



## 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.

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Meetings and carve-outs will be held from **9 am – 3 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org)

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**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.

**CARVE OUTS**

**SEMINARS**

**MEETINGS**

**ACTIVITIES**

**February 14, 2026 –Carve Out and Monthly Meeting**      **9 am – 3 pm**      **Sweet potato carving w/ Dennis Bixby or various blanks to improve skills**

**March 14, 2026 – Carve Out and Monthly Meeting**      **9 am – 3 pm**      **Carve SLI tree ornaments**

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**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](http://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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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.

## **KWW Minutes of January 10, 2026**

**Meeting** called to order by Wilber Coffee, president. Those present were Don Whisler, David Kline, Gary Meyer, John Reynolds, Lori Hammond, Dennis Bixby, Larry Boo, Jim Ziegler, Robert Rosas and Carol Beck.

**Membership:** 35 paid members.

**Treasurer:** IBEW rent was paid \$600.00 leaving a bank total of \$7,178.43.

**Seminars:** John Engler carving seminar will be held April 24, 25, and 26<sup>th</sup> at the IBEW #226 building. Marilyn Anderson (wood burning), and Van Kelley (in the round carving) have indicated they would be willing to come for a seminar. Dates have not been solidified yet.

**Carve Outs:** February carve out will be sweet potato carving presented by Dennis Bixby.

There will be various blanks for anyone wanting to do some extra carving to improved skills and learning for new members at meetings.

### **Discussions/Opinions/Suggestions:**

**Sheltered Living Tree:** John Reynolds and Larry Boo will work as co-chairs for the 2026 tree. Larry Boo may have a 6 foot tree available for our use. We voted to use the theme of the USA 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and call it the Red, White, and Blue" tree. Lori Hammond seconded the motion.

- The Kansas Historical Society has asked us to once again demonstrate carving at the Kansas Day Celebration at the Kansas State Museum. Wilber Coffee, Larry Boo, Lori Hammond and Carol Beck have volunteered. They want 3 people to be at the table carving from 9:00 AM to 5:00PM.
- New Show Flyers have been designed by Linda Benson's son and are available to be seen on the website. Also the Engler seminar and a revised membership form for 2026 are also on the website.
- NOTO: John Reynolds will come up with a form for people to sign up to demonstrate/teach soap carving for the younger children and woodcarving for the older children.
- There is a \$50.00 membership fee for access to NOTO use and someone needs to volunteer for 2 hours/month as a docent—cleaning, carving, etc. John will follow up on whether NOTO allows a club to join rather than individual. Dennis Bixby suggested sweet potatoes rather than soap, since soap can soften and lose shape.
- Wilbur Coffee let us know that Glen Knak has been invited to display at the Lindsborg 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Art Exhibition on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The University of Kansas has a juried show April 23-27. It is "Ode to Eastern Red Cedar". The fee is \$15.00, and the red cedar entry form must be submitted by April 4. Entries will be received April 13-17.
- Dennis Bixby has invited us to participate in the McClouth Steam Engine Weekend the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of September. We would be demonstrating for Dennis in his shop there.
- Lori Hammond has asked for another 4-H demonstration including safety, types of wood used for carving, etc. The club meets at Meriden St. Lucius Church at 6:00 PM the 2nd Sunday of the month.

• **Show and Tell:** No one brought a new carving to show.

**Please pay your membership fee of \$20.00 for a family by April 1<sup>st</sup> to continue receiving our newsletter. And come enjoy the happy group of woodcarvers each 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: February 14, 2026**

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Lori Hammond 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 -- Co-Chairs

Wilbur Coffee & Linda Benson

Carve Outs -- Members Input

Festival of Trees -- Co-Chairs

John Reynolds & Larry Boo

Group Emails -- Linda Benson

Membership -- Linda Benson

Newsletter -- Linda Benson

Seminars -- Wilbur Coffee

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