

# TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

## California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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## Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Sat. Feb 14, 2015 (Valentine's Day)  
10:30 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)  
Pleasanton Senior Center

## From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

Here we are starting another new year of carving for the Tri Valley Carvers. Our January meeting agenda included elections of officers. I am pleased to say that all of the officers have agreed and have been elected to serve another two-year term. A new officer, Paul Fackler, has taken a new position in the officers as the Correspondence Secretary. This new position relieves some of the secretarial load from our Secretary, Joan Cousins. We also have continuing for editor of the club newsletter, webmaster, CCG Director, CCG advisor, show chairman, and assistant show chairman. Thank you all for your support to our organization. It is with this kind of support from our members that we will continue to keep our club growing strong and promoting wood carving. Congratulations to all the new officers and volunteers.

The annual planned budget for 2015 has been completed! Mike Pocha & I divided the budget into two categories, as was done in previous budgets, separating the regular club operating expenses from show incomes/expenses. Looking at the total 2015 plan, we should come out the end of the year with a near flat minus \$109 keeping us good as a nonprofit organization. The positive side of the budget still provides for growth in membership and promoting carving in the community with our annual show and teaching. Some of the money comes from an assumed increase of 10% in new members, better sales of soap kits, and donations from our school teachings. The net show dollars comes out fairly flat with similar income/expenses. All in all, the bottom line for the budget comes out closely balanced, giving us a good start for the year in forecasted monies and some goals to work on the rest of the year. Details are shown in the comments as distributed in the attached 2015 budget.

During the past week, Paul Fackler, Merv Cornelsen, Mike Pocha, Dave Boles, Rose Rodriguez, Rick Jensen, and I are teaching wood carving at a new Charter middle school in Oakland. We have been working on a River Otter as a project. The kids also may, as time permits, work on other projects. In order to bring these projects more to the attention of the public, we are providing admissions logistics and costs for

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**March 2-27, 2015: Mantica Carvers** Display of a variety of carvings, from 9:00am-4:00pm, at the Mantica Senior Center.

**April 4, 2015: Alviso Adobe Spring Festival, Pleasanton**, Demonstration and soap carving. Always an enjoyable day carving outside under the oak trees.

**April 19-25, 2015: Oakhurst Rendezvous:** Check out the new website. They have a list of the classes that are available so far.

[www.oakhurstwoodcarversrendezvous.com](http://www.oakhurstwoodcarversrendezvous.com)  
\$50.00 deposit to reserve your spot.

**April 26-29, 2015: Janet Cordell & Debbie Edwards**, 4 day carving class. \$300.00+ rough outs. Sacramento, CA. Contact Andy Hirsshima (916) 393-2028.

**May 16-17, 2015: Makers Faire:** San Mateo Exhibition Center. Six to eight volunteers needed. Contact Ken Morgan. [kjasmorgan55@comcast.net](mailto:kjasmorgan55@comcast.net)

**May 30-31, 2015: Santa Clara Valley Carvers Show:** Will be held at the Branham HS Gym, 1570 Branham Lane, San Jose, CA, from 10:00am-4:00pm. [joacarro@gmail.com](mailto:joacarro@gmail.com)

**June 17- July 5: Alameda County Fair:** It's never too early to start thinking about the days you want to sign up to demo carve or to start that project that you were planning on entering. This year's theme: Rock the Red, White, and Blue.

**September 2015: Tri-Valley Carvers Show:** Set-up, Fri., 9/18. Show on Saturday & Sunday, 9/19-20/15, 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission is FREE!

## From The Pres (Cont)

entering their projects at the Alameda County Fair again this year. Check out the details of this class in the "Bulletin Board" and the pictures in this newsletter.

We have several items to review this month, as we prepare for upcoming events:

Raffle items for this year's show: Our focus is donations from members or business on 5 items, TOOLS, CARVINGS, BURNINGS, TURNINGS, GIFT BASKETS/CERTIFICATES, as we did last year. We must start receiving commitments for these items by the meeting March 14th, so we can have pictures/descriptions to start advertising in the website and with hand outs at our various demos. The success of this process depends on selling tickets early on in the year before and during the show. Items made and donated by the members should be ready for display at the Fair. Please contact Bill Bender with your commitments by the March meeting.

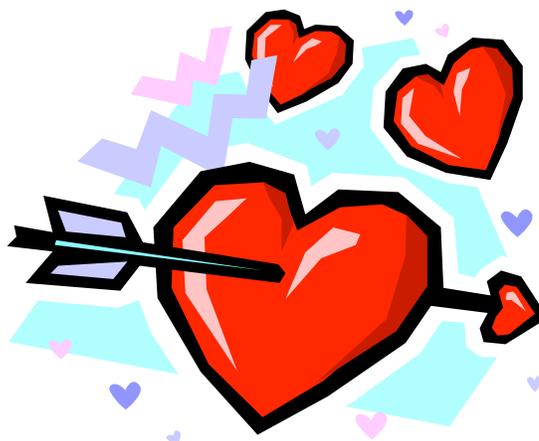
The Oakhurst Rendezvous April 19 – 26th: The Rendezvous is a week of real fun for all carvers. Entry forms and information will be available at the business meeting. We will have two tables available for presentations and selling our soap carving kits. Paul indicates we have 12 kits and plenty of materials ready for the start of a new year.

## Birthdays!

So far, our records show just 1 member born in this month:

**Mieko Tachibana**  
**Happy Birthday!**

**If you were born this month, please tell our Editor, Mike Pocha (see front page for contact info).**



## Bulletin Board

**[:] Video: Carving Native American Artifacts:** Lydia and Bill Bender are sharing an extremely interesting video featuring excerpts of carvings by Fortunate Eagle. We will see how a ceremonial pipe is carved, plus the art of totem pole carving. The video will be shown during the first half of our Club meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14.

**[:] East Bay Innovation Academy:** The seven members of the “woodcarving faculty” conducted a week long carving class at the Academy last week. We carved daily for three hours and had the 16 very enthusiastic 11-12 year olds try their hand at carving a 4” baseball bat and the stylized otter. You think that you have a problem signing up for classes at Oakhurst? Well, we had 96 kids [out of a school population of 209] sign up for 16 spots!!

Some thoughts from students about the class: From Derin, “I understand that carving is harder than it looks. It’s really fun and we got to use German knives.” [Butz knives] Nailah says, “What I liked about carving is the creativity...I liked that it was a challenge. It was funner than I expected.” Nick said, “What I liked best...is turning a block of wood into something else. I like this because once you are finished you can look back and remember what you started with. Something that was frustrating for me is the changing of the grain in the wood.” [when carving the otter’s belly] “Carving isn’t what I suspected it too be at all. Before I thought that it was super easy and didn’t take much skill. After all I did, I find it fun because you have a feeling of accomplishment when it’s finished.”

**[:] Dave Gregory:** Let us all keep Dave in our thoughts as he continues to have health problems. He feels pretty good after his transfusions, but soon gets weak. A kind word of encouragement would be appreciated, I’m sure. You can reach Dave at Doris’s 925-862-9903

**[:] Mantica Carvers Carving Display:** Beatrice Machado, of the Mantica Carvers, is sponsoring a display of her carving group’s carvings at the Mantica Senior Center [corner of Center St and Cherry St.], from March 2 to March 27, 9:00am-4:00pm. Some items that will be featured are canes, fish, and a bobble head collection.

**[:] “MONTHLY SHOW & TELL”:** Requested format:  
 (1) Created by member and completely finished (2) Type of wood/material if known (3) Steps in creating the piece (4) Approximate time involved. **NOTE:** Bring your “share” item(s) prior to our meeting and, if possible, let Bob Kehl know in advance what you are bringing. **Perfection does NOT count, Participation does! See you soon J**

## Bulletin Board Cont.

**[:] Send/give YOUR NEWS; items WANTED; items FOR SALE; QUESTIONS; INTERESTING INFO; etc to Mike Pocha, Editor and Treasurer, and he will post it here on YOUR Club Bulletin Board for all to see! This is YOUR information site so take advantage of it. ALSO SEEN by OTHER CLUBS ... AND it’s FREE!!!!**

## Meeting Highlights

1-10-2015 Minutes taken & transcribed by  
Joan Cousins

**PRE-MEETING (9:00 – 10:30):** General camaraderie!  
**“Show & Tell Time”:** WHAT WILL YOUR SHARE BE? Let Bob Kehl know by the end of the month. (OR bring something anyway!)

**MEETING OPENED:** 10:30am by Bob Kehl, Pres.  
**SECRETARY REPORT:** Nov 2014 minutes accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** \*\*\* East Bay Innovation Academy; intersession Feb 2-6 from 10:30 – noon. 25 students, first 12 free, remainder pay \$35.00 each. \*\*\* Lady in Antioch with tools and wood to donate. Lady wants horse carved from Redwood (call Ken Morgan).

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Deposits include wood sales, Christmas raffle & lunches; plus donation to Cane fund. Expenses Christmas lunches and web site.

**MOTION:** Rick Jensen moved Dave Boles 2<sup>nd</sup>, accepted as submitted, motion passed.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** \*\*\* Donated green Walnut is drying and available to members. Free bag of Bass scraps priced and available for sale.

**TVC WEB SITE:** \*\*\* Lydia asks for notification when requests have been completed. \*\*\* Paul suggests suggestion box be put on Web site.

**CCG:** Ken asks Bob to mention “Makers Fair” at the Feb CCG meeting and ask for participation. Rena Gooding (S.C.) has been notified.

**VETS CANES: Clarification:** canes are carved and awarded to Purple Heart VETS, with some exceptions. More VETS are requesting canes.

**BUSINESS: \*\*\* MOTION:** Rick J. moved, Lydia B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. “Add TVC By-Laws to our Web site with brief description of tasks”, passed. **MOTION:** Mike P. moved, Rick J. 2<sup>nd</sup>. “Divide the Secretary position to create a Recording Secretary and a Correspondence Secretary and that these positions be added to our By-Laws with brief description of tasks” passed.

**2015 ELECTION OF OFFICERS = RESULTS:**  
 PRESIDENT = Bob Kehl; VICE PRESIDENT = Ken Morgan; RECORDING SECRETARY = Joan Cousins; CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY = Paul Fackler;

TREASURER = Mike Pocha; CCG ADVISOR = Dave Boles.

**CLASSES and EVENTS:** \*\*\* Please see “Mark your Calendar” in the newsletter for complete information and dates. \*\*\* FHF interested in TVC teaching carving class.

**TVC SHOW INFO:** \*\*\* Merv is working with City to secure Sept 19 & 20 for our 2015 Show. Table set up and judging entries submitted on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Banner to be hung 1 week before our Show.

**CARVING OPPORTUNITIES and COMING EVENTS:** Check you Newsletter for dates of Events!

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** \*\*\* Dave Gregory is still having difficulties with kidney stones and low red blood cell production as well as other issues. Cards can be sent c/o Doris Miller, Box 1, Sunol CA 94586, or phone her/him at 925-862-9903. \*\*\* Great to see our newest members, Claudia and Kay at our business meeting!

**MONTHLY TICKET WINNER:** Ken Morgan won the TVC \$15.00 Gift Certificate to be spent for TVC wood, patches, vest, tote bags, or any other merchandise offered by TVC! *This could be YOU at our next meeting, IF; you are present during the drawing and have a current paid up membership!*

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**“THINK ABOUT’S”**©  
 by Joan Cousins, 2-2015

**Bed and Breakfast**



“Time for a break now that the Holidays are over and things are getting back to ‘normal!’” jc  
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**√ CHECK IT OUT**

By Paul Fackler

**New Videos** (As featured in *The Log*, Jan-Feb, 2015)

<http://cdn.instructables.com/FXB/JB2N/HTFYD3ZK/FXBJB2NHTFYD3ZK.LARGE.jpg>

This technique can be used to fix and remove dents from damaged furniture, wood floors, etc.

**Step 1: What you'll need**

- An iron, to steam the dent out of the wood.
- Paper towel
- Water

**Step 2: Steam the wood**

- Put a dab of water on the affected area. Just enough to cover the dent(s).
- Cover it with your paper towel/rag. At this point, the water will wick through the material. That's fine.
- Now, with your iron on its highest setting, hold it over the affected area and make small movements back and forth and in circles. Press down firmly and continue until your paper towel is dry. It won't take long to evaporate.
- At this point, the wood fibers are absorbing the water and should expand back to where they were originally.
- Continue this process and repeat by adding more water until the dents rise up to be flush with the rest of the material.

**Step 3: Sand smooth**

At this point, the area around your dents should be pretty smooth. Use some sandpaper to go over the area lightly. It won't take much and you'll be able to get the wood back to looking like nothing ever happened to it!



# Some Photos from Oakland Class

By Merv Cornelsen



# Santa Clara Valley Carvers Competition

## May 30-31, 2015

*Branham High School, 1570 Branham Lane, San Jose, CA*

***DEADLINE: Must be received by May 15, 2015***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CCG# \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Table 8 ft \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (2 free entries in competition)

Table-half \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Table 8ft \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (2 free entries in competition) Retail Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Entries only \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (no more than 3 entries total)

Total Submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any requests? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Retail Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ --Exhibitors without resale # who want to sell, may use SCVC resale # for this event

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Santa Clara Valley Carvers**

**MAIL TO: Rena Gooding, 1503 Bergerac Drive, San Jose, CA 95118**

**MORE INFO: Rena Gooding 408-705-6514 [rena@gooding.org] or Joanne Carroll 408-398-5991 [joacarro@gmail.com]**

**Category Entry form:** Please use one entry form for each carver entering the competition. Refer to the Carver's Guide to CCG Carving Competition for entry rules, class and category descriptions.

**Class:** (circle one) Junior Novice Advanced Expert

### Categories

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SM Schooled or Mentored      | <input type="checkbox"/> GO Gourds                  | <input type="checkbox"/> OR Ornamental                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RM Roughout & Machine Carved | <input type="checkbox"/> HB Human, Burned           | <input type="checkbox"/> SD Shore Bird Decoys               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BB Bird Burned               | <input type="checkbox"/> HC Human Caricature        | <input type="checkbox"/> SA Santa                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BC Bird Caricature           | <input type="checkbox"/> HF Human Fantasy           | <input type="checkbox"/> AR Perspective Relief              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BK Bark Carving              | <input type="checkbox"/> HCG Human Caricature Group | <input type="checkbox"/> RB Burned Relief                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BN Bird Natural              | <input type="checkbox"/> HG Human Group             | <input type="checkbox"/> GR General Relief                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BP Bird Painted              | <input type="checkbox"/> HN Human Natural           | <input type="checkbox"/> PR Painted Relief                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BS Bird Stylized             | <input type="checkbox"/> HP Human Painted           | <input type="checkbox"/> TC Turning with Carving            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DD Decorative Decoy          | <input type="checkbox"/> HS Human Stylized          | <input type="checkbox"/> TR Turning                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CA Carousel Animal           | <input type="checkbox"/> KD Kuchina Dolls           | <input type="checkbox"/> UT Utilitarian                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CC Chip Carving              | <input type="checkbox"/> IM Inlays & Marquetry      | <input type="checkbox"/> WC Wood Crafting                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CF Carved Footwear           | <input type="checkbox"/> IN Intarsia                | <input type="checkbox"/> WD Wood Crafting w/Carving         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CJ Carved Jewelry            | <input type="checkbox"/> LP Little People           | <input type="checkbox"/> WH Whittling                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CP Carved Pipes              | <input type="checkbox"/> MI Miscellaneous           | <input type="checkbox"/> WS Walking Stick & Canes           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CS Carved Spoons             | <input type="checkbox"/> MB Mammal Burned           | <input type="checkbox"/> TM Team Carving (other name _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DR Driftwood                 | <input type="checkbox"/> MC Mammal Caricature       | <input type="checkbox"/> XC Mixed Caricature                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DS Service Decoy             | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Mammal Natural          | <input type="checkbox"/> CM Mixed Category                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FB Fish Burned               | <input type="checkbox"/> MP Mammal Painted          | <input type="checkbox"/> FS Fish/Reptile Stylized           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FC Fish Caricature           | <input type="checkbox"/> MS Mammal Stylized         | <input type="checkbox"/> PC Carved Plants                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FR Fish Natural              | <input type="checkbox"/> NF Non-human Fantasy       | <input type="checkbox"/> PY Pyrography                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FP Fish Stylized             | <input type="checkbox"/> NR Non-representational    | <input type="checkbox"/> RN Reptile Natural                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RB Reptile Burned            | <input type="checkbox"/> RC Reptile Caricature      | <input type="checkbox"/> RS Reptile Stylized                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RN Reptile Natural           | <input type="checkbox"/> RP Reptile Painted         | <input type="checkbox"/> XF - Plains Style Flute            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DI - Diorama                 | <input type="checkbox"/> MO - Carved Models         |   |

# Local Carving Opportunities

## Monday

**Manteca/Tracy area:** contact Beatrice Machado (209) 835-2075 or Gordon Moody (209) 835-2781

**San Jose area:** 9:00am – 2:00pm; contact Joanne Carroll (408) 398.5991.

## Tuesday

**Tri-Valley area:** at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.; in a fully loaded wood shop that includes a variety of wood for sale; 9:00am – 4:00pm: (\$1.75 resident, \$2.25 non-resident) contact Bob Kehl (925) 443-5632.

**Hayward area:** Hayward Senior Center, N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., \$2.00 per day, 9:00am – 3:30pm: contact Joel Ellihoff (510) 537-9463

**Tri-City area:** ***NEW:*** WOOD CARVING/BURNING group starts October 7, 2014; every Tuesday evening, 6:00pm – 9:00pm. LOCATION: Ruggier Sr. Center, 33997 Alvarado Niles Road, Union City CA 94587, (510) 489-6629. FEES: \$3.00 drop in per night; OR \$35.00 yearly membership for local U.C. residence; OR \$45.00 yearly for **non**-residence. Membership includes participation in all other multiple activities and classes that the Center offers. Contact Ernie Anaya (510) 487-1568 or Joan Cousins (510) 471-6401. One and all are welcome, bring your tools and a hunk of wood and drop in!

## Wednesday

**Wednesday night carvers in Tri-City area:** Community Center, Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont: 6:45pm – 8:45pm: (Free) contact Bob Larsen (510) 795-1275 (*They could use support.*)

**Wednesday night carvers Tri-Valley area:** Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.; 6:00pm – 8:00pm. (\$4.00) contact Ken Morgan (925) 548-5486 [kjasmorgan55@comcast.net](mailto:kjasmorgan55@comcast.net)

## Thursday

**Thursday evening carvers, San Jose area:** 7pm-9pm, (FREE) Joanne Carroll (408) 398-5991

## Wood Inventory

### Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.

Qty	Description	Price
2	1x8x12	\$8.00
2	1x10x12	\$10.00
3	2x2x4	\$2.00
1	2x2x12	\$4.00
2	2x10x12	\$19.00
4	2x10x12	\$17.00
3	3x5x12	\$14.00
2	4x6x12	\$23.00
1	5x6x18	\$33.00
3	Basswood Bark Boards	\$15.00
2	2x8x12 Jelutong	\$7.00

### Plus

### We also have:

Spalted Maple, Liquid Amber, Walnut, Olive,  
Sycamore and several others.  
Contact Ken Morgan.