

# The Colorado Carver

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September 2026

## President's Corner

**C**an you believe we've made it to September! I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures and the beginning of beautiful fall colors. Ahead we have the Colorado Carvers Show, and before we know it, the November Book Sale and December Christmas Party!

I am excited for the Show and returning to our venue. The Apex Community Recreation Center is a wonderful place with easy access and parking. A BIG thank you to those who have volunteered to help. The Volunteer Sheet will be posted at the Admissions Table if you need to check on your time during the show.

Although we do not have very much time left to get our work ready for the Show, I encourage you to also bring carvings in process as our guests enjoy seeing those along with finished pieces.

At our October 3rd meeting we will discuss Board nominations. While serving as President has been a joy and pleasure, it is time for me to step aside. Please consider joining the Board. Our Club is special. It takes all of us to keep it that way.

Amy Eha

## Library News

*Hi everyone!*

**A**s we head into this month, the library is actively accepting book donations for either our circulating lending collection or our upcoming book sale.

Whether you have classic carving guides, pattern books, or reference materials you are ready to pass along, we would love to put them to good use. You can easily bring your donations to the next meeting, or I can arrange a time when I can pick them up if that is easier.

A great big thank you goes out to **Ben Kembel and Amy Eha** for their fantastic book donations at our August meeting—we truly appreciate your generosity in helping keep our club resources growing!

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our catalog 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



# August Minutes

...from Secretary Carolyn Vigil

The August 8 meeting was called to order by Pres. **Amy Eha** who asked for approval of July minutes. **Dave Tjarks** made motion which was seconded by **Jordan Frances**. Minutes were approved.

Several members shared projects during Show and Tell. **Rob Summers and Rick Reynolds** showed bark carvings they had done at CTR. **Dave Tjarks** displayed a shrunken Tiki Face. **Andrew Montgomery** showed and explained marquetry and intarsia projects he made. **Wes Berseth** showed an outhouse, a chicken relief, a maple treat dish (carved at CTR), and a gouge beetle.

Amy thanked **Rob Summers and Kimberly McCoy** for working with the participants at the Green Table who did a terrific job. Two of the participants joined the club.

**Jan Skudena** thanked **Terry Koger** for teaching the "great alligator clip" to the participants who had fun with the project. In October **Bryan McKay** will be doing a pumpkin seminar. Jan also announced that she would like to give up her job and asked for a volunteer to take over her job of finding seminar leaders and projects. Jan was thanked for the terrific job she has done on monthly seminars.

**Travis Smith** reported that six books were donated to the library by **George Smith**. Travis wants to add the membership list to library data base so members would be able to check out books online.

**David Tjarks** reported that people are reaching out on the website to donate items. **Nellie Ford** wants to sell wood. Dave also suggested that he might start a "Garage Sale" page to the website.

**Al Vigil** will have a complete accounting of CCC finances at the October meeting after we have the Carving Show in September.

The annual show is **September 12-13** at the Apex Recreation Center in Arvada. Set-up for the show will be at 6:30 PM on Friday evening, 9/11. As of this meeting 24 tables have been rented. Amy reminded us that it takes the whole club to make the annual show work and encouraged members to volunteer to help. The Carver of the Year will be announced after the ballots collected at today's meeting are counted. The monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, 9/13, on Sunday morning. There will be coffee, juice, donuts, and door prizes.

**Under other business: Pikes Peak show in October 10-11** in Colorado Springs; Board Elections take place in November. Input for meeting locations are needed. If you made toys for the toy drive by October 3rd should be brought to the annual show

The next meeting will be October 3, 2026 at the Maple Grove Grange.

## Meeting Dates



### 2nd Saturday of the Month

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

### **2026 Meeting Dates:**

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



The October meeting has been moved to **OCTOBER 3rd**. This is so our members can attend the **Pikes Peak Show** on **October 10-11**. This is a fun show with great people. I encourage all to attend or enter. Information will be on their website: **PikesPeakWhittlers.com**.



**T**he Show is here! There will be **AMAZING** carvings, Great Judges, venue, and best of all, our Club members. the famous Roller Ball contest on Sunday. **Kurt Kelley** has had great success at getting door prizes and reminds everyone to thank and frequent the shops of the generous donors. Set Up is Friday night 6:30 to 8:30pm. The Apex Community Recreation Center is at: 6842 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada, Co. 80003. Please come to the side (north) door. There are no stairs so unloading will be quick and easy. Table assignments will be posted so you can start your set up right away. Remember to be sure your table coverings touch the floor in front and on exposed sides. We'll be coming around with safety pins if you need some adjustment. There will be no food available, but there is an eating area, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

So, hope you're ready for fun. Our show is here....Amy

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Bill Douglas<br>September 4  | Inara Humeyumtewa<br>September 23 |
| Cathie Harris<br>September 5 | Barb Jacobson<br>September 26     |
| Ray Rivera<br>September 14   | Steve Harris<br>September 28      |
| Ralph Gilley<br>September 21 | Amy Eha<br>September 30           |



Lou & Patricia Montoya  
September 17, 1966

## Toy Turn In

**T**here will be a box at the show admission table for completed toys.

It's been fun to see the creative toys members have made. Now it is time to give them to our Santa! All toys need to be turned in at our October meeting.

Please finish them up and make a child's Christmas.



# October Seminar

Jan Skuderna

**B**rian McKay will lead us in carving a cute pumpkin figure on October 3—just in time for Halloween!

All you need is a sharp knife, a small v-tool, a safety glove, and \$1.



## Carving Techniques

- Make stop cuts first: Cut a deep V-groove or vertical line before carving up to it; this gives your chips a clean break-off point and stops the knife from sliding too far.
- Take small bites: Shaving away thin, controlled layers is faster, safer, and far easier on your hands than trying to hack away large pieces.
- Match the tool to the task: Use a roughing knife for bulk removal, a detail knife for tight spaces, and specialized gouges or hook knives for curves and bowls.



## Lost & Found

**P**hil Cipri misplaced a cigar box that had been made into a tool case about three months ago while attending the club meeting. If any one found it or accidentally brought it home could they please contact him? It would be very appreciated. Phil Cipri 303-550-7822



## Listening & Learning

- Listen more than you speak. You learn a lot more by hearing what others have to say.
- Know what you do not know. Admitting when you lack knowledge is the first step to true wisdom.
- Understand before you reply. Do not just wait for your turn to talk; try to truly hear the other person.

# August 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.

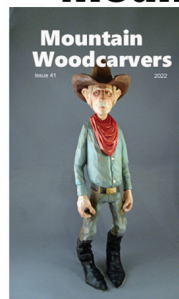
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## Clements Center

1580 Yarrow St, Lakewood

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

## Windsor Gardens Crafters & Carvers

Contact: Howard Fistell  
[Howard@totalspeed.com](mailto: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

**C**arving with dull tools is the most common mistake in wood carving, leading to rough cuts, hand strain, and accidents.

Do you have a woodcarving tip?? Send it to [pollywhite@comcast.net](mailto:pollywhite@comcast.net).

# **The Colorado Carver**



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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