

Our Guild meets the second Thursday of each month all year round at 6:30 P.M. at the Woodcraft located at the Overland Park Shopping Center at

7005 West Overland Road, Boise ID 83709 (208) 338-1190.



Next Meeting March 9th

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2017 President's Message

Greetings Carvers,

The past month has been amazing. We had the highest attendance at a club meeting for quite some time thanks in part to the influx of new members, but also to the return of some who have had other obligations that got in the way of their participation for a time, but are now back with us. Don Brigham gave us an excellent presentation on finishes and finishing. Our club was in the spotlight at the Victory branch of the Ada County Library with a display of members' work and demonstrations on February 25 from a team led by Jane Eubanks. And to cap it all off, we had a very successful 2017 Idaho Artistry in Wood Show, where attendance jumped to 1586, up more than 500 people from the previous high mark since the show was revived in 2009 under the auspices of the Idaho Artistry in Wood Association.

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For our part, 49 carvers and pyrographers entered a total of 124 pieces, a good showing, but one we would like to see improve. Total entries in the show from the five groups exceeded 400 for the second year in a row. We appreciate all those who entered the competition as well as those who brought additional works for display. A special feature this year was a display of the work of our judges, Ted Smith and Vic Otto together with works by CCA member Ryan Ol-I do not have the space, records or memory that will allow me to mention all who contributed to the success of the show, so I can only acknowledge the outstanding spirit and support from all who helped by entering your work, by assisting **Eric Owens** with set-up, take down, return of entries and demonstrations at the club table, by working with **John Greener** on registration, supporting **Gene Fuller** in the arranging of pieces and clerking for the judges, helping Steve Moreno with raffle, auction and banquet items and ticket sales, as well as help given at the admissions and silent auction tables and in door security, or those who helped in any other way. Eric and I will bring cutouts and other donated items to the next meeting to hand out as tokens of gratitude for all those who volunteered their help. Speaking of the next meeting, Gene Fuller has prepared a new project for us to work on with help from Larry Crist and Bob Rudkin, so come prepared to do some fun carving. See you on March 9.

<u>Dues</u>

The Guild has maintained ridiculously low annual dues of \$20 for a family membership for many years. There is no plan to increase the amount. This is probably the best bargain in the Treasure Valley as you get materials, instruction and many other benefits from the club. We operate on a fiscal year beginning September 1. Almost everyone has paid for this year, but there are a few who need to renew their membership for the 2016-2017 period. If you have not renewed since last September, please get your payment to <u>Jane</u>. She accepts cash or checks



March Guild Project



Upcoming
Guild
projects





Ambassador <u>Don Brigham</u>

addressed forty one persons about issues of painting and finishing projects at our last meeting, complete with handouts and hard learned tips.

Show and Tell from February's Meeting



Front and back by Gene Fuller





Did you happen to notice that Beck received a First in Open for his Whimsical Bark house



President Doug shared something that was very special about this wood, be sure to ask him about it.