NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Mission Statement

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

Question of the Day

What,who, or how did you get started in woodcarving?

Send your responses to me at pwcarving@gmail.com

(I will compile this in a future newsletter)

We had a great class with Bruce Ankeney. We had 16 carvers in attendance. Ability went from new member to experienced carvers. Age went from teenager to retired. Men and women were split evenly.

We have not had a lot of caricature carving classes so this was a new and great experience. Bruce is a really good instructor. Patient, helpful and easy going. Hope to have him back again.

I have applied for two Grants. I will hear in the middle of February if we have been successful.

Just finished filling out IRS 990-N e-postcard. It was accepted so all end of year reports have been completed.

We have $1933.25 in our checking account. So we are in good shape starting out in 2026.

We have our carving scheduled filled for February, March and April. Will need to decided if we want a class in May or start our summer break at the end of April. We start up again in September. At this point we have no instructors lined up for the rest of the year. We have a few ideas which we can talk about.

For new carvers, we have tools, knives, wood burners and roughouts available for sale. Contact me if you are interested at pwcarving@gmail.com

Outside of regular meetings, we have no carving events scheduled for this year other then Youth Outdoor on Aug 30th and the County Fair in August.

We had our first ever Xmas party this year, maybe we can think about a summer picnic. We have a place on Lake Victoria we could possible use or open to ideas.

Don't forget Snow Daze at Sartell, MN Community Center April 24—26. If you have never attended this before, it is well worth the cost. You meet a lot of people and get to meet some great instructors. Applications and the agenda can be found on line at (centralmnwoodcarvers.org) When you get to the page, you will see a download button. Click on that and you will see the full agenda of classes and a registration form.

Our sign up for community ed classes has been getting less. I feel we have been in a rut by just offering fish. We need to think of some new ideas. The class time is usually about 3 hours or we could make two 3 hour sessions, two evenings in a row. Send me ideas or thoughts.

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2026 dues can be paid anytime

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

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www.alexandriacarvers.com

Bruce Ankeney class

Coming Events

When you see Community Ed in the carving session, sign up is through Community Ed. All other classes are in Sonya's studio and you need to contact her to get your name on the roster for that class.

Feb 28,Mar 1	All Day	Charles Bank	Flat Plane carving
March 20,21,22	All Day	Jim Brooks	Whimsical house
April 10,11,12	All Day	Marty Dolphens	Carousel
August		Douglas County fair	Demonstration
August 30	All Day	Youth Outdoor	
September	Open		
October	Open		
November	Open		
December	Open		

Possible ideas: Relief carving, Spoon carving,