

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

August 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

MEETINGS RECESS: There will be no business meeting in August, but open carving will continue at both locations where we meet. The Wednesday morning sessions at Larry Crist's have recessed for the summer.

SAVE THE DATE: The IWG Summer Picnic will be on September 7 at 6:30pm. The location will be once again at Tony Sciascia's home at 2246 E Horse Creek Ct In Meridian.

Show Off Your Carving Skills and Meet New Friends!

The Idaho Woodcarvers Guild is excited to announce our participation in this year's Western Idaho Fair! Come join us and share your passion for woodcarving with the community. We'll be demonstrating our craft and meeting new people in the cool comfort of the air-conditioned exhibit hall.

Want to join the fun? We're offering FREE tickets to guild members who want to help out. Just sign up [using this link](#) or call Phil Kelly at 208-860-7567. As of publication time, twelve of the sixteen slots have been filled. The remaining times available are:

- Friday, August 16th: 6-8pm - 1 spot remaining
- Saturday, August 17th: 6-8pm - 1 spot remaining
- Sunday, August 18th: 6-8pm - 2 spots remaining

Don't worry about carving alone – we'll pair you up with another carver for each time slot.



Join us for the Dry Creek Historical Society's 15th Annual Old Time Farm Day!

To celebrate their 160th anniversary, the Dry Creek Historical Society is hosting a fun-filled day for the whole family on **Sunday, September 29th from 12-5pm**. Step back in time at this historic farmstead and enjoy live music, exciting children's activities, traditional games, engaging demonstrations, a silent auction, delicious baked goods, and more!

A variety of unique vendors will be on-site.

Interested in having an IWG booth at the event? Contact Larry Crist to explore this opportunity.

Woodcraft Expo

Mark your calendars for August 24th! The Idaho Woodcarvers Guild will be at the Woodcraft Expo, offering live carving demos and information about our group. Come see us and experience the magic of woodcarving!



Northwest Carving Academy: 2024 Recap

The Northwest Carving Academy (NCA) in Ellensburg, Washington is a must-attend event for woodcarvers of all skill levels! This year marked over a decade of incredible learning and camaraderie for carvers from across the region.

What to Expect at NCA:

- **Diverse Instruction:** Hone your skills with a wide range of classes, from chip carving and mammal carving to Northwest Native American art and spoon carving (including knife making!). This year, caricature carving took center stage with three dedicated instructors.
- **Something for Everyone:** Whether you're a seasoned expert or a curious beginner, NCA offers a welcoming environment for all. Learn from experienced instructors, share knowledge with fellow carvers, and be inspired by the stunning creations on display.
- **Beyond Carving:** Expand your artistic horizons with basket making and quilting workshops. Relax and connect with other attendees during evening ice socials, talent shows, raffles, and an exciting auction.
- **Convenient Location:** The air-conditioned venue boasts excellent lighting, a kitchen, and on-site camping facilities. Motels are also readily available nearby at reasonable prices.

Idaho Woodcarvers Unite!

This year, a strong contingent of 9 carvers from Idaho attended the NCA event. We encourage carvers from all over to join us next year!

Ready to Learn More?

Visit the [website](#) to explore the NCA event and plan your participation in 2025. Have questions? Feel free to contact Larry Crist for further information.

This is a chance to elevate your woodcarving skills, connect with passionate artists, and create lasting memories at NCA!

Idaho carvers Bill Splaine and Kemp Letts shared photos of their Santa carvings from the class they took with Pat Moore. Larry Crist also shared photos of his projects from the NCA event. See their projects in the gallery below.



Bill Splaine



Kemp Letts



Larry Crist



Larry Crist



Sheryl Tolliver's chickadee and Gerard Pope's goldfinch from Doug Rose' bird carving class.



Tony Sciascia



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Jerry Robertson

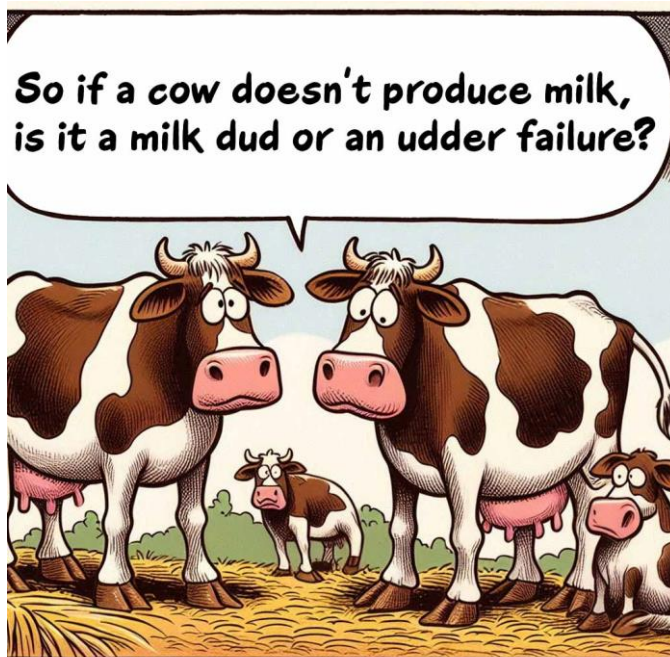
Open Carving Opportunities

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Open Carving at Woodcraft is held on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. with Eric Owens in charge. Bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship. We are working on making some carving projects available for those who are new to woodcarving.

Meridian

Open Carving at the Senior Center is held on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30–3:30p.m. in the center at Kleiner Park, 1920 N Records Way, Meridian. Club leaders provide instruction for new carvers. Experienced carvers can bring their own projects. The Senior Center asks participants to make a donation when they sign in of \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members to help cover their expenses.



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