



KAW CARVER

KAW VALLEY WOODCARVERS
549 NW 74TH St., Topeka, KS 66617

NOTE our new mailing address above

Our mission is to provide education to our members and to increase public awareness of the various aspects of woodcarving and its importance in art history.

Issue 503

December 2024

Meetings and carve-outs will be held from **9 am – 3 pm on the 2nd Saturday of every month.**
Our meeting location is the **IBEW # 226 1620 NW Gage Blvd Topeka, 66618**
Visit us at our web site: www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org

KVW Club Calendar In accordance with state and local guidelines, KVW activities may be modified.
Please watch your email for updates or call if you have questions.

<u>CARVE OUTS</u>	<u>SEMINARS</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
January 11, 2025 - Carve Out ○ and Monthly Meeting		9 am – 3 pm	Show Planning/Timeline
February 8, 2025 - Carve Out ○ and Monthly Meeting		9 am – 3 pm	To Be Determined

Seminars: All seminars run from 9am until 5pm daily, unless announced otherwise. All questions about seminars should be directed to Joetta Lady at 785-383-8497. Registration forms can be found on the website at www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org. You **must** submit a registration form and a \$20 deposit before you are registered in a class. Seminars are held in the same location as our meetings.

Carve-out notes: When participating in club carving activities and events we ask that you wear a carving glove. Our insurance will not cover an accident if you are not wearing one.

NOTE: ALL carve-outs and seminars are subject to cancellation by the club or our hosting artist.

As a valued member, your opinions, ideas and input are very important to the club. Participate in a meeting or contact a board or committee member with your thoughts and ideas.

KVW Minutes of December 14, 2024

Those present: Gary Lady, Don Whalen, Lori and Kaylee Hammond, Wilbur Coffee, Janet Hopkins, David Kline, John Reynolds and Linda Benson. (Jim and Carol Beck were absent due to Jim's hospitalization. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.)

Membership: Added two new members at the show: Paul Hund and Jesse Williams, for a total of 30 members. Ten members have paid their 2025 dues of \$20. If you have not, please pay at our next meeting or mail to 549 NW 74th Street, Topeka, KS 66617.

Treasurer's Report: Current bank balance is \$5,655.66. Expecting another \$130 from vender at the show who hasn't paid for his tables. All bills for the year have been paid.

Sheltered Living Tree: Our "Go Chiefs" tree for this year was selected by the SLI clients as a Favorite. Gary will find out how much it sold for and report to the club next month. A few ideas were tossed around for our 2025 theme. Be prepared to select a theme at January's meeting.

Carve-outs: Carol Beck is planning to lead an intaglio style carving of tea cups later this year. Looking for others to teach at a future carve-out.

Seminars: Warren Rauscher will do an incising seminar for us on March 15-16th. John Engler will be here in May for a 3 day relief carving seminar. Still trying to have a bark carving seminar. So far, we're unsuccessful in hosting a woodburning seminar.

Kaw Valley Woodcarvers Show: Gary read Joetta's financial report:

- Total Income - \$2,966.49 with expenses of \$1,447.14 netting \$1,519.35 in revenue.

Silent Auction made \$120 – Raffle sales were \$269 – Concessions - \$210.49

Tool sales revenue - \$181.80 – Admissions were \$585 – Tables \$1,070

- Total Attendance was 117.
- Four tables were sold for next year's show.
- Raffle prizes for next year – George Boujakly donated a beautiful carved box and we purchased two other carvings from exhibitors at a cost of \$110.

Suggestions for next year:

- Get a PA system for judging and other announcements
- Several exhibitors asked for a 1-day show, because of overnight expenses
- Have a planning/timeline meeting to document what and when things need to be done. Delegate responsibility and follow-up for status report at meetings to ensure completion.
- Get the exhibitors email addresses to Linda for mass distribution of documents
- Table tents with exhibitors name and table #'s for judging
- Membership forms available

- See if IBEW has an internet password available for us to use
- Name tags for members
- Confirm next year's dates and times
- Get with Amy Miller earlier this year about reusing old realtor signs
- Donation jar, instead of charging admission
- Post the club Banner, purchased several years ago
- Email blast thanking exhibitors for great show

It was decided that during January's meeting we will create our planning/timeline document for next year's show. So, we need to come prepared with a list of things needing to be done.

Linda moved that next year's show be 1-day on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 10:00 to 5:00. Janet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business:

John Reynolds committed to getting the URL, etc for our website from Joetta via email.

We failed to elect officers this year, so that will occur at January's meeting. Please think about stepping up and helping out.

Linda purchased and demonstrated a portable PA system that could be used at the show. It was moved, seconded and passed to reimburse Linda \$100 for the system.

Linda Benson for Carol Beck, Secretary

Elected Officers

Acting President -- Gary Lady
 Vice President --
 Secretary -- Carol Beck
 Treasurer -- Joetta Lady

Committee Chairpersons

Annual Show -- Gary and Joetta Lady
 Carve Outs -- Members Input
 Festival of Trees -- Gary Lady
 Group Emails -- Linda Benson
 Membership -- Joetta Lady
 Newsletter -- Linda Benson
 Seminars -- Joetta Lady

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Please support our Vendors whenever you can this year. They have been here for us. Consider placing an order or two with them through these tough times! Thank you !!

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