

The Colorado Carver

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October 2025

President's Corner

I am so proud of our Club. Members made this year's show truly an event to remember. From enthusiastic set up help, to chasing the last sweeper out the door—the weekend was full of beautiful woodwork and great people. We all should be very proud of our Club. Thank you.

Lakewood Cider Days are October 4 & 5.

Please talk to **Carla Thorpe** if you'd like to help with this fun event. It is a fun fall experience.

Celia is preparing for the yearly Book Sale in November. I always spend too much. But who can turn down a good book? Board elections will also be held at the November meeting. Then our Christmas fun in December will be here. Think we'll have snow by then?

The current Board thanks you for your support. While many are willing to continue in their positions, this is an important part of the Club, and we need people to be willing to serve. The time involved is minimal yet has a big impact. Please consider joining this fun and informative way to serving our Club. Your Board has been talking to members about serving with us next year. Nominations will be posted in the next newsletter, and we will vote at the November meeting.

Amy Eha

Library News

from Celia Schefe...

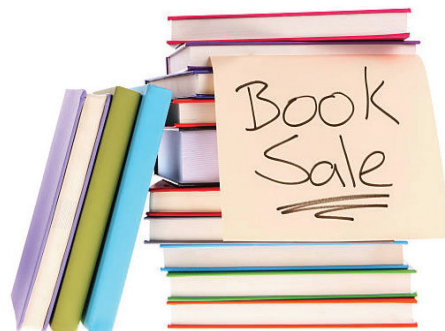


Any library materials you have checked out are due at the October meeting. No fines are charged for the month of September.

Dwayne Glenn donated Wildfowl Competition magazines which will be in the November book sale. **Kathy Reinhart** brought in hanging file folders. We could use still more if you have any you want to donate. Thank you Kathy and Dwayne!

Special thanks go to **Carolyn Vigil** who has worked for months filing patterns and pictures for the Lou Hammer files!

The annual book sale is coming up in November. It will not be as large as last year. Plan to shop promptly to have the best choices. Prices are \$5 for hardbacks, \$3 for paperback books and \$1 for magazines. Checking out the sale is worth your time and money. All proceeds go to the club treasury.



Carvers of the Year

This year we have a first for the Club... 2 Carvers of the Year! **Jan Skuderna** and **Rob Summers** were voted our Carvers of the Year. They are amazing Club representatives who richly deserve this honor. Here are a few of the comments shared:



Jan has given her time for several years and she continues to give year after year working with our membership to arrange a seminar for each meeting. It sometimes involves arm-twisting and sometimes bribery. Not really - most of our members enjoy sharing whatever, whenever they can. Jan has also taught classes; collects for and manages the bucket drawings for Carving in the Rockies, and has gotten us going with soap carving. She is a very good carver herself and has helped many. She sets the tone for our Club. Fun, always ready with a smile and loves to carve. Always goes above and beyond!

Rob seems to step up wherever he's needed for the Club. He managed the New Carvers Table for years. He also helps the Wednesday carvers at the Rusty Nail (Clements Center) with humor and a smile taking the time to guide them through their projects.

His patience and work with new carvers gives them the confidence to stay with it. He has been such an inspiration and so very helpful to us and everyone! A true gentleman carver – ready to help, enjoys sharing with others, quietly works behind the scenes to help our Club. A great teacher and an Excellent Carver!

Be sure to congratulate them both! They deserve the honor.



"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

Theodore Roosevelt

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:

October 11
November 8 - Book Sale
December 6 - Christmas Party
(1st Saturday)

Location

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

2025 Show!

What a Show! The Apex continues to be a great venue – lots of new people – amazing woodwork – catching up with friends, a fun successful weekend. Your creativity and skill are so impressive! Due to the generosity of donors and the Club, we were again able to offer cash prizes. A special thanks to our judge, **Bob Zettler** with assistance from **Gene Crockett**. There were many very hard difficult decisions to make! They did an outstanding job.

Thank you to **Al Vigil**, Show Co-Chair, **Carla Thorpe**, on the Judging Committee with help from **Bill Douglas** at the competition tables. **Polly White**, who takes awesome pictures of us and our carvings. **Rob Summers**, who helps with entries and provides our delicious donuts, bagels and coffee Sunday morning. **Steve Gurnett** graciously helped with our contests and provided humor to the event.

Special thanks to **Carla Thorpe and Bill Douglas** who did wonders with the competition tables, The white cloths were very nice. **Rob Summers and Carolyn Vigil** with check-in and the amazing Sunday doughnuts, the amazing prizes given away Sunday were gathered by **Kurt Kelley**, our prize master. He truly went above and beyond this year. Please say thanks to he and his wife. When you use your gift cards, thank the vendors for their generosity. Thanks to Club donations, our guests were able to pick up a small carving as they entered. The joy on their face as they choose their piece was so heartwarming! What a great way to share donated carvings.

Every job was important and necessary for the success of the show. Sadly, there isn't space here to thank everyone, but please know you made a difference, to all those who pitched in wherever there was a need, all of you who worked the donation table, admission table, set up and cleaned up.

YOU are the ones that make the show successful. YOU are the reason our Club is so special. Thank you very much.

Amy Eha



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Judy Pillow October 2	Michelle Hollandsworth October 12
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Theresa Vitolo October 3	Eric Johnson October 23
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Barbara Glenn October 4	Howard Fistell October 24
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Rob Summers October 6	Jim Biller October 25
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Karen Stalman October 6	Jan Wilson October 30
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Ralph & Sandy Gilley
October 11, 1963

Bruce & Margee Arnold
October 24, 1987

Erika & Ben Meeske
October 26, 2013

October Seminar

from Jan Skuderna

Join us for the October seminar: Carving Icicle Ornaments with **Mary Rogacki**.

Bring with you a small detail knife (not a chip carving knife), a straight edge, a small wood glue, a soft #2 pencil, and safety equipment—glove and thumb guard.

Blanks available for \$3.00 ea



Be aware that there will be no coffee or other beverages provided at the October meeting. Bring your own.

Show Highlights



Ben Kembel's — Noah's Ark — took Best in Show...Carver's Choice...People's Choice.

Way to go Ben!!

Show Highlights



The Whittlin' Contest Theme was a "Country Fair Scene".

First place: Zona Butler – Mountain Scene; **Second place: Jan Skuderna** - Corn Dog; **Third place: Jordan Francis** - Blue Ribbon; Whittlin' contest **Master of Ceremonies: Steve Gurnett**

Roller Ball Contest

First place: Ron Otero; **Second place: David Tjarks**; **Third place: Al Vigil**; Master of Ceremonies: **Steve Gurnett**



Featured Carvers

Saturday - **Tony Montoya**

Sunday - **Doug Reinhart**



2025 Show

Our Show Judge - **Bob Zettler**



Many more show photos
to come and watch the
website!

Our Web Coordinator - **David Tjarks**

Valuable Players- **Al & Carolyn Vigil**



Helpers (not all of them
though!).....**Rob Summers,
Carla Thorpe, Polly White.**



Show Coordinator
Extraordinaire
Amy Eha with
Jan Skuderna



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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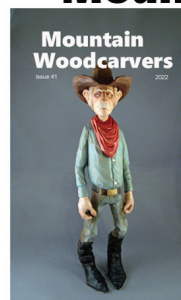
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\$3.00 drop-in fee

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Contact: Howard Fistell

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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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