

"Some carve their careers; others just chisel."

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Zebra by Ghana miniaturist
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Jack Porter of Knoxville, Tennessee, carved this bowl out of spalted elm, and he used maple wood for the "rabbit" handle.

How to share your 'Show & Tell'

Show us a woodcarving that you made by sending a high-resolution image by mail (thumb drive or CD) or email (nwca@chipchats.org), along with your name and the city/state where you live.

Tell us the title of the carving (if applicable), plus the type of wood used, the size of the carving, and the finish. If it's not an original, please credit the person who designed it.

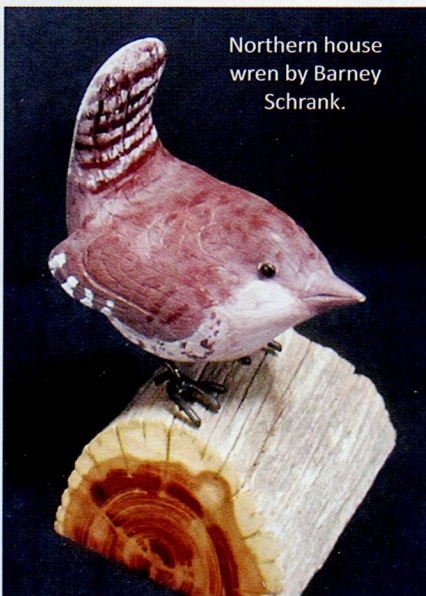
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Ben Kembel's Nativity won several awards.



Jim Roth won a blue ribbon with his loaded pack mule.



Northern house wren by Barney Schrank.

Colorado carvers club 2024

POLLY WHITE, GOLDEN, COLORADO

THE Colorado Carvers Club (CCC) 49th annual show and sale was held September 14-15, 2024, in Arvada, Colorado. The timing was unfortunate as the dates coincided with the Caricature Carvers of America's second annual show in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a distance of only 80 miles. The CCA show is billed as "The Greatest Woodcarving Show on Earth," and many of our club members wanted to attend.

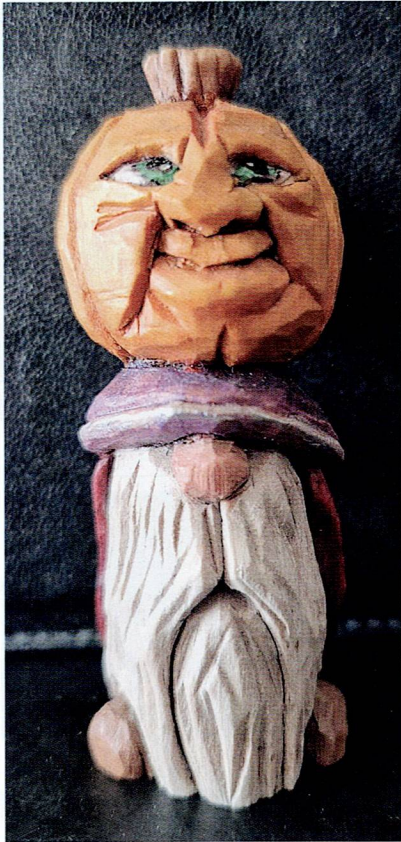
Nonetheless, more than 35 carvers participated in the CCC show on a sunny Colorado weekend, and we counted almost 350 attendees. Not too shabby considering our competition. We feel very fortunate the conflicting show dates have been resolved for 2025 and for years to come.

Highlights of the CCC Show included an award for Carver of the Year (Celia Scheffe), plus a whittling contest with winners Al Vigil, Caroline Martinez, and Jan Skuderna showing off some pretty creative woodcarvings.

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Clockwise from below: "Pumpkin Gnome" by Brian McKay was best of miniatures; Karen Stalman's Clydesdale relief; Anthony Montoya carved the "Sagrado Corazon Cross"; Andy Mayer won best of legendary with his bark house.



We had featured carvers each day: Rob Summers demonstrated kolrosing on Saturday, and Ron Otero showed how to develop a pattern for, and then carve, an ice cream cone on Sunday. (Kolrosing is a Scandinavian art form that involves cutting fine lines into wood and filling them with a dark powder or colored wax to create a decorative pattern.)

A humble Ben Kembel won awards for best of show, People's Choice, Carvers' Choice, and best of in-

intermediate with his beautifully carved Nativity. There were many wonderful and creative carvings with over 84 entries and many blue ribbons awarded. Jim Roth won best of advanced with his blue-winged teal.

Show judge Steve Gurnett had a tough job in identifying "the best" in each category.

The Colorado Carvers Club gives a "shout-out" to these sponsors who provided enviable prizes throughout the event: Carolina Tupelo, Dockyard Tools, Fan Carver World, Flex Tools, Mountain Woodcarvers, Ram Products, Razor Tip, Rockler, and Treeline. Kurt Kelley, our prize/donation coordinator, worked tirelessly to help secure generous commitments from these folks.

After several years struggling to find a location with adequate, well-lighted space, as well as ample parking, the club seems to have found a home in the APEX Recreation Center in Arvada, Colorado. After 49 years, we have learned that a stable, easy-access location helps make a great show. ■



Above: Carla Thorpe carved the flowers. Left: "Mourning Camp Coffee" by Dave Tjarks features the scout "Woody." Topmost: Rob Summers had fun with his little bear caricature.

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