

TRI – VALLEY WOODCARVERS

California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Sat. June 13, 2015
10:30 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)
Pleasanton Senior Center

From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

Hello TVC Carvers, the Alameda County Fair event is almost here again! Timing this year for preparations for fair is really close! This year we will be delivering our entries and starting work on the club display cabinet on June 12th at 10am. Since we have a club business meeting on the 13th, you can also bring your entries and your best carvings to complete the display on Saturday at the fair after the meeting. The Fair theme this year is “Rock the red white and blue.” Ken and I are carving a sculpture of a free standing face and hands playing a trumpet. We are using music notes on a scale as a part of the sculpture. This is Ken’s idea to cover the “Rock” in the Fair’s theme. Ken is carving the face and I am carving the hands holding the horn. Mike is working the music scale and notes for the sculpture. We will, as usual decorate with the flag banners and red white and blue cloth. This fits really well for the theme. We will be having our woodcarving demos and the kid’s soap carving event on “Kids Day Fridays.” A signup list for the demo and soap carving is available from Paul Fackler. It is important to get on the list, so receiving free Fair entry and parking tickets can be established. You also can see who your “Carving Buddy” is for a particular time. We will be passing out flyers for our show and selling raffle tickets, so we will coordinate a carver with the raffle prize tote and monies each day. Big thanks to Lydia and Bill Bender for the raffle prize effort again this year! We are showing off our Clubs carving diversity again this year, so we need your best carvings for the display cabinet. Remember to bring your carvings for the display and your entries on the 12th or Saturday 13th after the meeting, so we can put the display together. We will complete the display in the afternoon.

Our TVC wood carving teaching sessions at the East Bay Innovation Academy and Pleasanton schools are complete for this year. We had 28 kids wood carving in the classes total this year. The carvings at Vintage Hills School are owls and 12 kids are entering their carvings for judging at the Alameda County Fair. At the Academy, we carved River Otters and some wrens and 5 kids entering their carvings, some with two carvings. Our club is sponsoring the kid’s carving this year in the Fair’s youth wood carving competition. Thanks again to club members Paul Fackler, Rick Jensen, Bob Kehl, Ken Morgan, John Peterson, Rose Rodriguez & Mike Pocha for volunteering their time each week for the past school year in the public school system to teach these students the art and the joy of wood carving.

Only four TVC members entered carvings or turnings in the Santa Clara Show this year.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 11-12: Pacific Flyways Show: Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento. www.pacificflyway.org

June 12: 10:30 A.M. TVC Business Meeting

June 17- July 5: Alameda County Fair: Time is growing short if you want to sign up to demo carve and represent our Club at the Hobby Bldg. Sign-ups are on Tuesday at carving or Sat. 6-13 at the meeting. Email your day/time preferences to Paul at pdfac@comcast.net or phone (925) 462-1847. Demo time blocks are 11:00am-2:00pm and 2:00-5:00pm. We also need sign-ups for soap carving with the kids on Friday, 6-26 & 7-3; 11-2:00pm. Fair hours are 11am-11pm. Closed Mondays.

July 18-19: Art Under the Oaks: Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Set up on Fri, July 17, 10:00am. We will be selling raffle tickets for the Show. Those interested in carving demo or selling tables, contact Bob by June 30. rjkehl@comcast.net We also need volunteers to help with the two soap carving tables.

September 12: Central Coast Woodcarvers Show: Their 38th annual show will be celebrated at the Cayucos Vets' Hall, 10 Cayucos Dr., Cayucos, from 10am-5:00pm. For information, contact George Newell at 805-542-2932 or email: gnewellpoly@hotmail.com

September 19-20: Tri-Valley Carvers Show: Set-up, Fri., 9-18. Show on Saturday & Sunday, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission is FREE! There is still time to work on those projects to enter and to turn in your application to reserve your tables.

Birthdays!

So far, our records show 7 members born in this month:
**Cy Crosby, Claudia Fernandes, Bob Howarth,
 Mike Pocha, Barbara Scoles, Alice Shaffer,
 & Al Steinberg**
Happy Birthday!

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

From The Prez (cont)

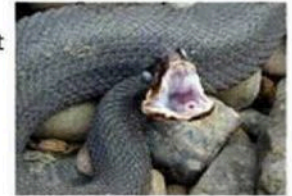
The club had two tables again this year for presenting soap carving for the kids and selling our soap carving kits. We had only minimal action for the soap carving this year with the kids, however sold 17 soap carving kits to adults. A hearty thanks to Paul Fackler, Ken Morgan, and Mike Pocha that worked the Santa Clara tables this year teaching soap carving instruction!!

“THINK ABOUT’S”[©]

by Joan Cousins, 6-2015

Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.



Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.



Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.

“To all you fishermen/women, do you think this might be worth a try?” jc



Opportunity to enter late carvings to the Fair

Maureen, the Hobby Bldg. coordinator, is making an exception to the “deadline date” for entering carvings in the Fair. She is encouraging anyone from the Club to bring them to the Hobby Bldg., Friday, June 12, 10:00-8:00 or Saturday, June 13, noon-8:00, and she will gladly accept them. Our meeting is on Sat., 6-13, so you

could bring them over after the meeting. There...you have a few more days to finish that project!

Bulletin Board

[:] **Bob Larsen Update:** Bob Larsen got a nasty 'bug' after their 3 month cruise and after being hospitalized for several days he is now under 'home care' and getting stronger all the time. Bet he would like a card from some of you to cheer him on, check roster for address. *Bob, we all are thinking positive thoughts, all this wood misses you!*" (reported by jc)

[:] **New Restaurant for TVC Show Dinner:** The new restaurant for our dinner on Saturday night, Sept. 19, will be a short walk across the street from the Vets' Hall to **the Gay 90s Pizza Restaurant**. We will be eating dinner from 4:00-6:30ish. Each can order what they wish from the extensive menu of pizzas and Italian cuisine. We will re-print the menu in the August Newsletter. You may turn in a dinner order forms [available soon] to Paul. Deadline to order is Monday, Sept. 14. [You may also email your order to me at pdfac@comcast.net] Each couple/individual will pay the waitress for their own dinner and beverage order. "Mangia bene!"

[:] **First TVC Member Whittling Contest: ALL "Little People" CARVINGS DUE AT OUR NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, JUNE 13.** All carvings will be judged by 3 non-participants and should be no taller or wider than 3". If a stand is added, it does not count as part of the 3"; only the carved object will be judged. The judging classes will be Jr., Novice, Advanced, Expert, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00, \$2.00 for each class. The judges will be looking for **Artistry** [utilization of medium, 3-D features, composition] and **Carving Skills** [degree of difficulty, technical skill, finish].

[:] **Maker Faire:** From all accounts, the 10th annual Maker Faire, held at the San Mateo Fair Grounds May 15-17, was well attended and quite successful. Over the three days of the Faire, billed as the "Greatest Show and Tell on Earth", Bob, Mike, Joel, and Ken were able to speak to many potential carvers. Ken thinks, "Over the twenty hours of the show, we probably shared carving with more people than we have over the past twenty months. The walkway between the TVC booth, and the booths across from us, was as wide as a street and at times totally filled with people. Every so often remote control robotic vehicles, one looking like a UFO, would go by. **We got several comments on how good our carvings looked and how refreshing it was to see something handmade and detailed, rather than computer generated or 3-D printing!** Ken Morgan made a game out of asking people to guess the names of movie sidekicks. He had Donkey from Shrek, Scat from Ice Age, and Waldo. It was fun watching one little girl (about 6 years) "carve" a piece of wood by using a mallet to tap a gouge that Ken held in place. You can't top this event as an outstanding "PR" opportunity for woodcarvers to share their passion with potential new members to our clubs. We hope that next year more clubs will be able to share the Maker Faire with us. ~ Mike and Ken ~

[:] **Member Photos Needed:** Hey, Tri-Valley Carvers! Want your own web page in the Tri-Valley Website? You can have YOUR art featured with any type of wood art you have created! Please email your carving, burnings and turnings pictures to Lydia Bender at lydiabender@live.com. Please also provide a picture of yourself so we can see who crafted your beautiful works of art. If you would like Lydia to take the photos, just contact her. If you want to send a disk or photo clip instead, no problem, just contact her. ~Lydia~

[:] **Monthly Show and Tell:** Requested format: 1) Created by member and completely finished; 2) Type of wood, if known; 3) Steps in creating the piece; 4) Approximate time required. NOTE: If possible, please let Bob Kehl know in advance what you are bringing.

[:] **Send or give your News items; Wanted or For Sale items, or Interesting Info** to Paul Fackler to be posted on our Club **Bulletin Board** for all to see.

Meeting Highlights

5-9-2015 Minutes taken & transcribed by
Joan Cousins

PRE-MEETING (9:00 – 10:50): * Show & Tell:**

DAVE BOLES beautiful free hand carved Birch bowl with wipe on Poly Urethane. JOAN MADSEN (guest from U.C. Wood Art group) amazing Pyro art of female and 2 spoons. BOB KEHL interesting 'stacked' box, 9 layers of 6 different woods. ROSE RODRIGUEZ lovely relief carving, 3D bear, painted bird house. JAN HALSEIDE delightful carved working whistle. All shares included details about processes and finishes. *** **"Show & Tell Time"**: We welcome everyone, beginners to advanced ... we all learn from all projects. See "Bulletin Board" for easy requirements!

MEETING OPENED: 10:55am by Bob Kehl, Pres.

Welcome to Joan Madsen, guest from U.C. Wood Art group and a **Happy Mother's Day** to all Mothers.

RECORDING SECT REPORT: MOTION – Rick Jensen moved, Ken Morgan 2nd, approve April 2015 minutes as submitted. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE SECT REPORT: Paul is contact for Fair demo sign up and for Soap Carving.

TREASURERS REPORT: Deposits include wood and soap kit sales. Expenses include coffee/donuts and soap kit supplies. Cane fund remains the same.

MOTION: Ken Morgan moved, Joan Cousins 2nd, accepted as submitted, motion passed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: *** 26 attended Oakhurst.

Matt P. donated cottonwood bark, we will sell for \$4.00 each. 34 soap kits sold at Capitol, orders pending. (Balance of items listed in designated categories.)

TVC WEB SITE: Continuous updates; E-blasts going out; want more TVC Member project photos.

CCG: 2015 is election year, 7 Board members needed (see The Log for definitions). Dave Boles will run.

VETS CANES: TVC will cover 100% of the supplies to make and ship. 3 cane requests are pending.

BUSINESS: *** **FAIR = Theme** "Rock the Red White & Blue"; entries due on line by May 20th, due via mail by May 30th. Discussion as to showcase display, include categories of Human, Animal, Fish, Bird, etc.. Suggest info tags by items for viewer education.

REFURBISHED = Don Bott returned 7 donated canes, completely restored. These will go in the Peddler Shoppe, all profits go to TVC general fund. Priced \$45.00 - \$75.00. **REQUEST** = Special 'Cross' request was referred to Rose Rodriguez. **KIDS AWARDS** = TVC will enter the carvings of 12 Fifth Graders from

Vintage Hills. Awards will be 1st place through 16th place.

TVC 2015 SHOW INFO: * NEW CONTACTS:**

Dave Boles, track table assignments: Mike Pocha, accept all funds for entries, Paul Fackler, arrange Sat dinner; Bob Kehl, contact for all further information.

*** **RAFFLE PRIZES** = donated to date: (1) Rockler carving set (2) Hobby Lobby tote of supplies (3) Trader Joes tote of treats (4) Paul Fackler wine glasses/turned stems (5) Bob Kehl refurbished box (6) Rose Rodriques refurbished Madonna (7) Joan Cousins Pyro pendant. **PLEASE** get info & pictures to Bill Bender before Fair dates so we can promote ticket sales. *** **SILENT AUCTION** = Contact Dave Boles with your 'High quality' donations. *** **COUNTRY STORE** = Donate your nice saleable items here. *** **WELCOME TABLE** = NO sales, now displaying "go-by/progression" pieces along with Club information. All projects to remain with TVC for future Shows. Contact the Benders if you can help, Please! ***

(Note: \$3500.00 is needed to cover up-front expenses for our Show, the total overall expenses are higher.)

TEACHING @ SCHOOLS + SPECIAL EVENTS:

*** **MAKERS FAIR:** May 15-16-17, 2015, Ken Moran reports 140,000 visitors expected. Will take fliers/cards from Clubs/members; promote but no sales. *** **JANET CORDEL:** class early 2016; contact **KEN MORGAN** for further info. *** Feather River Art Camp, June 14 – June 21, 2015 (near Quincy CA, elev. 3400') Call Karen (510) 601-1619 for further details.

CLASSES and EVENTS: *** Please see "Mark your Calendar" in the newsletter for complete information and dates. *** Check with Ken regarding Makers Space (aka Robot Garden) and Janet Cordel class in 2016 *** See "Mark your Calendar" for more details on ALL upcoming events!

CARVING OPPORTUNITIES and COMING

EVENTS: Check you Newsletter for dates of Events!

GOOD OF THE ORDER: *** Don Bott reports that Carolyn is doing well and has bought a new guitar with plans to play and sing at our September Show! Not quite "out of the woods" yet so our prayers and positive thoughts are still being sent.

MONTHLY TICKET WINNER: Rick Jensen 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!***

✓ CHECK IT OUT

By Paul fackler

Infinity Table: Student's First Woodworking Class Project

Think back to high school woodworking class, if you took one. Was it painfully dull, consisting of making a little birdhouse? This sophomore took it WAY beyond what you would expect. It's not just your regular table, as you can see.

Follow how he did it, step by step, on <http://imgur.com/gallery/gNV0k> (Make sure that you click on the blue link between the last picture and the comments to get 24 more pictures of additional steps and colored light variations. Fantastic!)



Photos from Sacramento & Maker Faire Carole Kehl & Mike Pocha





Tri-Valley Show & Competition

Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main St, Pleasanton, Ca.
Sept. 19 & 20, 2015
Deadline: Must be received by Sept. 11, 2015



Name _____ CCG# _____ Chapter# _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Exhibitor Table 8 ft \$18.00 x _____ = _____ (2 free entries in competition)
 Table 4 ft \$9.00 x _____ = _____ (1 free entry in competition)
 Vendor Table 8 ft \$25.00 x _____ = _____ (2 free entries in competition) Retail # _____
 Entries only \$5.00 x _____ = _____ (No more than 2 entries)

Dinner, Saturday, Gay 90s Pizza, across Main St. from Vets Hall _____ # attending. Fill in dinner order slip, that will be available at the show, with your selection(s). You will pay the wait staff.

Total Submitted \$ _____ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Tri-Valley Carvers
MAIL TO: Mike Pocha, 1176 Farmington Way, Livermore, CA94550

Contact: Bob Kehl: 925-443-5632 rjkehl@comcast.net <http://www.tri-valleycarvers.com>

Do you have any special electrical needs? Please Specify: _____

Whittling Contest _____ Saturday _____ Sunday (See Rick Jensen, or Gordon Moody)

Special EARLY entry delivery and set-up on Friday, 9/18/15 at the Veterans Hall from 3:00pm - 9:00pm
We encourage delivery of all entries as early as possible on Friday but will also be accepting remaining entries on Saturday, 9/19/15 from 8:00am - 9:30am

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

Pleasanton; 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. 3rd St., \$2.00 per day, 9:00am – 3:30pm: contact Joel Ellioff (510) 537-9463

Union City; Tri-City area: “U.C. Wood Art” drop-in group (carving & burning), 6:00pm – 9:00pm.
 LOCATION: Ralph & Mary Ruggier Sr. Center, 33997 Alvarado Niles Road, Union City CA 94587, (510) 489-6629. FEES: \$3.00 drop in (City fee) unless you have a membership. Contact Ernie Anaya (510) 487-1568 or Joan Cousins (510) 471-6401. ***NOTE: Group will be moving to THURSDAY EVEINGS, same times, same location, STARTING JUNE 18TH!***

WEDNESDAY:

Fremont; Tri-City area: Community Center, Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont: 6:45pm – 8:45pm: (Free). Contact Bob Larsen (510) 795-1275 to leave a message.

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

THURSDAY:

San Jose area: 7:00pm-9:00pm, (FREE) Contact Joanne Carroll (408) 398-5991

Wood Inventory		
Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.		
Qty	Description	Price
6	3/8 x 6 x 12	\$1.00
2	1x10x12	\$10.00
2	2x4x12	\$8.00
3	2x7x12	\$14.00
2	2x10x12	\$19.00
2	3x3x8	\$5.00
1	3x3x12	\$9.00
1	3x4x8	\$6.00
3	3x5x12	\$14.00
3	2x7x12	\$14.00
2	4x6x12	\$23.00
1	5x6x18	\$33.00
3	3x3.5x5 Eagle head blanks	\$4.00
3	16” Basswood Bark Boards	\$15.00
2	2x8x12 Jelutong	\$7.00
13	Cribbage templates (1x4x16)	\$5.00

Plus
We also have:
 Spalted Maple, Liquid Amber, Walnut, Olive,
 Sycamore and several others.
 Contact Ken Morgan.