

NEWSLETTER

March 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 a "cronut" is a cross between a doughnut and a croissant. Look it up if you doubt me.

We had a great time carving whimsical houses out of cottonwood bark at our last class. It was instructed by our very own member, Jim Brooks. He demonstrated not only how to carve the house but also how to add additional items to the house, such as swinging doors, decks and ladders, swings. He did this by using twigs and small branches off of trees. We had awesome time and we had a record breaking attendance of 17 people. Largest ever for a carving session. We even had a carver from Nebraska come. Or maybe this particular carver came to harass Jim, but it was a great time.

Next carving class will be instructed by another of our members, Dave Refsal, and it will be on ale bowls.

Exciting news: We received our Operational Grant that we applied for. I have filled out the necessary paper work and have been told I will receive the check within 30 days. I think this is the same as "the checks in the mail". I listened in on the review. They approved 18 grants and ours was the only one that anyone commented on and that was to praise our group on how we have been growing our carving organization over the past 3 years.

Glen Stroeing has taken it upon himself to complete 800 whistles for us to hand out at the Youth Outdoor event this year. They still need some sanding but he will bring them to our next class. A GREAT thank you to Glen.

We now have a 9 piece palm set of carving tools available for \$145, a 6 piece beginners mallet carving set available for \$170, a 12 ounce carving mallet for \$36 and a 3 piece knife set for \$70 for sale.



What is a carving worth? I often get asked if I sell any of my carvings and how do I determine the price. The answer is simple, I don't sell them so I don't have to determine a price. The other answer is that it is worth what someone is willing to pay. I know Sonya doesn't sell any of hers but she does what I do, and that is to give them away as a gift or in the case of this pheasant that we did a few weeks ago at a carving class that Troy Helget instructed, Sonya donated it to Pheasants Forever Banquet and it sold for \$425. This is both a great testament to Sonya's carving and painting skill but also to the type and quality of instructors we have. Well done Sonya

Beth Aaberg will be going to a Russell Scott carving session for 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.

Ed Boettcher, a long time carver has recently passed away.

We have set a date for carving at Smokey Timber Lodge of July 10th, starting at 1 pm. They are looking for a bird carving. I will bring some examples to our next carving session.

We will again have a carving class for Kalon Prep. The date is April 12th. We can talk about it at our next class. Possibly do the same thing we will work on at Smokey Timber Lodge.

2024 dues can be paid anytime



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



Newsletter/Dues

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Whimsical House carvings



Coming Events

Mar 22,23,24

8:00–5:00 pm

Dave Refsal

Ale Bowls



Apr 5,6,7

8:00–5:00 pm

Marty Dolphens

Butternut bench “Bust”

Apr 12th

Kalon Prep

Bird on a branch

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

Future class

