



KAW CARVER

KAW VALLEY WOODCARVERS
PO Box 19125, Topeka, KS 66619

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 511

August 2025

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 website: 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>
August 29 – 31, 2025	9 am – 5 pm		Van Kelly Caricature Seminar - \$205 May purchase roughout from him or bring something you're already working on.
September 9, 2025			Carving Demonstrations at Ks State Fair
September 13, 2025 - Carve Out and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 3 pm		Carving/Painting on Ornaments

Seminars: All seminars run from 9am until 5pm daily, unless announced otherwise. All questions about seminars should be directed to Wilbur Coffee at 785-587-4903. 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. If this occurs, the deposits/payments will be returned.

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 August 9, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Wilbur Coffee

Members Present: Wilbur Coffee, John Reynolds, Don Whalen, Linda Benson, Janet Hopkins, Gary Meyer, guest Glen Knaf, Carol Beck, Joetta Lady for a short while, and Lori Hammond for a short while.

Lori and Kalee Hammond have our sympathy in the passing of Lori's father and Kaylee's grandfather Darrell D. Hammond.

Membership: 26 paid members.

Treasurer: There is \$4,703.39 in the treasury. \$319.51 to deposit into the account. Linda Benson moved to reimburse Wilbur Coffee for wood ordered from Loess Hills Sawmill \$73.59 and Gary Meyer seconded. Wilbur said that the rent will increase to \$50.00 a month come January 1, 2026.

Joetta Lady has resigned as treasurer due to responsibilities in her family.

Wilbur Coffee moved to nominate Linda Benson for treasurer and was seconded by Gary Meyer.

The 501C is updated. The IRS has us listed as updated in Wilbur's name.

Linda Benson asked NexLynx what they did for us. It is the host for our website...they protect the data and provide access to the internet.

Sheltered Living Tree: Theme: Rustic Christmas. Wood for the tree topper is to be delivered Monday the 11th of August. More ornaments will be cut out now that more wood is available.

Carve-outs: Painting finished ornaments will be in September. Plan to carve any unfinished ones.

Seminars: Van Kelly will have rough outs for sale or will help with anything you have to work on of your own. Eight are signed up thus far for August 29th – 31st. Sue Bergman will have a cottonwood bark carving class on September 27th with a \$75 fee. John Engler's painting class will be on Wednesday and Thursday this year on October 29th and 30th.

Clarification on seminar deposits: If the class is cancelled the fee will be refunded. If the person taking the class doesn't show up the deposit will not be refunded.

Kaw Valley Woodcarver Show: Two names were suggested as possible judges: Gerald Copeland and Greg Thompson. Linda Benson moved to ask Gerald Copeland to judge again this year, and Janet Hopkins seconded.

Discussions/Opinions/Suggestions:

Our new PO Box is #19125 (zip code is 66619)

Website's rebuild status: Linda's son, Darin, has the 2024 pictures updated on the website. Looks good. Janet Hopkins moved to obtain a \$50.00 gift certificate from Biggs BBQ in Lawrence for doing a fantastic job on the website. Gary Meyer seconded the motion.

Soap Carving: Dan Balocca will donate some soap carving tools that he made. He also will lend a book of instructions for soap carving.

KANSAS STATE FAIR: September 9th is the day for our club. Those carpooling will meet at 6:00 AM on September 9th at the IBEW meeting place.

Carving Items donated by Alita Kennedy that belonged to her husband Max have been stored in Linda Benson's basement. Many of the items can be used at the show for Silent Auction. Some tools available for newcomers to use. A thank you will be sent.

Joetta Lady donated a roll of new tools to be used by newcomers.

Wilbur Coffee and John Reynolds looked at items a lady in Topeka had to donate also.

Please pay your membership fee of \$20.00 for a family and come enjoy the happy group of woodcarvers each 2nd Saturday of the month.....9:00 to 10:00 meeting and carving until 3:00 p.m. Some days we are quiet, others we are noisy. Help us out—we would love to see your happy faces with ours.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2025

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Whalen and seconded by Gary Meyer.

Carol Beck, Secretary

Elected Officers

President -- Wilbur Coffee

Vice President -- John Reynolds

Secretary -- Carol Beck

Treasurer -- Linda Benson

Committee Chairpersons

Annual Show -- Wilbur Coffee

Carve Outs -- Members Input

Festival of Trees -- John Reynolds

Group Emails -- Linda Benson

Membership -- Linda Benson

Newsletter -- Linda Benson

Seminars -- Wilbur Coffee

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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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