

The Colorado Carver

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June 2026

President's Corner

You've planned.

.....You've waited.

.....Knives are sharp.

Woo Hoo - Carving in the Rockies is finally here!

There has been a wonderful response to the many creative classes. We're at a new venue this year, so please check our website, Coloradocarvers.org, for the latest availability and information. I really hope you will join us in this fun event. One of the best parts is visiting with old and new friends as we learn. **Kathleen Reinhart** and **Rob Summers** have put in many hours of work to make this special – be sure to give them a high-five!

What are you going to do with your new skill?

A perfect use is to create something for our Annual Show coming up in September. The Show booklet will be available at Carving in the Rockies. This is a good opportunity to measure your carving progress and be encouraged by the amazing projects fellow carvers have made. The show also depends on our many volunteers to be a success. More information will be shared at the July meeting.

Amy Eha

Library News

from Celia Schefe...



The May meeting was a good one for donations: books from **Dwayne Glenn**, file materials from **June Anderson**, magazines from **Ben Kembel**, and books and file materials from **Bonnie Douglas** that **Al Vigil** brought in. Many thanks to all of you!

Jim Roth manned a table with old calendars great for pictures for carving ideas. Library materials checked out at the May meeting are due at the July meeting. We have CITR in June. If you need library materials in the meantime, call me on my cell phone 720-940-1249.

Have a lovely summer.

**CITR Registration
Deadline June 5!!**



May Minutes

...from Secretary Carolyn Vigil

Amy Eha called meeting to order. Minutes were approved after motion made by **Dave Tjarks** and seconded by **Kimberly McCoy**.

There were several items for show and tell including a tiny pair of pliers carved by **June Anderson's** father a few years ago. June has decided to come back to carving and has donated some of her father's items to the club. **Kathleen Reinhart** had a display of the classes for CITR.

Bill Douglas and **Gary Maken**, who were helping at the New Carvers table, reported that they had outstanding students.

Jan Skuderna thanked **Theresa Vitolo** for teaching the cute hedgehog. Jan also announced that Ben Kembel will conduct a seminar in July.

Under library news **Celia Schefe** said she had received several donations: Books from **Dwayne Glenn**, magazines from **Ben Kembel**, books and files from former member **Bonnie Douglas** brought in by Al Vigil. **Jim Roth** was at the table where there were old calendars with good pictures for good carving ideas. Library materials checked out at the May meeting are due at the July meeting.

Dave Tjarks said the website is up and had 431 sessions with 181 visitors. He included the member spotlight and announced that members can find old newsletters on the website.

Carving in the Rockies will be held June 18-20, 22-23 at the Wheat Ridge Center of Music and Arts located in the United Methodist Church just east of 38th and Wadsworth on the south side of 38th Avenue.

Set up is at 7:30 on Thursday, June 18. It is suggested that participants bring their own containers for drinks and to bring their lunches in coolers since we won't be using the refrigerator. There is an ice machine. The club will provide coffee, iced tea, and water. Any snacks will be appreciated! On Saturday there will be a hot dog lunch – donations accepted for the cost of hotdogs, buns, and chips.

The 2026 Annual Show will be held on September 12th and 13th at the Apex Community Recreation Center on Wadsworth Boulevard in Arvada. Amy will be asking for volunteers at the July meeting.

Amy received a call from a friend of the person who received the hiking stick that had an orange hand grip. He was touched that it had a military button from a uniform imbedded in the top. He is an former seal and will treasure the stick and its significance.

Our next club meeting is: Carving in the Rockies!

Meeting Dates



2nd Saturday of the Month

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

2026 Meeting Dates:

May 9
June 18 - 23 CITR
July 11
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

CITR ... June 18-20 & 22-23

Your registrations have been sent in

You are excited about your classes

Now here are things to remember

- The address for Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church/ Wheat Ridge Center for Music & Arts is : 7530 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge Co 80033.
- The traffic pattern from Interstate 70 to 38th St. is very unusual, please either do a trial run before the event or familiarize yourself with the route via Google Maps. All other incoming directions to address are straightforward.
- We will set-up the space on Thursday morning, June 18th at 7:30am, join if you would like to help. * Break-down will be Tuesday, June 23rd at 4pm, your help is always appreciated.
- IMPORTANT: Check the class descriptions for the list of tools needed for each of the classes you signed up for, (go to coloradocarvers.org or look them up in the April and May CCC newsletters). Come prepared to have a wonderful experience.
- We will have tables and chairs set up inside for both lunch and Open Carving everyday. Bring a camping chair if you would enjoy eating lunch or carving outside, under the covered area.
- The space has A/C. Dress accordingly if you tend to get chilly.
- Bring your own battery or rechargeable light if you feel you need extra light.
- Bring your own cushion if you want, the chairs are standard stackable chairs.
- **Carolyn Vigil** will have a kitchen counter set up with coffee, iced tea, water and snacks. Please bring snacks to share if you can.
- We will have use of an ice maker. We may not have use of the refrigerator.
- Bring your own covered drink container.

Eating and drinking at our workspaces is allowed, however, we still want to be respectful of the space.

- The classes run from 9am until 4pm each day. The lunch break is an hour and there are two 15min breaks planned during the morning and afternoon. If you need to leave the session, please leave during one of these times to minimize disruption to ongoing classes.
- Do not forget to bring \$ for your instructor's material fee and bring \$ for the Bucket Drawing. Jan Skuderna has put together some great items.
- If you go to Google Maps and look up the church address, you can also check out all the area around the church for eateries and other stores.

Registration Guidelines

CITR class sign up is on a first come basis along with a check made out to The Colorado Carvers Club.

1. Mail the form and payment to the address on the form. Your email address is a required field so you can receive a confirmation letter.
2. Deliver to **Rob Summers** at his home. Call me before you come to be sure I am home. The address is 1380 S. Ammons St., Lakewood, CO 80232.
3. Drop off at the Lakewood Clement Center open carving session (Rusty Nail – 7845 W. 16th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80214) before noon every Wednesday.
4. Bring to the April and May monthly meeting.

Note: I will email you a confirmation letter about the classes you signed up for. You should check your junk or spam folder if you don't see an email in your in box within a week.

If you have questions, please contact me!
Rob Summers 303-810-8265

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2026 CARVING IN THE ROCKIES					
THURSDAY JUNE 18TH	FRIDAY JUNE 19TH	SATURDAY JUNE 20TH	SUNDAY JUNE 21ST	MONDAY JUNE 22ND	TUESDAY JUNE 23RD
BOB ZETTLER		POLLY WHITE			STEVE GURNETT
RELIEF CHARACTER CARVING (Max # in class: 8) 1 open spot	BIRD ON A PERCH (Max # in class:10) 7 open spots				3 FACE PROJECTS (Max # in class: 10) 1 open spot
JAN SKUDERNA	ANDY MAYER			ROB SUMMERS	AMY EHA
BROOK TROUT (Max # in class:10) 2 open spots	CABIN RELIEF IN BARK (Max # in class:10) 1 open spot		Father's Day	FOLK ART CANDLESTICK (Max # in class: 7) 2 open spots	SCRIMSHAW ACROSS ALL LEVELS (Max # in class: 9) FULL FULL FULL FULL
POLLY WHITE	JOSEPH SIKORA	DAVE TJARKS		AL VIGIL	JERRY CANNAN
OUTHOUSE IN BARK (Max # in class:12) FULL FULL FULL FULL	THE HEN - RELIEF (Max # in class: 8) 1 open spot	ROUGHOUTS & CUTOUTS (Max # in class: 9) FULL FULL FULL FULL	No Classes	MAPLE LEAF CARVED CANDY DISH (Max # in class: 10) FULL FULL FULL FULL	FISHES ON FIRE (Max # in class: 8) FULL FULL FULL FULL
AL VIGIL	TONY MONTOYA			BRIAN MCKAY	CARLA THORPE
CHIP CARVED CLOCK (Max # in class: 10) FULL FULL FULL FULL	FUN WITH FLOWERS (Max # in class: 9) FULL FULL FULL FULL			ASPEN FEATHER RELIEF (Max # in class: 7) FULL FULL FULL FULL	WATERCOLOR ON WOOD (Max # in class: 6) FULL FULL FULL FULL

The class descriptions explain all class details, a specific skill level if needed, tool requirements and the material fee that is paid directly to the instructor. Students are expected to bring their own tools unless the instructor says they will have loaners.

Registration form is available on CCC website, at CCC monthly meeting and in newsletter. The registration guidelines: First-in has priority, along with payment (check or cash). Mailed in forms are prioritized by the USPS postmark on the envelope. Forms hand delivered or turned in at a meeting are in the order they are received. Registration deadline is June 5, 2026

Event location; Wheat Ridge United Methodist Church / WRCMA , 7530 W 38th Ave, , Wheat Ridge , Co. 80033 Time: 9am to 4pm

More C/ITR info & registration form: www.coloradocarvers.org Questions? Contact: woodcarvers5280@gmail.com

2026 - CITR Registration Form

June 18 – 20 and June 22- 23, 2026

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ zip code _____

Class signup is on a first come first served basis along with a check made out to The Colorado Carvers Club. Your form and payment should be mailed to the address below. [Your email address is a required field](#) because all confirmation letters will be emailed this year.

A registration fee for Carving Club Members (any Wood Carving Club) of \$20.00 per day (a 2-day class costs \$40.00) must be included with your registration to reserve a place on the class. Fees for non-Club members are \$25.00 per day (a 2-day class costs \$50.00). Registration fees are non-refundable unless the class is not available or CITR is cancelled by the Club leadership.

NAME OF CARVING CLASS

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME

Thu., June 18, 2026: _____

Fri., June 19, 2026: _____

Sat. June 20, 2026: _____

Sun., June 21, 2026: -----No Classes – Father's Day -----

Mon., June 22, 2026: _____

Tue., June 23 2026: _____

Make your checks payable to THE COLORADO CARVERS CLUB. You must sign the waiver below to complete your registration.

IMPORTANT: MATERIAL COSTS ARE PAID **DIRECTLY TO THE INSTRUCTOR** THE DAY OF THE CLASS AND **MUST NOT** BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM.

Return this completed form, together with the registration fees NO LATER THAN June 5, 2026, to:

Rob Summers
1380 S. Ammons St.
Lakewood, CO 80232

Call Rob (303-810-8265) with any questions regarding classes. You will receive a letter by email confirming which class you are registered in. **You can go to the Colorado Carvers website for the class description and notes regarding needed tools and materials you will need to bring to the class.** Rob will call you to say if your chosen class is full or otherwise unavailable. In that event, your registration fee will be refunded.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the COLORADO CARVERS CLUB, its board, officers, agents, and instructors from all liability, causes of action, claims, and demands for or by reason of any damages, loss or injury sustained by the undersigned at any Colorado Carvers Club function. Minors are required to wear a cut resistant carving glove while participating in club activities.

Student Name (print): _____ Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Signed: _____

(If student is under 18 years of age)

CITR 2026 Class Descriptions

Classes requiring a specific skill level will be noted in class descriptions. Students are expected to bring their own tools unless the instructor says they will be provided. Material fees are paid directly to instructors on day of class.

BROOK TROUT by Jan Skuderna **Material Fee: \$2** **Max #: 10** **Thursday**
You may have time to carve more than one fish. Finishing (painting) will be on your own.

- ★ Provided: Blanks available for 4" and 5" fish.
- ★ Required: A knife and a V tool.

RELIEF CHARACTER CARVING by Bob Zettler **Material Fee: \$45** **Max #: 8** **Thurs. & Fri.**
Project will be a shallow, mid, and deep relief carving. A 9" x 12" x 1" piece of basswood will be routed two levels with deep relief image transferred. We will begin by drawing an image in the background and creating a very shallow relief image. Then, we'll proceed to the second level by drawing-in from the furnished pattern and then carving in a somewhat deeper and a bit more detailed relief. This will be followed by carving the third level in more of a deep relief of the transferred image, then undercutting and some wood burning. Time permitting, I will give a talk on my oil color finishing.

- ★ Provided: Basswood panel and copy of full pattern, and wood burner for class use.
- ★ Required: Intermediate and small gouges, sharp knife, and glove. If you have a bench hook for relief carving it will be helpful. If you have a wood burner, please bring it, but not required.

THE HEN RELIEF CARVING by Joseph Sikora **Material Fee: \$8** **Max #: 8** **Friday**
Shallow relief carving of a hen in basswood.

- ★ Provided: Basswood blank with transferred pattern.
- ★ Required: Bench knife, detail knife, #5 or #6 - 5 mm gouge, and #4 or #5 - 10 mm gouge.

CABIN RELIEF IN BARK by Andy Mayer **Material Fee: \$5 - \$10** **Max #: 10** **Fri. & Sat.**
Learn to relief carve a cabin scene in bark using the natural bark to frame the carved area. Students can choose to carve the cabin straight on, or for more of a challenge, they can carve it at an angle to create more depth.

- ★ Provided: Assorted sizes of cottonwood bark.
- ★ Required: Carving glove, knife, 1/8" and 1/4" #1 chisels, 5/8" #3, 1/2" #5, 5/16" shallow #7 U-gouges, 3/16" V tool, and needle files.

3 FACE PROJECTS by Steve Gurnett **Material Fee: \$5** **Max #: 10** **Mon. & Tues.**
Your choice of: Pirate bottle stopper, Face Study Stick, or Shelf Gnome. Pick one project to hone your face carving skills.

- ★ Provided: Pirate head roughout and bottle stopper, or study stick wood, or shelf gnome roughout.
- ★ Required: Detail knife, V tools, 1/2" #7 gouge or similar, and dockyard tools.

CITR 2026 Class Descriptions

BIRD ON A PERCH by Polly White **Material Fee: \$10** **Max #: 10** **Saturday**

Carve and paint a bird and make a swinging perch for it to sit on. Bird can be realistic or a figment of your imagination.

Bird: The basic shape of the bird will be cut out in basswood. The head, beak, and tail will need to be shaped and edges rounded. Sandpaper may be used to smooth the surface if you don't want original knife cuts to show. Holes will be drilled in the bird's lower belly to insert wire feet.

Perch: The perch will be made with a twig and a wire, using a perch pattern as a guide. Four holes will be drilled in the twig for perch and leg wires.

- ★ Provided: Basswood cutout, twigs and wire, wire cutters and needle-nose pliers, sanding mesh, patterns/instructions, paints and brushes.
- ★ Required: Knife, safety glove, and paints and brushes (if you have favorites).

FOLK ART CANDLESTICK by Rob Summers **Material Fee: \$15** **Max #: 7** **Monday**

We will carve one candle and base from your choice of two different base designs. We will attach the candle to the base for you to finish at home. Extra blanks will be available for purchase.

- ★ Provided: 1 1/8" x 8" candle blank, base blank, and fastener and tools for assembly.
- ★ Required: Safety glove, sharp knife, and if possible, a #3 3/8" or 1/2" gouge and a #9 1/8" gouge if you have one.

Project Photos

Brook Trout



Hen Relief Carving



Folk Art Candlestick



Project Photos

Bird on a Perch



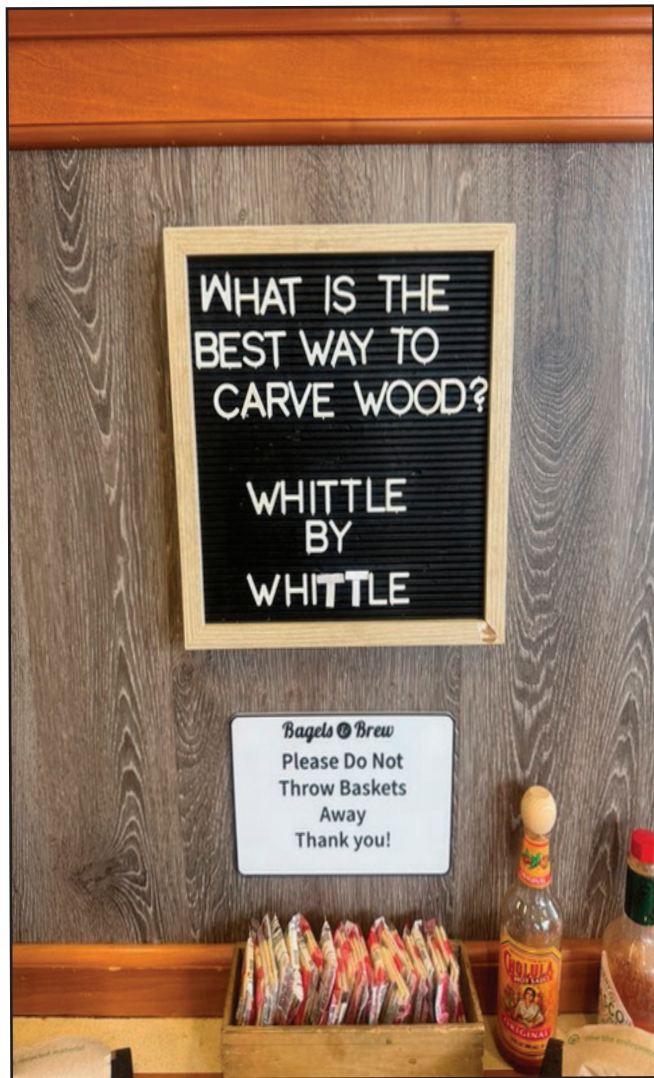
3 Face Projects



Cabin Relief in Cottonwood Bark



Caricature Relief Carving



...seen recently at a coffee shop in Fairbanks, Alaska...



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sandy Gilley
June 1

Karen Cochran
June 27

Morgan Walton
June 1

Jane Moore
June 27

Arlin Humeyumptewa
June 16

Bonnie Douglas
June 28

Jim Roth
June 19

Rob Moss
June 30



Duane & Ann Chamot
June 1, 1957

Darryl & Judy Kissinger
June 6, ????

Jim & Judy Roth
June 8, 1972

Jim & Bridget Biller
June 17, 1962

Ralph & Sharlee Mueller
June 25, 1960

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!! here !!

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.

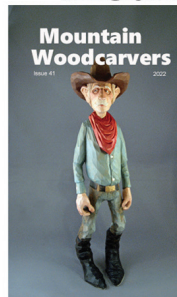
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\$3.00 drop-in fee

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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 **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.

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FIRST CLASS
RETURN REQUIRED