NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Mission Statement

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

Quip of the Day

Why did the Vikings go to the bank?

To get a quarterback.

(This was given to me by our 9 year old grandson after watching Viking/Detroit game)

We ended the year with our first ever Xmas potluck party and annual meeting. Had a great turnout and got a chance to meet each others spouse. No secrets were told that I am aware of.

We ended the year with $1,972.15 in our bank account.

Our income for the year was $6,978.12 and our expenses were $6,246.66

Our budget for next year is $5,300.00

The budget is less because we bought several wood burners for the club this year and we have fish roughouts that we paid for but the class was cancelled.

This is our last 4 years of scheduled carving activities:

Year	Events	Days scheduled	Hours	People impacted
2022	20	33	187	644
2023	18	34	177	1242
2024	17	39	167	1206
2025	16	31	163	1361

Our membership continues to grow. We have 102 emails of people that have contacted us and want to be on our newsletter distribution.

I have completed all close out documentation for our Operational Grant 2024/2025 that ends this year and have the Operational Grant for 2026/2027 ready to send in. The Grant is for $1000 each year. It needs to be in by January 9th.

I will be applying for REA Operation Round Up grant later in January. They meet quarterly and the deadline for the first quarter is February 1. We have gotten $500 the last two years. I will ask for $1000 this year and see what happens.

In January we have two governmental forms that need to be completed each year. Neither one costa us any money. One is a form registering our Organization name and the other is 990N for the IRS.

Our next class is January 17 and 18 with Bruce Ankeny doing caricature carving. The class is full so if you have not signed up for the class, it is to late. See our schedule for the year on our website. Remember you need to contact Sonya to sign up for a class and not just show up.

We had a fantastic year in 2025 and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all carvers. We also welcome in Sharein Berninghaus as our new president for the next two years.

Newsletter/Dues

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2026 dues can be paid anytime

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

Webpage
www.alexandriacarvers.com

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.

Jan 17,18 (Class is full)	All Day	Bruce Ankeny	Caaricature
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 30	All Day	Youth Outdoor	