

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

March 2025

Newsletter

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MARCH MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 13, at 6:00 PM at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on the following Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 PM at the Meridian Senior Center.

Festival of Trees

Exciting news! The Guild is thrilled to announce our participation in this year's Festival of Trees. We will be contributing a stunning tabletop tree, and we need your creativity to make it shine.

We encourage all members to craft hand-carved ornaments, each within a 3–4 inch size limit. There's no designated theme, so let your imagination run wild and create designs that truly inspire you.

You can submit your completed ornaments to Cathy Carson or Jairus Taylor at any time throughout the year. If you need pattern ideas, Cathy is more than happy to assist. The Guild will provide the wood for your creations; just let Eric know the specific cutout dimensions you require.

Thank you for your creativity and support in making this event a success! Let's make our tree the talk of the festival.



Idaho Artistry in Wood Show 2025

Get ready to be amazed by the incredible craftsmanship at this year's Idaho Artistry in Wood Show! Mark your calendars for a weekend filled with stunning woodwork, engaging demonstrations, and a vibrant community of artisans. Here's everything you need to know about this exciting event:

Event Details:

- Date & Time:
 - Saturday, March 29: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Sunday, March 30: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Location: 5th floor of the JUMP building in downtown Boise
- Admission: \$5 (free for children 12 and under)

Schedule Highlights:

- Entry Registration/Drop-off: Friday, March 28, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Entry Pickup: Sunday, March 30, at 4:00 PM

Registration and Entry Fees:

Participants can register their pieces for the competition through the show's [website](#). Here's how the fees break down:

- Advance Registration: First 5 pieces are free; additional pieces are \$5 each.
- At the Door Entries: \$10 each.

Artisan Booth and Sales: Interested in selling your creations? Register for an Artisan booth and showcase your items to attendees.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Idaho Woodworkers Guild (IWG) needs volunteers to ensure the show runs smoothly. Here are the roles available:

Security Volunteers:

- Monitor wristbands at the entrance.
- Provide information and answer attendee questions.
- Ensure no one walks off with competition pieces.
- Remind attendees not to touch display pieces.

Booth Volunteers:

- Provide carving demonstrations.
- Answer questions about the guild.
- Maintain vigilance over display pieces.



Friday Check-in and Judging Volunteers:

- Set up the guild's display shelving.
- Assist with the registration process for both pre-registered and door entries.
- Help with piece placement and judging logistics.
- Record judging results and assist with ribbon distribution.

Sunday Teardown Volunteers:

- Escort competitors to collect their pieces.
- Dismantle the guild's display shelving.

Join us for a weekend of artistry, community, and inspiration! Don't miss the chance to witness the beauty of wood craftsmanship and support local talent. [Visit the website](#) for more information and to register for the event. We look forward to seeing you there!

MONTHLY PROJECTS

The Guild is dedicated to fostering and promoting the art of woodcarving, pyrography (wood-burning), and other wood artistry forms. Our weekly open carving sessions are an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn about tools, safety, basic techniques, and the types of wood used.

Guild leaders are available to provide an introduction to woodcarving. Our open carving sessions are held weekly at the following times and locations:

1. **Thursday Evenings:** 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Woodcraft. This session is ideal for those who work during the day or live in the eastern part of the valley.
2. **Tuesday Afternoons:** 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at Kleiner Park, 1920 Records Way, Meridian. The Senior Center requests a donation of \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members per session to help cover costs. This session is perfect for those who prefer daytime gatherings or live west of downtown Boise.

Each month, we plan a project to help novice carvers try new techniques and improve their skills. An experienced member will lead the project and provide one-on-one assistance as needed. Loaner tools are available, and materials will be provided whenever possible.

Upcoming Projects:

- **March:** Painting
- **April:** Spoons
- **May:** Chip Carving or Relief Carving

We look forward to seeing you at our sessions and helping you develop your woodcarving skills!



IWG Scholarship Program

Thanks largely to the proceeds from past Idaho Woodcarvers Guild and Idaho Artistry in Wood shows, the Guild has some surplus funds available that should be used in keeping with our status as a non-profit educational organization. With this in mind, the IWG provides a scholarship program that allows club members to apply for partial reimbursement of money spent on a class, seminar or workshop that helps them improve their carving, painting or other artistic skills used in producing wood carvings. Members who are up to date with their club dues may apply once each year for a scholarship to reimburse them for up to ½ the cost of a course they have completed. The amount approved cannot exceed the dues paid by the member since joining the Guild. Those who receive this support should plan to share what they learned with others at a future meeting. Scholarship applications may be submitted at any time during the calendar year to be reviewed by the Executive Committee for approval. The Board may limit scholarship funding each year to maintain sufficient reserves to keep the club in a healthy financial position.

Application for IWG Scholarship

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Course, class or program attended: _____

Provider: _____ Location: _____

Brief description of instruction received:

Amount paid: _____ Year: _____

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Executive Committee action: Approved: _____ Not approved: _____ Date: _____

Date awarded: _____



Share photos of your
projects. Send photos to
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Open Carving Opportunities

Boise

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 12:30-3:30 p.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.

Tips from the Experts



- Use good wood. - *Dennis Thornton*
- Before buying a carving tool, try it out under carving conditions, not just on a scrap stick.
- *Joe "Shoes" Schumacher*
- When carving, use a slicing motion to cut the wood fibers--do not just "push" your tool into the wood. - *Sandy Smith*



What do you call a cow with only two legs? Eileen.

Media

Website: <http://idahowoodcarversguild.org/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYHBkob1WFSPgMaydZ7Yfw>

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