



KAW CARVER

KAW VALLEY WOODCARVERS
P.O. Box 8603, Topeka, KS 66608

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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Due to CoVid-19 precautions, our Monthly meetings will **TEMPORARILY** be held at Carlan's studio at 4121 NW Brickyard Rd in Topeka. Visit us at our web site: w.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org

KVW Club Calendar Due to the current COVID-19 situation and in accordance with state and local guidelines, KVW activities may be modified, at least through August 1st. Please watch your email for updates or call if you have questions

June 18 & 20—Carve out

No set project. Bring your own carving project or help with the tree ornaments

June 20 -- Monthly meeting

9 am. This is just prior to the carve out. There will be no program, and no snacks to assign to someone. There will be plenty to discuss. We hope that you will come out and participate. If you have something you want to get on the agenda, email Katrina at kmeredith605@gmail.com

June 24 – Board Meeting

7 pm at Carlan's studio

July 12 – Annual Picnic

2 – 4 pm TBD

July 16 & 18 – Carve out

No set project Bring your own carving project or help with the tree Ornaments.

July 29 – Board Meeting

7 pm at Carlan's studio

Please note there have been changes to the KVW calendar (Still subject to change due to circumstances)

Seminars

John Engler Relief Carving Seminar—July 24-26. \$165 plus the blank.

Sue Bergman Stylized Leopard—September 26-27. \$80, includes the blank.

John Engler Painting Seminar—November 18-20. \$65 per day.

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. 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.

Carve Outs

June 18 & 20—Open

July 16 & 18—Open

August 13 & 15—SLI Tree

Sept. 26 & 27—Open

Oct. 15 & 17—Christmas Plaques/Gary Lady

Nov. 12 & 14—Work on Show Projects

Dec. 17 & 19—Open

January 12 & 14, 2021—Carol Beck, Relief Carving

All Brewster Place activities have been cancelled indefinitely as no visitors are allowed.

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. Seminars and carve-outs are held at Soldier Creek Studio, 4121 NW Brickyard Rd., Topeka, Kansas, unless noted otherwise. **OPEN CARVE OUTS**.....If no one volunteers to fill the vacancies, we will use those months for working on our own projects.

Member Meeting & Board Meeting Notes from May 2020

Membership is standing at 44. We discussed a variety of ways to get our name out to the public with the intent to increase our numbers. Rhonda volunteered to create and pass out flyers. Joetta moved that we pay Rhonda. Carol seconded. Joetta will repay Rhonda's costs.

Carlan has approximately 50 ornaments cut for the Sheltered Living Tree. He would like a total of 75.

The painting date is set for August 13 & 15. There are still ornaments to carve.

The show plans will move forward unless or until we hear otherwise. (CoVid updates) At this time we have sold approximately 12 tables. This does not include our 3 vendors. We are looking for volunteers for various areas up to and during the show. Please come to a meeting or contact Katrina if you would like to be part of the process this year. We have 2 raffle pieces this year. Raffle tickets and photos will be passed out at the July picnic.

There have been several discussions over the months concerning changes that could be considered to bring in new members and get more people interested in the art of carving. We are asking for your help.

Do you have an idea? Have you ever wondered "what if we tried...."? Do you know of an event or program that may be interested a demonstration or hands on experience with us. We are trying for a fresh look to pull in new members and revitalize participation of our current members. Some areas to consider are signs, flyers, advertising ideas and community events. The carving community has lost several great shows recently. Let's work together to keep our club off of that list!

This is your club too! Please, share your ideas and opinions. If you can't make a meeting, send an email to any of the officer or committee members.

The Board meeting discussions included permanently moving our member meetings to Saturday Carve out at 9 am. Our group has become so small that we fit comfortably in Carlan's studio.

By having the meeting coupled with the carve out, we would save the club \$ 400.00 annually.

That savings could allow us to participate in other activities in and around Topeka as well as help with some advertising to get our name out there. As a valued member, your opinions, ideas and input are very important to the club. Please participate in a meeting or contact a board or committee member with your thoughts.

We have had 2 members resign their positions recently. There are now several openings on both the Officer and the Committee lists. Here is the current roster.

Elected Officers

President -- Katrina Meredith

1st Vice President -- VACANT

2nd Vice President -- VACANT

Secretary -- Carol Beck

Treasurer -- Joetta Lady

District Representative – Carlan Honaker

Committee Chairpersons

Annual Show -- Katrina Meredith / Joan Smith

Festival of Trees -- Carlan Honaker

Membership -- Joetta Lady

Carve Outs -- Sue Bergman

Newsletter -- VACANT

Programs -- VACANT

Seminars -- VACANT

Refreshments -- VACANT

Advertising -- VACANT

Another one of the benefits of moving our member meetings to the same day as our Saturday carve out, the Refreshment and Programs Committees would no longer need to be filled.

From around the carving communities

Silver Dollar City Opens June 13 to pass holders and June 15 to the public. New safety guidelines in Place include limited daily numbers, masks, temperature checks, etc. Visit their site for more details.

Doane Woodcarving Experience is July 19-25 in Crete, Nebraska. **CANCELLED**

Burke's Western & Wildlife Art Workshop is July 25-30, 2020 at Doane University in Crete Nebraska.

The web site is www.westernwoodcarvers.com or you can call Nancy Burke at 402-623-4383.

Great Plains Woodcarvers 54th Annual Show and Sale is Oct. 3-4, 2020 at the Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd., Wichita, Kansas.

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.