



## 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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November 2025

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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**

November 22, 2025

9 am – 5 pm

Annual Show and Sale

December 13, 2025 – Carve Out  
and Monthly Meeting

9 am – 3 pm

Bergman Xmas tree carve out

January 10, 2026 – Carve Out  
and Monthly Meeting

9 am – 3 pm

To Be Determined

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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.

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 November 8, 2025**

**Meeting called to order by President** Wilbur Coffee. Those present: Wilbur Coffee, David Kline, Sue Bergman, Lori and Kaylee Hammond, Linda Benson, Paul Hund, Janet Hopkins (by telephone), Gary Meyer, John Reynolds, Dan Balocca, and Carol Beck

**Membership:** 26 paid members. Wilbur Coffee asked for the membership list to be sent out again.

**Treasurer:** The starting amount in the treasury was \$5,620.91. \$1575.00 was deposited and \$1,450.00 was paid out to John Engler and IBEW for rent. The ending balance is \$5,745.91.

**Sheltered Living Tree:** The tree was decorated with tiny battery powered lights, ornaments, and a garland of beads and Moravian stars. Everything was wired on and then the topper to the tree was added. Very nice tree for Sheltered Living. John Reynolds and Gary Meyers will deliver the day before our show to Fairlawn Plaza. Thank you, John Reynolds, for your work on the tree this year and everyone who carved and painted ornaments.

We have ornaments, comfort birds and comfort crosses to sell at the show. Paul Hund has volunteered to handle this project.

**Carve Outs:** Sue Bergman will lead a Christmas tree ornament/decoration at the December carve out.

**Seminars:** No seminars are scheduled yet. John Engler has asked to change his carving seminar from May to June or August. We liked June but it would need to be early June to avoid a conflict with Debbie Edwards' class at the Knot Hole.

**Kaw Valley Woodcarver Show:** Kaylee Hammond designed an attractive menu sign that lists food and prices for posting at the kitchen window.

Signs: Paul Hund updated 8 yard signs - Paul, Gary Meyer and Carol Beck will post around town.

Memorial table: Carol Beck

Sell Comfort bird, crosses, and ornaments: Paul Hund

Floater: Wilbur Coffee, Linda Benson, and John Reynolds

Kitchen: Kaylee Hammond and Don Whalen

Admission/Raffle: Janet Hopkins and Kari Benson Aguirre

Silent Auction: Lori Hammond and Fran Coffee

Judging: Randy Landen, Bruce Coffman, and Sue Bergman

Photographer: Amy Miller

Food & Beverages: Janet Hopkins, Linda Benson, and Carol Beck

PA: Linda Benson

WIBW and KSNT/FOX: Wilbur Coffee and Carol Beck

Setting up the IBEW room will begin at 1:00 PM on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Exhibitors can setup from 5:00 – 7:00 PM if they desire or 7:30 – 9:00 AM on Saturday. Show runs from 9 – 5 on Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cleanup begins after the show and also on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. **All hands on deck for setup and cleanup.**

IBEW is allowing us to use their WIFI – password is **ibewguestwifi**

**Discussions: Anyone with access to 8' tables please let Wilbur Coffee or Linda Benson know. We are short 8 tables. A nice problem to have but also cause for anxiety.**

**Show and Tell:** David Kline brought a cottonwood bark carving he completed during the 14" snow fall last January. Dan Balocca brought an assortment of items he had carved at previous carve outs.

**Please pay your membership fee of \$20.00 for a family 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: December 13, 2025**

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Gary Meyer and seconded by Linda Benson.

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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Kaw Valley Woodcarvers is an equal opportunity organization committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and participation for all. This organization does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, or disability in admissions policies, educational opportunities, programs, and activities. Respect for the dignity and worth of others are the guiding principles for our relations with each other. Kaw Valley Woodcarvers is a 501 C-3 tax exempt organization.

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