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KAW VALLEY WOODCARVERS,
P.O. Box 4384,
Topeka, KS 66604

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.

Monthly meetings are from 2-4 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 SW Burlingame Road, in Topeka.
Visit us at our web site: www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org

KVW Club Calendar

DEC. 9—HOLIDAY PARTY

From 2-4pm. Bring a snack/treat to share and a wrapped gift (approx. \$10 value) for the White Elephant gift exchange for each person participating in the exchange. "Stealing" gifts will be allowed and there is no limit to how many times a gift can be stolen this year.

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| Dec. 14 & 16—Carve out | Christmas Nativity Ornament set w/Mike Keil. Cost \$3. See notes below for more information. |
| Jan. 12-13—Seminar | Flat Plane Carving w/Carlan Honaker. \$100 (includes the blank) |
| Jan. 14—Monthly meeting | 2-4 pm |
| Jan. 18 & 20—Carve out | Open Carving. Carve on whatever you want. |
| Jan. 26—Demo Carving | Kansas Day at the State Historical Society Museum from 9am to 3pm. |
| Jan. 31—Board meeting | 7-8:30pm |
| February 3-4—Seminar | Warren Raucher, incised carving. \$110 plus the blank. |
| Feb. 11—Monthly meeting | 2-4 pm |
| Feb. 15 & 17—Carve out | Relief carving w/Barbara Bennett. |

Reminder: Your annual membership expires Dec. 31. You can pay 2018 dues at any time. See Jim and/or Carol Beck.

Dan and Gladys Balocca will take over as Membership VP's in January. Thank you to Jim and Carol for all you have done over the past several years as Membership VP's.

New members: Larry Hanson; Steve St. Clair; Brian Newell; Randy and Mellany Maxwell.

Seminars: All seminars run from 9am until 5pm daily, unless announced otherwise. All questions about seminars should be directed to Carlan Honaker at 785-640-8130 or carlan@honakercpa.com.

A complete listing of Kaw Valley Woodcarvers seminars along with registration forms can be found on the club website www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org You must submit a registration form **and** a \$20 deposit before you are actually registered in a class. Just saying you are coming does not count!!

Upcoming Seminars: Mar. 15 & 16, Charley Phillips, carved vase from a turning (possibly), \$110 plus the blank. Apr. 14 & 15, Pyrography w/Jo Schwartz, \$170 plus blank. May 4-6, Relief carving w/John Engler, \$165 plus the blank.

Carve-out notes: If you have any suggestions or want to volunteer to teach a project, please talk with Shirley.

December Carve out: Recommended items include a glove and finger guard, carving knife and small detail knife, smaller gouges, v-tool, and skew, and a pen or pencil (red ink preferable). Optional items include a wood burner, small straight edge (6 inch), scissors, sand paper (180-320 grit), small awl. On Saturday you can eat out on your own, brown bag your lunch, but we will be ordering pizza.

Upcoming carve outs: Mar. 8 & 10, Bob Foster, 8-pointed star or pine cone. Apr. 19 & 21, Ornaments for SLI tree. May 17 & 19, Carlan Honaker, Santa face ornament.

Reminder: 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.

KVW Membership Meeting, November 12, 2017

The November electronic newsletter was sent out November 2. If you are not getting a newsletter, be sure the club has your email address.

Membership: There are currently 83 members. Larry Hanson is a new member today. Steve is a visitor. We welcome you to our club meeting. Fifty people have paid their dues for next year already. If you have not paid your dues, please get them to Jim or Carol.

Treasurer: We have a balance of \$xxx

Sheltered Living (SLI) Tree: We will meet at the Ramada at 5:30 pm to put the tree up for the show. The tree is near completion. The Festival of Trees will be at Ag Hall from Nov 30 to Dec 3.

CarveOuts: December 14 and 16 will be Mike Keil with Nativity Christmas ornaments. We need volunteers to teach a carve out in January and February. Contact Shirley if you are able to do this.

Seminars: Nov 16-17 John Engler's painting seminar is full. Carlan will teach Swedish Flat Plane carving January 12 and 13.

David and Carlan finalized the seminar plans for 2018 and Mike is putting the information together and will have it available at the show.

Sign up in advance for seminars with your deposit, but not until the seminar calendar has been released (at the show).

Proposed By-Law Changes: Reduce the number of required board of directors meeting from monthly to minimum of 6 per year. The motion was made and passed to accept this change.

Non-Discrimination Statement to add to By-Laws: This statement was read and a motion made and passed to accept this addition to the By Laws.

Raffle Letters-Please turn in your money for the raffle to support our club.

Woodcarvers Show: Discussed the new site (Ramada Inn Downtown). We will be in two rooms and they will split up trying to keep with the original seating chart as much as possible.

There is a restaurant available upstairs that will be open all day.

Discussed the Admission Table-Linda sent around a sign-up sheet for more volunteers for the tables. Dan Balocca will be in charge of the demonstration table.

Please consider donating an item to the silent auction.

Nominations: The following were voted on by club members to be our officers for next year:

President: Darrel Kellerman

Vice President elect: vacant

Vice President: Carlan Honacker

Treasurer: Joetta Lady

Secretary: Sue Bergman

Vice Presidents of Membership: Dan and Gladys Balocca

Committee Chairs:

Show: Katrina and Joan Smith

Carve Outs: Shirley Sherretts

SLI Tree: Evelyn Atwood

Seminars: David Butts and Carlan Honacker

Refreshments: Mary Anna Kellerman

Marketing: vacant

Holiday Party: December 9th 2-4 will be the Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange. We will also have door prizes.

Refreshments: Evelyn Atwood and Katrina Meredith

Show and Tell: Shirley Sherretts- woodburned and painted "roses" plate

Program: Carlan-setting up a show table

Upcoming: Nov 16-17-John Engler seminar; Nov 18-19-Show; Nov 29-Board Meeting; Dec 14 and 16-Carve out nativity set with Mike Keil; Dec 27-Board Meeting-probably will be cancelled; Jan 12-13-Seminar Flat Plane Carving with Carlan Honaker-\$100 (includes blank)

Other Items of interest:

Dec 2 and 3: Basswood Santas with Marty Dolphens -contact Joan Smith at 913-908-8326 or joan@tbfcaving.com

Gretna Woodcarvers Retreat-Gretna Nebraska; Feb 8-11, 2018 308-236-3307 or jrobb3@hotmail.com

Kansas City Woodcarvers Show is March 16-17, 2018. Kcwoodworkersguild.org
8th Annual Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar, Springfield, MO. March 19-23, 2018.
Ozarkswoodcarvingseminar.com or call John Engler 417-209-6842

KVW Special Board Meeting: November 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Present: Joetta Lady, Darrel Kellerman, Katrina Meredith, Carol Beck, Jim Beck; Shirley Sherretts, Carlan Honacker; Sue Bergman, Mike Keil; Evelyn Atwood; Joan Smith

Ramada West-Katrina was contacted by the Ramada West they were closing, Monday Nov 13.

There were many alternate options that were investigated:

Shriners-They have piano duo so they are not available on our scheduled date

Capital Plaza-not available

Heritage hall-too small

Washburn Votech-they did not call us back and when they did, they said they did not rent out the facility on weekends

Westridge mall-not available, although they would love to have us next spring

Washburn University-not willing

There were 3 main contenders to choose from:

Agriculture Hall: available \$1500 per day plus it would cost us \$15 to \$20 times 3 people anytime we are in the building (they require this)-it would run us about \$700-\$800. Total cost would be way above what we paid at Ramada West

Scottish Right-at 30th and MacVicar. \$1600 for 2 days. They don't have any tables available. There is a \$100 delivery charge plus the cost to rent the tables is \$8 each. It is out of the way for people.

Ramada Downtown: There are 2 rooms available downstairs (the upstairs room was booked). Each room has 3000 to 4000 square feet. They were very willing to work with us. They would even charge us the same price (\$2100) we would have paid at Ramada West. There is an extra charge for coffee. They will put our name on the sign outside. They will provide rooms for our carvers at \$59 per night, which includes breakfast. They have a diner upstairs that is available all day.

After much discussion and consideration the board made and passed a motion to have the show at the Ramada Downtown.

The Ramada Downtown has parking in their lot and also along Madison.

We discussed having a sign that says "see other room", so that people will make sure to visit both rooms. Joan's daughter will make the signs.

Judging will be held under the stairway.

Darrel will call Bob Speaks to change the Topeka newspaper ad to Ramada Downtown.

WIBW came to Carlan's studio and did an interview for the 10:00 news about the closing of Ramada West and our new location for the show.

Mike and Joan will bring easels as we have 2 rooms now at the show.

Darrel will call Nelson to update the website for our show.

A motion was made and approved to raise the price of an exhibitor's table by \$5 at next year's show due to the anticipated increased cost for renting exhibit show space. Therefore the price for a table will be \$50 for next year's show and \$45 if purchased at this year's show. Half table will be \$25.

We plan to put info at the Ramada West referencing where the new show location is for those that might happen to show up at the Ramada West location

KVW Board Meeting: November 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Present: Mike Keil, Shirley Sherretts; Darrel Kellerman; Dan and Gladys Balocca; Jim and Carol Beck; Katrina Meredith; Sue Bergman, Carlan Honacker; Joetta Lady; Evelyn Atwood

Membership: We have four new members (we received three memberships at the show). The new members are: Larry Hanson; Steve St. Clair; Brian Newell; Randy and Mellany Maxwell. Twenty-five people renewed their memberships at the show. We received \$500 in membership dues at the show.

Treasurer: After the show expenses we have a balance of \$xxx. We will have a deposit of \$xxx from the silent auction. There is one item (\$20) that is waiting to be picked up from the silent auction. We paid the Ramada \$xxx for the rental of space for the show.

Sheltered Living Christmas (SLI) Tree: Capital City delivered the Christmas tree to the Festival of Trees. We really appreciate their help with transporting the tree. The Auction for SLI will be Friday Night. Shirley, Kim, and Evelyn will be attending the auction.

Carve Outs: Mike will be teaching Nativity Scene ornaments for the December Carve out (Dec 14 and 16). We will have pizza for lunch (everyone will chip in). The January carve out will be Carving your own project. February- Barb Bennett will be teaching relief carving (a scene of trees).

Free Carving Classes: The free carving classes will be held at the January and February carve outs. If you are interested in helping teach a new carver, please attend. The first class will be on January 18 (we have one new carver signed up). On January 20 we have three signed up (Sue will provide comfort bird blanks). On February 15, we have five people signed up.

Seminars: January 12 and 13: Carlan will teach Scandinavian Flat Plane Carving. The cost will be \$100 (includes blank).

New Seminar addition: February 3-4: Warren Raucher will teach incised carving. The cost will be \$110 plus the blank.

Woodcarving Show: We discussed the evaluation comments. There were 18 surveys turned in. There were comments about the small room being dark; would like one room (vs two); electricity not available for one table). People had positive comments about the hotel rooms. Katrina will look at who didn't sign up at the show for next year. We had 24 ½ tables that were paid at the show for next year.

We discussed the place to hold next year's show. The large room upstairs at the Ramada is booked for 2018 and 2019. In addition, the cost is \$3,000, which is considerably higher than the two rooms downstairs. The Ramada will charge us the same price for the two rooms downstairs that we paid

this year (\$2,100). We will again have coffee/tea for both rooms for both days. A motion was made and accepted to have the show at the Ramada again next year. We discussed the availability of having a wireless microphone. Katrina will ask if we can have the hotel rooms for guests for \$58 again next year (this includes a breakfast). We discussed the judge for next year. Darrel will ask John Engler for suggestions. Discussed having help for people loading up at the end of the show.

Carving Demonstration: January 26 (Friday): Kansas History Museum (Mike, Shirley, Jim and Carol will demonstrate). April- Earth Day -at the Kansas History Museum. A motion was made and accepted to participate in the Mother Earth Fair next year. The cost is \$275.

Programs: Ideas for programs were discussed with many suggestions offered. For January, Carlan will talk with Bob Foster to see if he can present about trees and Forestry and for February Evelyn will check with SLI

Other ideas: Dan will contact the chainsaw carver for Spring/summer program, Darrel will contact the library art museum, Joetta will contact NOTO, Suggestion for Stone Nature Center

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party will be held Saturday December 9th- from 2-4 at the Church. There will be a white elephant exchange. David will unlock the door and Carlan/Mike will lock up.

There will be no newsletter in January

Brewster Place: Brewster Place will be on hold as Jolene Kovarik is retiring in December and a replacement for has not been chosen.

Other Items of Interest

If anyone has any local and/or regional art, woodcarving, or woodworking related events that club members might find of interest, email the information to mkeil87859@hotmail.com or give me a printed sheet with the details at the monthly meeting.

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Gretna Woodcarvers Retreat, Gretna , Nebraska. Feb. 8-11, 2018. 308-236-3307 or jrobb3@hotmail.com.

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Other:

For more than thirty years, the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library has hosted an art competition for three-dimensional arts and crafts. The ***Topeka Competition 33*** exhibit will be open **November 10, 2017 – January 7, 2018.**

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. Monetary donations are tax deductible. A receipt can be obtained from the treasurer.

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2018 Calendar**

Jan.	
12-13—Seminar	Flat Plane Carving w/Carlan Honaker. \$100 (blank included)
14—Monthly meeting	2-4 pm
18 & 20—Carve-out	TBA
26—Demonstration carving	Kansas Day @ State Historical Society Museum (9-3)
31—Board meeting	7-9 pm
Feb.	
11—Monthly meeting	2-4 pm
15 & 17—Carve-out	TBA
Mar.	
8 & 10—Carve-out	Bob Foster. 8-pointed star or pine cone
11—Monthly meeting	2-4 pm
15 & 16—Seminar	Charley Phillips. Carved vase from a turning. \$110 plus blank.
28—Board meeting	7-9 pm
Apr.	
8—Monthly meeting	2-4 pm
14 & 15—Seminar	Pyrography w/Jo Schwartz. \$170 plus blank
19 & 21—Carve-out	Ornaments for the Festival of Trees Christmas Tree.
25—Board meeting	7-9 pm
TBA	Demo Carving at Kansas History Museum
May	
4-6—Seminar	Relief Carving w/ John Engler. \$165 plus the blank.
17 & 19—Carve-out	Carlan Honaker. Santa face ornament
20—Monthly meeting	2-4 pm Change of date for Mother's Day.
June	
No Monthly Meeting	
8-10—Seminar	Bark Houses w/Ken Armsbury. \$145 plus bark.
14 & 16—Carve-out	Sylva Nichols. Wood burning

27—Board meeting

7-9 pm

July

8—Monthly meeting

12 & 14—Carve-out

1-4 pm Annual Picnic and Swap Meet

Jim Girard & Larry Hanson. Small caricature character

Aug.

4 & 5—Seminar

12—Monthly meeting

16 & 18—Carve-out

Stylized w/Sue Bergman. \$80 plus blank.

2-4 pm

Ornaments for the Festival of Trees Christmas Tree.

Sept.

9—Monthly meeting

14-16—Seminar

20 & 22—Carve-out

26—Board meeting

2-4 pm

Western Wildlife w/Debbie Edwards. \$190 plus blank

Dan Balocca. Tasting spoon or small hut

7-9 pm

Oct.

13-14—Demo carving

14—Monthly meeting

18 & 20—Carve-out

24—Board meeting

Mother Earth News Fair

2-4 pm

Mike Keil. Snowman or stacked pumpkins

7-9 pm

Nov.

8 & 10—Carve-out

11—Monthly meeting

15 & 16—Seminar

17 & 18—Annual Show

Work on Show Projects.

Annual election of officers.

Painting w/John Engler

\$65/day

Dec.

TBA—Festival of Trees (?)

13 & 15—Carve-out

Darrel Kellerman. Santa pin

TBA

Annual Christmas Gathering