



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 510

July 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 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>
August 9, 2025 - Carve Out and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 3 pm		Carving/Painting on Ornaments
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

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.

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 July 12, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Wilbur Coffee

Membership: 26 paid members. Welcome to Amanda and Grandin Khemraj, Steve Bietau, new members. Those attending: Wilbur Coffee, Sue Bergman, David Kline, Don Whalen, Gary Meyer, Steve Bietau, John Reynolds, Linda Benson, Paul Hund and Carol Beck. We are sorry to have lost another member from our club this year. Nelson Pratt passed on July 4th.

Treasurer: There is \$4,787.39 in the treasury. Deposits of \$380, and \$1,780 (John's class). Paid bills: \$472 for tools from show, \$375 to IBEW. Leaving total of \$4,787.39

Sheltered Living Tree: Theme: Rustic Christmas. Bring finished ornaments next meeting to begin painting. John Reynolds will carve the tree topper. It will be a pretty angel. Wilbur has ordered wood from Heineken Wood which he paid for. He has since ordered more from Loess Hills Sawmill, it is cheaper and they also support our club by coming to our show. He should get wood by the end of the month. He will give John some wood and between the two of them we can cut out more Christmas ornaments.

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

Seminars: Van Kelley will have a seminar August 29, 30, 31. He will have rough outs for sale or will help with anything you have to work on of your own. Sue Bergman will have a cottonwood bark carving class on September 27th with a \$75 fee. John Engler's painting class will be a Wednesday and Thursday this year on October 29 and 30. Marilyn Anderson will be willing to do a woodburning seminar sometime after John Engler's Springfield Carving Week next year.

Kaw Valley Woodcarver Show: It is a one-day show this year. We have a few tables sold for the show, but have not been able to confirm an actual amount at this time. We have 3 raffle prizes this year; one donated and 2 paid for.

Lori Hammond will chair the Silent Auction and advertising. She will need the IRS information: 501 3 C---she needs the paper copy.

Kaylee suggests that she put up flyers at her school. Wilbur and Carol will do the TV shows.

We need raffle tickets to send to club members and have at the door to sell.

Food: Janet Hopkins has volunteered to do pulled pork. Robert Rosas has volunteered to do rice and beans, Carol Beck will pick up pop at Sam's rather than Janet transporting it. BBQ sauce, cookies, chips, pickle slices, buns, hot dogs, pop and water. Don Whalen and Nelson Pratt were scheduled to work the kitchen this year. Kaylee Hammond volunteered to take Nelson's place in the kitchen. **Thank you everyone who is involved in trying to make our show happen.**

Discussions/Opinions/Suggestions:

Thank you Kaylee and Lori for the donuts.

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

Inventory of club properties: Wilbur reported some tools were at Joetta's and wood, old paints that came from Carlan's that probably are not any good. The 3 raffle prizes were found and we have plenty of ribbons for the show . We want to go back to just one raffle item for 2026.

Website's rebuild status: Linda's son, Darin, has the winning carvings from the 2023 show posted and reports that the current program is obsolete and hard to work with. Wilbur reported a cost of \$4,000 for the Manhattan contact to do the update of the website. Kaylee spoke up that she could make one for nothing by using Google Website Builder. She sent a link to Linda before all of us left for the day. We'll know more at the next meeting.

Soap Carving: Nothing to report on NOTO. Robert Rosas was called back to California for a family death and does not know when he will be back.

KANSAS STATE FAIR: September 9th is the day for our club. Those who indicated interest in going are Linda Benson, Janet Hopkins, Wilbur Coffee, John Reynolds and Carol Beck.

Brewster Place: Don Whalen said there didn't seem to be enough interest at this time. The Craft person, Kathy Palm is a woodcarver herself and has indicated she would come to the club after the first of the year.

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: August 9, 2025

Motion to adjourn was made by Lori Hammond and seconded by Sue Bergman

Carol Beck, Secretary

Elected Officers

President -- Wilbur Coffee
Vice President -- John Reynolds
Secretary -- Carol Beck
Treasurer -- Joetta Lady

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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