Colorado Carver



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March 2025

President's Corner



Welcome to “almost spring”. When sunny days bring hopes of time outside and snowstorms gives you that while you shovel snow. I always get fidgety around now. My garage is too cold for big carving, inside is boring, and I have lots of new ideas I want to start. Anyone else feel that way?

I'm so glad for our Club where we can get together to carve, share ideas and new projects. **Al Vigil's** comfort cross was a fun project and March's seminar sounds great. **Show and Tell** lets us see how creative everyone is. I'm looking forward to seeing how our Club project walking sticks turn out. They will be such a gift to those who receive them! There will be more sticks and cutouts at our next meeting.

Your Board is busy with upcoming events – **Kathleen Reinhart** and **Rob Summers** are already working hard on Carving in the Rockies. To get all the latest information be sure to pay your yearly Club dues.

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting. Hopefully there will be no snow this time. Till then keep a look out for brave, hardy crocus poking up from the ground. Stay warm and keep your knives sharp!

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:

March 8
April 12
May 10
June 13-14, 16-18 **CITR at the Grange**
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

Library News

from Celia Schefe...



We have had donations for the library from the following people: **Carla Thorpe, Rob Summers, Jim Roth, and Ralph Gilley**. Thank You!

As of now we have made **\$268.25** from the book sale which was ably worked by **Ron Otero, Jim Roth, and Polly White**. Thank you to all who donated books, bought books, and donated their time to the sale.

February Meeting Minutes

...from Karen Stalman

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from last month were approved.

Amy tells us to check out the website. **David Tjarks** has done a lot of work on it, including his article about his work with the Boy Scouts.

Show and Tell: **Al Vigil** showed us his basswood Santa he did from an article in Woodcarving Illustrated. His standing Santa was painted with acrylic paints.

Tony Montoya had a heart box with a gecko on the top and a silver gecko inside.

Dwayne Glenn showed us his bear made out of pearwood. He described this as a very hard wood.

Bob Luckowitz displayed his large Chinese pheasant carved from basswood and painted with oils.

Ben Kembel carved a spoon with a valentine handle made of butternut.

Jan Skuderna showed us her dragon relief she made in Joseph Sikora's class. It has diamond dot crafting.

Bill Tarket displayed a dolphin, carved hands and a man playing pool.

Kathleen Reinhart had several projects made at past CTR classes displayed.

Brian McKay had a caricature he made in Chris Hammock's class.

Ralph Gilley had gnomes displayed that he will teach at the March class.

New Carvers: We thank **Brian McKay** and **Rick Reynolds** for taking care of the new carvers. There were 10 returning carvers and 2 new people today. There are sign up slots for future months.

Monthly Seminar: **Jan Skuderna** had "good clean fun" leading the membership in making tools and cutting out patterns for the Cider Days soap kits. Many members took things home to finish and return at a future meeting. We thank you members for stepping up and participating in this project. It is greatly appreciated.

Finances: The monthly dues are due. **Morgan Walton** got membership cards passed out. **Michael Eha** will audit last years books.

Library: **Celia** reported that the book sale made 260.25! Many people donated books to the library. Celia wants to thank Ron, Jim, Kathy and Polly for helping with this sale.

CITR: The instructor letters are out. **David Tjarks** was the first to return his form. Thank you David. **Rob Summers** will continue to manage the registrations. This is the 50th year of the club, not the show. David Tjarks made stickers for the 50th anniversary.

New Business: **Carla Thorpe** and **David Tjarks** will be working on 50th merchandise. The Creede show was changed from seven days down to five.

Future dates: CTR: June 13-14, 16-18th.
Creede: July 12-15

March Seminar

from Jan Skuderna...

Join us and Ralph Giley as we carve little gnomes. You need a knife and v-tool. They cost \$1 each.



Dues

If you have not paid your 2025 dues, this is the last newsletter you will receive. If you are unsure if your 2025 dues are paid, contact Polly White (pollywhite@comcast.net) 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 February Club meeting or mail them to our PO Box.

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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nellie Rivera March 2	Nancy Kembel March 23
Susan Summers March 19	Eileen Bane March 23
Chris Tjarks March 20	Kelli Walton March 26
Rich Reynolds March 21	Galen Prentice March 30



Michael & Amy Eha
March 29, 1986

Change in the CITR

To give all students and instructors the opportunity to experience a full day at Carving in the Rockies we are going to add scheduled breaks for anyone needing to leave during the day. This will alleviate the disruption that happens when one or more people pack up their supplies to slip out earlier than 4pm. We will give this latest information in the class confirmation letters, so if you need to leave early, you can slip out during one of the breaks.

We will be adding a 15 min break before lunch, at 10:15am and one after lunch at 2:30pm, with the normal, noon to 1pm, lunch break and the 4pm end of session. This may also help the participants who dread leaving the table because they might miss a step or get behind the class. We will be asking instructors to please not teach during these scheduled 15 min. breaks.

We want to be considerate to everyone at CITR, instructors and participants !

WI Issues for Sale

Karen Stalman has a bunch of Woodcarving Illustrated past issues for sale for \$1.00/ea. Following are the ones she has.

Issues: 5 & 6, 14, 18, 21-26, 30, 35, 40-44, 46 & 47, 49, 52, 57-59, 61-63, 65-69, 72-74, 76, 79, 82, 85, 90, 93, 95, and one Holiday Issue - 39 Hand Carved Holiday Projects.

If anyone is interested, please contact her via email or phone and she can bring them to the March meeting.

Contact info: Email: anazahagsd@yahoo.com
Phone: (303) 287-2354 (landline)

Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous

It's that time of year again. Registration is open for the Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous. It will be held July 12-16.

The rendezvous was created in 1991 by Fran and Ivan Vanaken as an event for the Pikes Peak Whittlers and Colorado Carvers Club. It took off and eventually brought in over 400 carvers from all over the country.

Sadly, over the last few years, numbers have been steadily declining. Last year had an attendance of around 60, with only a small handful attending from PPW and CCC.

The setting is one of the most beautiful in Colorado—the old mining town of Creede and the event is held at the mining museum. Classes include Realistic Human Bust Carving with Vic Hood or Mark Gargac, Medium and Deep Relief with John Engler, Christmas Ornaments with Susan Hendrix, Carving and Painting a Santa with Adair and Patty Rucker, CCC's very own Al Vigil teaches Beginner to Advanced Chip Carving, Aaron and Andy Mayer teach Cottonwood Bark Carving of Your Choice, and Steve Gurnett teaching Beginning Carving and Caricature Bottle Stoppers, plus more and including non-carving classes.

There are also plenty of fun things to do in the area. Take in a performance at the Creede Repertory Theater, a drive around Bachelor Loop with the old mines, fishing the Rio Grande, taking a hike on one of the many trails, camp, do some rock hounding, see the incredible waterfall at the South Creek Falls, or just sit and enjoy the beautiful mountain views. Remember to bring some warm clothes. It can get a bit chilly in the morning (a nice escape from the summer heat).

If you have never attended the Rendezvous, or if it's been awhile, please consider making this the year you participate.



Let's represent the Colorado Carvers Club well this year (After all, it was created for us.), and let's help keep this gem of an event around for future carvers to enjoy. For more information, go to the website www.creedewoodcarvers.com.

CITR Registration

Beginning April 1, 2025 your registration forms and payment can be submitted in the following manner:

1. Mail the form and payment to the address on the form.
2. Deliver to Rob Summers at his home. A "drop box" will be on my front porch in case I am not home. The address is 1380 S. Ammons St., Lakewood, CO 80232.
3. Drop off at the Lakewood Clement Center open carving session (Rusty Nail – 7845 W. 16th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80214) before noon every Wednesday.
4. Bring to the April and May monthly meeting. Class signup is on a first come basis along with a check made out to The Colorado Carvers Club, cash is accepted also.

If you have questions, please contact me!
Rob Summers 303-810-8265

February Meeting



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Mountain Woodcarvers



Rockler

TREELINE

Carolina Tupelo

Fan Carvers World

Flex Tools

RAMS PRODUCTS

Dockyard Tools

Razer Tip



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

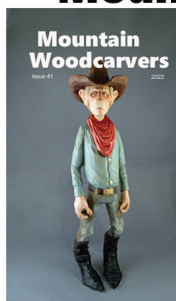
Pikes Peak Whittlers

Club meetings second Saturday every month at Redeemer Lutheran Church 2226 N. Corona St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Contact: pikespeakwhittlers@gmail.com

Reed Bartlett of Loveland had some really big nice carving bark for a very reasonable price:

reed.r.bartlett@gmail.com

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1580 Yarrow St, Lakewood

Open Carving Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
\$3.00 drop-in fee

Windsor Gardens Crafters & Carvers

Contact: Howard Fistell
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

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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