

# NEWSLETTER

April 2024

## Mission Statement

To educate and provide knowledge in the art of woodcarving to all ages through demonstrations as well as workshops.

## Fun Fact

Did you know that every US state has its own official tree. It might be fun looking that up.

### Ale bowl carving with Dave Refsal

We had a great time carving ale bowls with Dave Refsal, lots of laughs and lots of fun. They come in every size, shape and design. Dave has done a lot of them and is very knowledgeable on the subject.

The drinking bowl, known as a *kjenge*, originates from Norway. The horse or dragon shape that makes up the two handles is a fertility symbol in Norway. The bowl would have been passed around at a celebration to drink out of. It was carved from a single piece of burl wood. The painting technique is known as *rosemaling*, a traditional form of decorative folk art. Ale bowls usually stayed with the house or farm where they were made.

We had two new members join during this class. They were Jeff Scholl and Charles(CB) Kloos. Glad to have you carving with us.

When we started our web page, about 5 years ago, we were hoping it would help get us noticed. Just recently I looked at the number of hits we are getting on our webpage. For the past 12 months we had 1,111 hits and in the past month we had 136 hits. It is doing what we had hoped for. The only negative is that I received emails from people inquiring what our business hours were so they could stop by and looking at the carvings. In addition to our webpage we have a newsletter that goes out each month to 97 people. I have found a great site for ordering tools, Hartville Hardware. I have ordered 4 different times and have always received it in two days. If the order is over \$50, no shipping charge.

We will be carving feathers out of Cottonwood bark for Kalon Prep academy. It sounds as if we will have around 21 students this time. We will be busy so if any of you are available on April 12th from 8:30 to 11:30 to help out, it would be appreciated. You can let either Sonya or myself know. This is the third year that we will be working with the academy.

We will be carving a cardinal sitting on a log for the carving session with Smoky Timber lodge on July 10th from 1 to 4 pm. This is usually a small group so at this point we might not need additional help.



Beth Aaberg will be going to Snow Daze on April 26–28th. If anyone would like to get a roughout from Scott Carvings, let her know and she can get it for you, saving you shipping charges. You can see his roughouts on the internet by going to Scott Carvings. We do have his “Viking” on hand for anyone wanting that.



2024 dues can be paid anytime

Dues are Adult or family = \$30  
Junior members = \$5



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# Coming Events

Apr 5,6,7	8:00–5:00 pm	Marty Dolphens	Butternut bench “Bust”
Apr 12th	8:30–11:30 am	Kalon Prep	Bark feathers
Apr 26,27,28	All day	Snow Daze	Waite Park
May 18	All day	Painting ale bowls	
July 10th	1:00–4:00 pm	Smoky Timber Lodge	Cardinal bird
August 14 -17	All Day	Douglas County Fair	Demonstrations
August 25th	9:00 am–3:00 pm	Youth Outdoor	Demonstrations
Sept	3 days	Troy Helget	Woodduck in a tree
Oct	Relief carving		
Nov	Open		
Dec	Open		