

# The Colorado Carver



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May 2025

## President's Corner



Summertime is here! That means our Club activities are jumping into high gear. Carving in the Rockies kicks things off in June, then Creede Rendezvous in July, September is our Show and October Cider Days round out the year. Thanks to David Tjarks for, our club website, [www.ColoradoCarvers.org](http://www.ColoradoCarvers.org), It's a great source of up-to-date information on Carving in the Rockies.

We've had wonderful turnout at our meetings, consistently more than 50 people! Last month, while working on our mice, a friend and I stopped for a moment to listened to all the talking and laughter around us. It made my heart so happy. This is what a club should be full of – sharing, learning and having fun! Thank you for making this happen.

So, get ready for the wild days of summer and wood chips. It's going to be a blast!

Amy Eha

## Library News

from Celia Schefe...



We have had donations from **Rob Summers** and **Kathy Reinhart** who brought in books and magazines from the daughter of a carver.

## 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:

May 10  
June 13-14, 16-18 CITR at the Grange  
July 12  
August 9  
September 13-14 Annual Show  
October 11  
November 8 - Book Sale  
December 6 Christmas Party (1st Saturday)

### Location

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

## May Seminar

from Jan Skuderna...

Join us as **Theresa Vitolo** guides us in making these comfy hearts.

Cost is \$1.



# March Meeting Minutes

...from Karen Stalman

The pledge of Allegiance was said and minutes were approved and had a second. WE sang a joyful Happy Birthday to **Al Vigil**.

New Carvers table: We had four beginning carvers and one joined the club.

**Show and Tell:** **Al Vigil** showed his chip carved box that he finished with a honey maple stain and clear finish. **Brian McKay** had a colorful Easter gnome. **Jim Roth** brought Easter bunnies made from a rough out. **Gary Makins** brought his kleenex box. **Dave Tjarks** showed us a Santa that was from a **Weatherby** class at CCA and a **Gerald Sears** snowman. **Bob Luckwitz** showed us his wood burned owl with a moth on the back.

**Monthly Seminar:** **Jan Skuderna** thanked **Ben Kembel** for teaching us the mouse on a shelf. Next month will have **Theresa Vitola** teaching "comfy hearts."

**Finances:** All is well on the financial front.

**Library:** **Rob Summers** and **Kathy Reinhart** donated books. Some will be for the Nov sale.

**Website:** **Amy** thanked **Dave** for his work on our website. Dave wants the site to grow in patterns. Old newsletters will be available on the site.

**CITR:** The website is updated daily showing which classes are full. Two 15 minute breaks have been added. Kathy said it is less disruptive for carvers who need to leave early to leave on the last break. The word is out and entries are coming in from all over Colorado. She also put a 1/4 page article about our event in Chip Chats!

**Carolyn Vigil** will have coffee, water, iced tea, lemonade and popcorn available during the breaks to be enjoyed downstairs. Our traditional hot dog meal will be Saturday. She urges people to bring snacks to share.

**Jan Skuderna** will have the bucket drawings and sales of tickets, 6 for 5.00. We'll have 6-8 items available. If you have something to donate speak with Jan.

**Annual Show:** The show booklet and club roster will be avail at CITR.

**New Business:** Look for the newcomers and make sure they have room to sit. Make them feel welcomed. Amy wants to thank all the volunteers who help every month. **Carolyn Vigil** brought up having club patches for sale to put on your own denim shirt.

**Future Dates:** CITR: June 13 & 14, 16-18  
Creede: July 12-15, changed to 5 days instead of 7.

Annual Show: Sept 13-14 Cider Days: Oct 4-5

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

George Smith  
May 9

James McCoy  
May 31

David Butler  
May 21



Doug & Kathy Reinhart  
May 7, 1978

## CITR CLASS SCHEDULE 2025

Event location: Maple Grove Grange Hall, 3130 Youngfield St., Wheat Ridge, Co. 80215

FRIDAY JUNE 13TH	SATURDAY JUNE 14TH	MONDAY JUNE 16TH	TUESDAY JUNE 17TH	WEDNESDAY JUNE 18TH
AL VIGIL PRAYERFUL ANGEL (Max # in class: 10)	AL VIGIL DRAGONFLY RELIEF (Max # in class: 6)	STEVE GURNETT SEA TURTLE "Over the Reef" (Max # in class: 10)		
DOUG REINHART CRIBBAGE BOARD (Max # in class: 10)	DAVID TJARKS SHELF GNOME (Max # in class: 8)	DAN NOBLE PYROGRAPHY- CABIN IN THE WOODS (Max # in class: 10)		
ROB SUMMERS CARVING TIPS Drop-in all day for help with a project, a tool, or a technique. NO FEE, NO REGISTRATION	POLLY WHITE FACE IN BARK (Max # in class: 8)	TONY MONTOYA RELIEF CARVING "in steps" (Max # in class: 8)		GERRY CANVAN CRAZY CHICKENS (Max # in class: 10)
POLLY WHITE PUEBLO IN BARK (Max # in class: 12)	ALICE GEYER PAINTING ON WOOD (Max # in class: 6)	BOB ZETTLER CREATE "SHELFIE" BIRD (Max # in class: 10)	BOB ZETTLER PAINT "SHELFIE" BIRD (Max # in class: 10)	AL VIGIL CHIP CARVING (Max # in class: 8)

The "class descriptions" explain all class details, tool requirements and states material fee that is paid directly to the instructor. Students are expected to bring their own tools. The instructors are capable and willing to work with all skill levels, unless indicated in description. Go to [www.coloradocarvers.org](http://www.coloradocarvers.org) to see complete "class descriptions" and questions.

See registration form to sign up for classes. The following guidelines will apply to all registration forms. First in has priority, along with payment (check or cash). Mailed in forms are prioritized by the USPS postmark. Forms hand delivered or turned in at a meeting are in the order they are received.

Registration deadline is May 31, 2025.

# 2025 - CITR Registration Form

June 13-14 (No classes June 15) June 16-18

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.

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 CLASSINSTRUCTOR'S NAME

Fri., June 13, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Sat., June 14, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Mon., June 16, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Tue., June 17, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Wed., June 18, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

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 May 31, 2025, to:

Colorado Carvers Club

P.O. Box 19171

Denver, CO 80219-0171

**Call Rob (303-810-8265) with any questions regarding classes.** You will receive a letter confirming which class you are registered in, plus a 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**

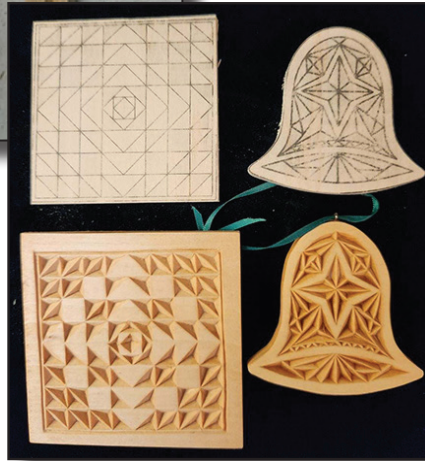
The undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the COLORADO CARVERS CLUB, its board, officers, agents, and instructors from all liability, causes of action, claims, and demands for or by reason of any damages, loss or injury sustained by the undersigned at any Colorado Carvers Club function. 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)

# Open Classes



As of now, nine classes still have some openings: Al Vigil, Rob Summers, David Tjarks, Gerry Canavan, and Bob Zettler.



# CITR Kitchen

**A**t Carving in the Rockies the kitchen lady will provide coffee, water, iced tea, and lemonade to drink. If you want to bring your own drink or soda, you may use the refrigerator. Also, you all are welcome to bring any snacks to share.



On Saturday, June 14th, we will have a hot dog lunch with chips and another side to be determined. The cost is a donation.

See you in June...  
The kitchen lady! (Carolyn Vigil)

# April Meeting



# Friday, June 13 Carving Tips with Rob Summers

**N**eed help with a project? Do you have questions about carving tools, woodburning equipment and techniques, tool sharpening options, general carving techniques like texturing and special effects?

Bring your project or just visit and ask questions.

**Material Fee:** None - No Registration Required, Drop in all day!

**Provided Materials:** None, bring your questions and projects.

**Tools Required:** Whatever you have a question about or want to discuss.



(Rob working with some new carvers)

**There is still time and space for you at Carving in the Rockies !  
June 13-14th and 16th-18 is approaching quickly.  
Go to [www.coloradocarvers.org](http://www.coloradocarvers.org) for more information.**

**W**e had a banner registration last month and many classes are full. However, there are still spots available in over 7 classes. A few classes only have one spot left, so sign up today and grab it! Go to [www.coloradocarvers.org](http://www.coloradocarvers.org) and see the class schedule that is updated each day to reflect all incoming registrations. If you know another carver who is not a member of our club, please share the website and invite them to join a class. **The registration deadline is May 31st.**

Carving in the Rockies isn't just classes; it's 5 days of carving shenanigans and fun. Remember, even if you are not taking a class each day, you are welcome to come to the Open Carvers Table and join in for lunch, especially the HOT DOG LUNCH on Saturday !!!!! Everyone can join in the bucket drawing by stopping by, purchasing tickets and putting their tickets into the drawing for some amazing items this year. **Jan Skuderna** will be giving us a tease glance at some of the items in the June newsletter. Be on the look out !!!!

**Carolyn Vigil** always keeps drinks and snacks in the kitchen to keep our carving energy up. Please feel free to bring a snack to share. Carolyn has promised us a special treat during our afternoon break this year. Please be respectful of the rules of the Grange; no eating upstairs and drink containers must have a lid.

To give all students and instructors the opportunity to experience a full day at Carving in the Rockies we are going to add scheduled breaks for anyone needing to leave during the day.

**9am - CITER classes begin  
10:15am- first 15 minute break  
Noon: 1 hour break  
2:30pm: second 15 minute break  
4pm- Classes end for the day**

Following this schedule will alleviate the disruption that happens when one or more people pack up their supplies to slip out earlier than 4pm. It may also help the participants who dread leaving the table because they might miss a step or get behind the class. We will be asking instructors to step away during the scheduled 15 min. breaks.

**\*\* If you need to leave early for any reason, please plan to pack up and go during a scheduled break. We want to be considerate of everyone at CITER; instructors and participants !**

We will be setting up CITER on Thursday evening, June 12th, at 5pm. It usually takes about 1 hour max. If you can help, we would love to have you join us. If you have a folding table that we can use during CITER please let Kathleen know.( 214-205-5088 or [kreinhart@aol.com](mailto:kreinhardt@aol.com)).

# Duck, duck, duck.... Kestrel!

by David Tjarks

Recently a carver contacted the club through the website asking if we would be interested in many of his carving books and about a dozen bird study casts in amazing detail (the casts are from some pretty well known bird carvers) as they were moving out of state. Of course I jumped at the chance!

It's unfortunate **James Sadler**, our benevolent source, didn't know about our group earlier. After speaking with him for a while I found that he had moved up into the intermediate category in the Ward Championships (check out the Ward Museum and their contest <https://wardfdn.org/learn-explore/program-calendar/world-championship/>) and has also taken an interest in carving in the round and caricatures. In addition, as a Scouter he has done some instruction for Scouts as well as created some pretty amazing plaques for his Eagle Scouts.

So by now you may be thinking, I don't really find myself interested in carving birds and that's okay. Looking at these new resources they would be great if you were doing a relief and wanted to see how a bird in your carve might sit or how the feathers might lay or improve on your single feathers. Maybe you are interested in taking your painting to the next level or looking at some pyrography to highlight your work. These are just some of the things I figured out was available in about fifteen minutes of flipping pages in these books and looking at the bird study casts.

Photos of the casts are available on the website under the library menu tab and you can work with **Celia, our most amazing librarian, to borrow them.** I will be getting her the books as soon as I can as well.

I would like to give a big thank you to James for donating these resources to us, they're very much appreciated and hopefully will bring us many years of learning.



## 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

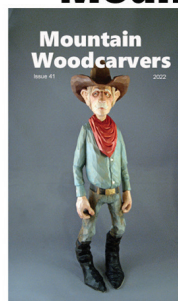
## Pikes Peak Whittlers

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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## Barnum Recreation Center

360 Hooker St. Denver  
Open Carving Mondays 11am - 1pm  
barnum.recreation@denvergov.org

## 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

## 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

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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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