

# The Colorado Carver



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March 2026

## President's Corner



**W**elcome to the "in-between" time! Christmas holidays are past and Springtime seems a long way off. Hopes of spring flowers are buried under the snow (if we had any).

This is the perfect time for planning. Your Board members have been working hard on the Club's upcoming events. While Carving in the Rockies is not till June, **Kathleen Reinhart** and **Rob Summers** have already put in many hours of work and will be sharing some VERY exciting news.

Discussions on how to improve our Annual Show are a constant each Board meeting. One question under consideration is how to have more competition amongst entries yet not have so many categories that there are only one or two entries per division. Any ideas are welcome!

**Alice Geyer's** seminar was a fun and very creative project. March's seminar will remind us of the fun of carving things that bring joy to all ages.

There are a lot of things going on in this seemingly quiet time of year. It's going to be a fun year!

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting.

Amy Eha

## Meeting Dates



### 2nd Saturday of the Month

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

### 2026 Meeting Dates:

March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 12 - 17 CITR  
July 11  
August 8  
September 12-13 Annual Show  
October 10  
November 14 - Book Sale  
December 5 - Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

### Location

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

## REGISTRATION OPEN!!

Registration is now open for the **35th Annual Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous**. It takes place **July 11 - 15, 2026** in the beautiful location of Creede, Colorado. If you've never been there - it's breathtaking.

For information on instructors and cost, go to [creedewoodcarvers.com](http://creedewoodcarvers.com)

# February Minutes

...from Secretary Carolyn Vigil

The meeting was opened by **Amy Eha** with the pledge of allegiance followed by Show and Tell which included feathers with relief carvings, basswood “thumbnails”, penguins carved in seminar, liberty slides and various chip carvings.

**Jan Skuderna** thanked **Alice Geyer** for her class who said all her participants were really focused. Jan also announced that **Amy Eha** will be teaching a “Whimmy Dibble” and going back to basics.

**Celia Schefe** announced that the library received several donations: Books from **Linda Fein**; Bird patterns from **Bob Luckwitz**; Books and magazines from **Dave Tjarks**; and Chip Chats from **Rob Sommers**. Thanks one and all.

Celia also let us know that she will be giving up the library duties at the end of this year. We will need to find a new librarian and place to house the books and files. Celia will work with the person who will be taking over.

Amy thanked **Jordan Francis** for helping at the New Carvers’ Table and complimented her on her method of helping the new people.

**Carolyn Vigil** gave treasurer’s report for Al. There are 137 members on the roster. He will send emails to those who haven’t paid to remind them. He also paid the Grange rent and the liability insurance.

Amy announced that our October, 2026 meeting date was changed from October 10th to October 3 so that our members can support the PPW Show in Colorado Springs on October 10th and 11th.

The 2026 Carving in the Rockies will be held at the Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church/ Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Arts, 7530 West 38th Avenue, June 18th through June 23rd, no classes on June 21st, Father’s Day.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nellie Rivera  
March 2

Chris Tjarks  
March 20

Angie Barber  
March 7

Rich Reynolds  
March 21

Byron Shark  
March 13

Nancy Kembel  
March 23

Susan Summers  
March 19

Kelli Herbruck-Walton  
March 26

Zona Butler  
March 30



Michael & Amy Eha  
March 29, 1986

## Note to members:

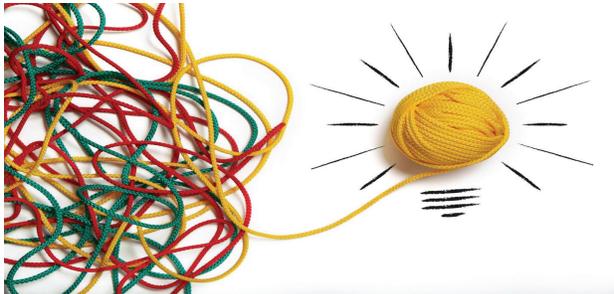
If members have had **any** change in telephone numbers or email addresses in the **past year**, please let **Al Vigil** know. Al is the new Treasurer and in that role, he updates and maintains the roster. We’d like to confirm we have members’ information correct prior to CITR for the roster booklet.

If you have a question about your information in the roster, please contact Al. His phone number is (303) 985-3724 and his email is: [alvigil@aol.com](mailto:alvigil@aol.com)

# March Seminar

...from Seminar Coordinator —  
Jan Skuderna

**Amy Eha** will lead the March seminar.



## Whimmy Diddles

“Who” Friends

Curly Fowls

Join me as we look back on what brought us to wood carving – the fun of creating something from what was on hand.

So, no project pictures, bring your knife, adventuresome spirit and we'll play. I guarantee one of these ideas will make you happy!

## Woodcarving Tips

**T**here is a “tip” on page 7 that **Kimberly McCoy** reminded me of when we were carving at the Clements Center’s Rusty Nail last week. It was one that was shared with me when I first began carving with the club.

I think many of you have some simple tips to share with club members. If you can think of some, please let me know! **Just shoot me an email with your tip: [pollywhite@comcast.net](mailto:pollywhite@comcast.net)**



# Library News



from Celia Schefe...

**F**irst off is a big thank you to **Mary Rogacki** for taking care of the library books at the February meeting.

We had donations from **Bob Luckwitz** who brought in patterns for many of the carvings that he has done over the years. The drawings of his own patterns are absolutely beautiful. **Dave Tjarks** brought in books and magazines given to him by the son of a carver. **Rob Summers** donated the Spring, 2026, Chip Chats Magazine. **Linda Fein** sent 4 books related to wood carving. Many thanks to all of you!

I am planning to retire as club librarian by the end of 2026. I will still be a member of the club. If you know of anyone interested in taking the job, please let me know or tell Amy or a board member.

## Note about birthdays & anniversaries

**O**n our Carvers Club application, we ask for you birthday (with no year indicated) and your anniversary (if applicable) with the year indicated. We do this so we can honor your event in this newsletter.

If we don't have that information, we either overlooked it or it was never provided. Please contact the editor of the newsletter, **Polly White**, if you would like your birthday and/or anniversary information included and the date of the event: **[pollywhite@comcast.net](mailto:pollywhite@comcast.net)**. We would love to include your information.

## CITR Donations

Those of you who have attended our Carving in the Rockies events over the years know that **Jan Skuderna** has set up some very impressive raffles for our carvers.

Where she gets the items to raffle are from YOU! If you have tools you no longer use (hand tools, dremels, foredoms, etc.), wood and roughouts you have collected over the years you think you may never get to... please contact Jan for a donation pickup.

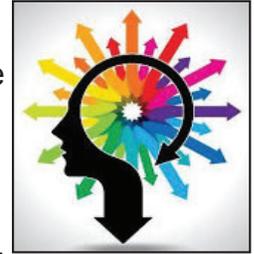
Items can be anything to do with carving. Jan's email is: [janskuderna@comcast.net](mailto:janskuderna@comcast.net) and her phone number is: (303) 908-3409.

Clean out that workshop and give Jan a call!



## CITR 2026 will be at a new venue and a revised time

**WHERE:** The new location is the Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church / Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Arts, 7530 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, Co. 80033. It is 10 minutes east of the Grange. A quick google map search will give you a glimpse of the new location and the surrounding area.



**WHEN:** The revised dates are June 18th -23rd, excluding Sunday, June 21st, (Father's Day).

**WHY:** The CCC Board and CITR Committee want to offer this new plan to explore an opportunity to enhance the CITR experience for both instructors and participants. The Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church has created an art environment within their church facilities. CITR will be in the exhibition hall of the Wheat Ridge Center for Music and Arts. It is more spacious and airier than the Grange, it is ADA compliant, the space is all on one level, it has air-conditioning and wi-fi, it has a commercial kitchen, it also has covered outdoor space and an ample parking lot.

**WHAT:** is Carving in the Rockies, aka CITR? It is a five-day event sponsored by the Colorado Carvers Club. Five days of various carving disciplines taught by experienced carvers from across Colorado. The classes are for various skill levels and interests. Each class is a full day or sometimes two days depending on the complexity of the project. It is a great opportunity to learn or refine skills from some exceptional carvers.

Please watch for the 2026 CITR class schedule, class descriptions and registration form in the CCC April newsletter and on the CCC website.



# February Meeting

*Photos courtesy of Carla Thorpe.*



# February Meeting



## 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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### 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

Do you have a woodcarving tip?? Send it to pollywhite@comcast.net.

For instance - A **dental brush**, specifically a stiff-bristled toothbrush or denture brush, is a highly valuable, low-cost tool in woodcarving, primarily used for cleaning, detailing, and removing wood "fuzzies" from carved surfaces.

## Woodcarving Tips

# 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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