



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 512

September 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>
September 27, 2025	9 am – 5 pm	Sue Bergman bark carving seminar - \$75	
October 11, 2025 – Carve Out and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 3 pm	Finishing up Ornaments	
October 29 - 30, 2025 and Monthly Meeting	9 am – 5 pm	John Engler painting seminar - \$75 per day	

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 September 13, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Wilbur Coffee. Those present: Wilbur Coffee, David Kline, Sue Bergman, Don Whalen, Linda Benson, Janet Hopkins, Cindy Bicknell, Gary Meyer, Darla Stewart, John Reynolds, Kaylee and Lori Hammond, and Carol Beck.

Membership: 26 paid members.

Treasurer: There is \$5,233.91 in the treasury. Money taken in was \$2,199.00; a \$73.00 reimbursement for wood paid to Wilbur Coffee; \$50.00 reimbursement to Linda Benson for gift certificate; paid \$215.40 to NexLynx for website hosting (\$24 cheaper than previously), paid \$75.00 to IBEW for the Van Kelley seminar and \$1330.00 paid to Van Kelley for his seminar.

Linda Benson contacted the insurance company to see why our insurance was so high and we now have a new policy. The old policy was for 125 members and our membership now is much lower. The cost now is for 30 members at \$191.00 rather than the \$468.00 that we have been paying. We also will be receiving a \$62.00 refund. Thank you Linda for checking into this.

Sheltered Living Tree: The tree topper is being completed by John Reynolds. He brought it for us to see. It will be a beautiful piece when completed. He registered our tree as a "Star Studded Traditional Christmas Tree". John is looking for a suitable skirt for under the tree. The garland will be the stars and beads. The contract needs to be delivered by October 20, and the decorated 4' tree is expected at the Ag Hall by November 21st. One ticket is issued to the club for the auction at Fairlawn Mall. Please bring in all ornaments to the October meeting.

Carve Outs: Please return all ornaments. We need to finish carving and painting.

Seminars: Sue Bergman will have a cottonwood bark carving class on September 27th with a \$75 fee. She currently has 9 enrolled. John Engler's painting class will be on a Wednesday and Thursday this year on October 29 and 30. Currently, there's 8 enrolled. We will need to have table coverings for this seminar to protect tables from paint.

Future seminars: John Engler in May and Van Kelley has indicated he would return for a seminar. Marilyn has indicated interest in a seminar for wood burning.

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: Linda Benson has family friends, Bob & Cindy Freeman, who will smoke the pulled pork and charge only for the cost of the meat, relieving Janet from doing the pork. Janet Hopkins will obtain hot dogs and buns and items for the rest of the meal offerings except the pop and water. Carol Beck will get the pop and water from Sam's. Linda Benson has offered to donate brownies to sell at the show. We will finalize what to charge for the meal items at the October meeting.

Paul Hund is working on donations for the club.

We will be able to set up the tables in the hall around 3:00 on Friday afternoon the 21st of November. Lori Hammond is in charge of the Silent Auction table. Bring in donations on Friday so that she can get them organized.

Wilbur Coffee and Carol Beck will be on WIBW on Tuesday, November 18th at 4:00 and on KSNT/FOX on Thursday, November 20th at 9 am.

We will set up a memorial table for Jim Beck 12-17-2024; Gary Lady 1-2025; and Nelson Pratt 7-4-2025. David Butts will contact Nelson's widow for some of his carvings.

Setting up tables on Friday: Wilbur Coffee, Gary Meyer (**need more help**)

Judging help: Bruce Coffman and Sue Bergman

Selling tools : Gary Meyers

Kitchen: Kaylee Hammond and Don Whalen

Silent Auction: Lori Hammond

Admission table: Kari Benson and Janet Hopkins

Floater: Wilbur Coffee, Linda Benson, and John Reynolds

Needed: ask Amy Miller to be the photographer for the show; flyers to distribute to NOTO and other places such as Washburn University, Lawrence artists, Manhattan artists, IBEW sign board, Brewster Place, Topeka Arts Council; raffle tickets to distribute to members for sale to others or buy themselves; pictures of the raffle items; board for showing the category winners. Extra table coverings for admissions/raffle, memorial, tool selling.

Discussions/Opinions/Suggestions:

KANSAS STATE FAIR: Those who participated had a great day at the Fair. Many people came through the Oz building and were very interested in what we were doing. (See picture below of our carving crew.)

We thought maybe we could take soap and popsicle sticks for soap carving next year for kids showing an interest in carving.

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.

Show and Tell: Linda Benson brought her painted caricature carvings from Van Kelly's seminar. (See picture below of carvers having fun.)

Next Meeting: October 11, 2025

Motion to adjourn was made by Carol Beck and seconded by Gary Meyer.

Carol Beck, Secretary

State Fair Carving Crew on 9/9/25 in the OZ Gallery



Van Kelly Seminar on 8-31-25 at IBEW



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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