

The Colorado Carver

www.ColoradoCarvers.org

August 2026

President's Corner



We had a good, though warm, July meeting. We enjoyed thoughts of snow while carving the fun Santa in a Chimney. It seems like each month our Club keeps growing, while this is great, we're fast approaching the time when we'll outgrow our current meeting room. The Grange has been our welcoming home for many years but it's age and our growth have raised questions about the future. The Board is discussing options so we can have a smooth transition when the time comes. What is important for a new meeting place - location, cost, amenities? There is a lot to consider and we need your help. We'll be asking for your input at the August meeting. Another question has been raised about having some kind of ride sharing signup for members. Several ideas are on how to accomplish this have been raised. What do you think?

Show time is quickly approaching. Look for information on this fun event further down in the newsletter. Deadline for table reservations is August 24. We also celebrate a Carver of the Year at the show. Voting will be held at the August meeting. Lots of things are going on!

I'm looking forward to carving the alligator clothes pin at the August meeting.

Hope it is a bit cooler by then.

Amy Eha

Library News

Hi everyone!



I am so excited and honored to step in as your new club librarian. First and foremost, I want to send a huge, heartfelt thank you to Celia Schefe for all the incredible work, care, and dedication she has put into our library. We owe her so much gratitude for keeping everything running so smoothly, for all these years!

As I settle into the role, you might notice a few emails coming your way from the new librarian account regarding checkouts, catalogs, and updates. We are working on some exciting updates!

I also want to send out a special shout-out to Carolyn Vigil for her fantastic help organizing and navigating the Lew Hammer files (including all those wonderful patterns, pictures, and reference materials).

Thank you to Rob Summers for his donation of the latest Chip Chats magazine to share with the club.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any book recommendations, questions about our collection, 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

July Minutes

...from Secretary Carolyn Vigil

Minutes from June meeting were approved by membership after motion by **Doug Reinhart** seconded by **Rick Reynolds**.

At the show and tell table several members brought their CTR projects to share. Displayed were bark carvings, maple leaf dish, a brook trout, and scrimshaw knives. Thanks to all who brought their projects.

Ralph Gilley and **Brian McKay** worked with a sizable number of carvers at the New Carvers Table. **Rob Summers** and **Kimberly McCoy** will manage the table at the August meeting.

Jan Skuderna thanked **Ben Kembel** for teaching the cute chimney Santa at this month's seminar. At the August 8th meeting, **Terry Koger** will teaching alligator clips (for keeping opened bags closed after opening).

Celia Schefe received a Cowboy Carving Book and Chip Chats for the Library. **Travis Smith**, our new librarian, said there are many pattern files available to borrow.

David Tjarks, the website "guru" has posted the show book and info on the Website. Travis sent a spread sheet to show what is available in the CCC library. There are also photos from CTR.

Al Vigil reported that the Club is solvent with \$7000 in the checking account.

Kathleen Reinhart and **Rob Summers** reported that Carving in the Rockies was very successful with an amazing group of students and instructors. In attendance were 57 club members and 10 non-members as well as one member from Pikes Peak Whittlers.

The attendance was up almost 20% from the previous year. They thanked everyone who helped set up and take down. **Amy Eha** presented Kathleen and Rob with a gift card and flower arrangement to thank them for all the hard work in having a good five days of carving. The "kitchen Lady", **Carolyn Vigil** thanked everyone who brought food. She also thanked everyone for their generous donations. \$117 was donated to the club treasury after expenses.

The Annual Show will take place September 12-13. August 24th is the deadline for table requests. Tables are \$30.00 and all requests should be sent to **Amy Eha**. Tables may be shared. **Kurt Kelley**, the prize master, needs donations for door prizes. Amy brought a poster for volunteers to sign up for the show. The poster will also be available at the August 8th meeting.

There will be an Art Show and Sale at the Carnation Fest 2026 on August 8th and 9th at 44th and Field Street in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Anderson Building. Entry is free and runs Friday 4-8:45PM; Saturday 12-8:45PM; and Sunday 11-3:45PM. More information is available at <https://thecarnationfestival.com/>

JD Anderson, a former member, will be at our August with wood to sell in the parking lot.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Carver Tip

Save those old eye glass cases. They are great for holding small tools like Dockyards. Also good for miscellaneous items like toothpicks, sand paper, oh and eye glasses.

August Seminar

...from Jan Skuderna

Terry Koger will teach caring an alligator from a clothes clip. Most fun! you will need a glove, sharp knife, small v gouge, and 3 or 4 mm u gouge (Dock Yard type works great). Cost is \$!.



Meeting Dates



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2026 Meeting Dates:

August 8
September 12-13 Annual Show
October 3
November 14 - Book Sale
December 5 - Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

Location

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Clarence Buchholz
August 2

Gene Crockett
August 14

Randall Agazio
August 3

Dwayne Glenn
August 14

Denise Reinhart
August 4

Jan Skuderna
August 18

Steve Gurnett
August 9

Mike Thorpe
August 21

Darryl Kissinger
August 12

Ralph Mueller
August 22

Rodger Crandall
August 14

Carol Meeske
August 28



Ben & Nancy Kembel
August 4, 1985

Barney & Barbara Schranck
August 12, 1967

Rob & Lois Moss
August 21, 1981

Angie & Caleb Barber
August 25, 2012

Kari & Joe Barnes
August 26, 1995

Kimberley & James McCoy
August 27, 2006

Show Time

Amy Eha

It is hard to believe how fast **September 12th & 13th** is coming. Our location at the **APEX Community Recreation Center** is the best, with a welcoming, brightly lit room and lots of people! It is always a fun time to share/see how talented our members are. We volunteers to make the show successful. Most positions require just a hour or two during the weekend, to have more fun sign up with a friend! Thanks to the many members who have already agreed to help in various positions. Signups for table sitters, donation table volunteers and other areas of need will be at the August meeting. Tables are available to showcase your talents. To enter work in the competition part of the show you need to reserve a full or half table. Check the show booklet on the website for the entry form and show rules and information. **Online Show Booklets are available at our website www.ColoradoCarvers.org, or if you need a hard copy, we'll have them at the August meeting.** With your help, this is going to be an awesome show!



Set Up is Friday, the 11th, between 6:30 to 8:30pm. Please come to the side (north) door.

There are no stairs, and you can drive right to the door and unload. Table assignments will be posted so you can get started setting up your table. Remember to be sure your table coverings touch the floor in front and on exposed sides. Safety pins are available if you need some adjustment. **There will be no food available during the show**, but there is an eating area, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

The Club's Sunday morning donuts and door prizes is always a show highlight. Our **Prize Master, Kurt Kelley**, does an amazing job getting door prizes. If you have any wood carving equipment, new or gently used, and would like to donate it for our drawing please let him know.

We all love winning the prizes - when you redeem your winnings please remember to tell our donors you're from our club and thank them for their generosity. So reserve your table and get ready for fun, because here comes Our show!

**GET YOUR COPY OF THE SHOW
BOOKLET AT
WWW.COLORADOCARVERS.ORG**

Carver of the Year

Voting for Carver of the Year is now. See next page. This award began in 2011 with **Carvin' Marvin Briggs**. Since then:

**George Smith (2012),
James & Nellie Ford (2013),
Polly White (2014),
Al Vigil (2015),
Rob Summers (2016),
Al Vigil (2017),
Ralph Mueller (2018),
Arlin Humeyumptuwa (2019),
Gerry Case (2020),
Bob Luckwitz (2021),
Amy Eha (2022),
Kathleen Reinhart (2023),
Celia Schefe (2024), and
Rob Summers AND Jan Skuderna (2025).**

Use the form on the following page and cast your vote. Return the form via mail to

COLORADO CARVER'S CLUB
P.O. Box 19171
Denver, CO 80219-0171
...or bring to the August 8 meeting.

Carver of the Year

Voting is open for the "Carver of the Year". You can email your choice to: donkhotey@gmail.com, or turn in your ballot at the August meeting or mail them in to:

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This is a great way to celebrate one of our extraordinary members.

YOUR CHOICE FOR "CARVER OF THE YEAR"

Let us know who you think would be a great candidate for the 2026 Carver of the Year. The first Colorado Carvers Club Carver of the Year Award was given to "Carvin' Marvin Briggs" as a way of recognizing currently active members who have contributed their talent, generosity, and time to the benefit of the Club. Would you please nominate the person you feel should be honored as our Club's 2026 Carver of the Year.

Contributions for a nomination could include - but are not limited to - the following:

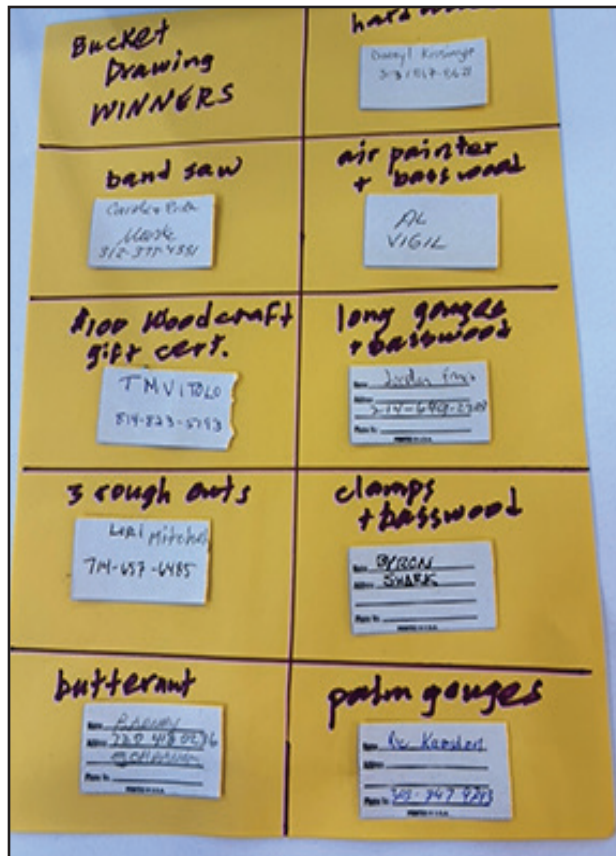
- 1) Teaching others to carve.
- 2) Leadership positions in the Club.
- 3) Dedication to carving.
- 4) Promoting carving in the community.
- 5) Other unique contributions.

Please return this form to any Board member on or before the August 8th meeting or email to the President Amy at donkhotey@gmail.com or mail to our PO Box.
Thank you for voting!!

Name of Nominee: _____

Please share why you think this person should receive this award.

Here we are....



Winners from CTR Drawing.



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

Club Sponsors

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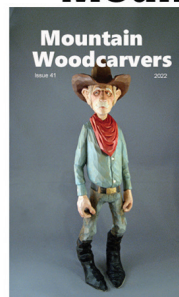
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www.mountainwoodcarvers.com

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

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.

For instance - A brown paper bag can be rubbed against finished carvings to knock off rough edges. Who Knew?

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