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Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Saturday 4/14/18
10:15 A.M. (pre-meeting activities – 9:00 A.M.)
Pleasanton Senior Center

From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

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From the Pres:

It's spring again and many of the TVC folks are again thinking of new carvings, trips and some are RVing off to Alaska and Pismo. Speaking of trips, I do not have a count, but a fair group of TVC carvers are going to Oakhurst again this year. This is the 11th annual event for the Rendezvous this year and all participants are looking forward to all the fun, comradely, and learning some new carving techniques. Registration forms are available and hurry to get in on the fun.

During our March business meeting, we had a start for the raffle prizes to be presented for this year's TVC show. So far, the items being presented for the main raffle this year are a Whale Tail Box donated by Bob Kehl and Gift baskets from Trader Joes and Rockler. These items are set up for pictures by Lydia and Bill Bender, so they can be displayed and raffle tickets sold during our various demos around the Tri-Valley area. If you have a project for this year's raffle prize, there will be one more chance in the April business meeting for raffle prize donations. Make sure you let us know if you will be donating something for this important feature of our show.

We are off and running again this year on teaching soap and wood carving in the local schools, attending the annual Oakhurst event and the Alameda County Fair:

Wood carving: We are starting another class again at the Vintage Hills School. Paul Fackler has a wonderful carving being presented this year that should be a hit for the kids to work on. The project is a stack of pumpkins with a cat peaking out of the top. The class is part of the art program at the school and runs about 7 weeks. The club provides the logistics and fees for the kids to enter their projects in the Alameda County Fair and the prize money for 1st through 4th place winners. The kids are 5th graders and are always excited to be a part of this program.

Soap carving: We have already had one teaching event at Walnut Grove School with 26 third grade kids. The usual soap carving events this year are going to be at our demos at the Fair and Art under the Oaks and of course, the Sacramento and TVC shows. The

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soap carving demos are a lot of fun carving our traditional Teddy bears, Owls, and Flowers. A Big Thanks to all of the Tri-Valley teachers who have donated their time for teaching and promoting wood carving to the local schools and at the demos. The teachers are Ken Morgan, Mike Pocha, Rick Jensen, John Peterson, Paul Fackler, Rose Rodriguez, and Bob Kehl. We welcome any members that would like to help.

April 14- 2nd Saturday Club Meeting:

Our meeting this month will feature a Chip Carving class by Ed Hesskett. Ed plans to give us the setup and technique for chip carving. We will provide the tools and practice boards for this class free, just bring your interest. If you have worked chip carving before, it is always a good thing to update your skills with a Great Teacher.

We are also going to have a hands-on teaching/ learning event on wood carving tool Sharpening. Ken Morgan is teaching this event with the club's rotary profile machine and with hand stops. This is a great opportunity to learn proper sharpening of our tools, so bring in your gouges, v tools and knives!

Alameda County Fair Event:

The Alameda County Fair event is almost here again! Timing this year for preparations for fair is really close! This year, we really need to enter a lot more carvings for the Judging to keep the emphasis on promoting wood carving. The Fair has two classes of carvers – Novice and Open. This provides a separation of carvings to make the competition more fair. If you are a beginner and we have a lot of new club carvers, you should enter you projects for judging, so you can get feedback on your skills. You can also your best carvings to complete the club display at the fair. The Fair theme this year is “Hello Summer”. Presently, we are thinking of using a sculpture for a center piece with some kind of banner to get kind of close to the Fair's theme. We will, as usual decorate with the flag banners and red white and blue cloth. This fits really well for the theme.

Birthdays!

So far, our records show 1 member born in April:

Judy Hegarty

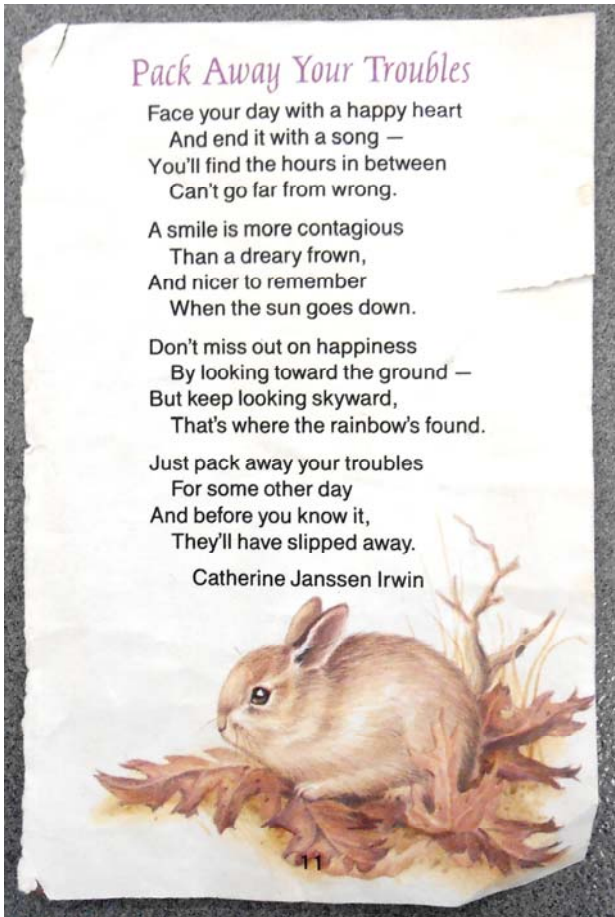
Happy Birthday!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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- REMINDER: Thursday night carving is open to members and the public at the Senior Center, 6-8:00
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- April 14: TVC meeting; Sr. Center, 9-12:00.
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- April 15-22: Oakhurst Woodcarvers Rendezvous
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- April 21: Forest Home Farm “Sheep Shearing,” 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon: Soap carving and demo carve; 11-3:00
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- April 25: Deadline for Alameda County Fair entries.
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- May 5: Senior Center 25th Anniversary Open House, 10-2:00; Demonstration carve
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- May 19-20: Capital Woodcarvers Show; 6151 H Street, Sacramento
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- May 19-20: Maker Fair, San Mateo, 10-6:00: Meet and greet
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- June 15-July 8: Alameda County Fair
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- July 21-22: Art Under the Oaks
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- Sept. 7-9: Tri-Valley Carvers Woodcarving Show
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“THINK ABOUT’S”©
From Joan Cousins, TVC Contributor, 4 - 2018



“Running behind this month so this is as close as I could come to Easter. I think this is a graphic that Gerry Jenson gave me quite some time back. Is so, then April thanks to Gerry. Wishing you all a most wondrous April and lots of “eggs”. jc



Free Tools
Bob Ahrenkeil has a 6inch bandsaw and a drill press similar to the center’s that he wants to remove from his garage. The tools are free for the asking.

Bulletin Board

by Paul Fackler

[:] **TVC Meeting, Sat, April 14:** We have some great demonstration/participation activities planned: Ken is bringing a motorized sharpener to demonstrate proper way to use it to sharpen knives, gouges, and V-tools. Here's your chance! Bring your tools and try it out. Also, Ed Heskett is giving a beginner Chip Carving tuneup demonstration featuring getting started with the basic cuts, pattern transfer techniques, and more. Bring your chip carving knives and pattern wands. Last chance to turn in Raffle items for the show.

[:] **Alameda County Fair Entry Deadline** is Wednesday, April 25. To get your entry form that you can complete on-line or print and bring to the Fair Office, go to

http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com/pdf/exhibits/entryforms/General_Entry_Form.pdf

This year the fair runs from June 15 to July 8. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

[:] **Soap Carving:** Our soap carving "season" started a couple weeks ago at Walnut Grove where we carved with 25 third graders. This grade level is always fun to work with and the kids had a great time. They sent us a box of cookies and a really cute "Thank You" note.

[:] **Maker Faire:** is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth -- a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. The 13th annual Maker Faire Bay Area is a three day event being held May 19-20, 2018, at the San Mateo Exhibition Center in San Mateo. Check out the Maker Faire: <http://makerfaire.com/> If you would like to demo carve at our booth let Ken know quickly. You can get a hold of him at 925-548-5486 or email him at kjasmorgan55@comcast.net .

[:] **Rose Update:** Rose's healing is progressing nicely. She really surprised us all when she walked into the shop using a walker and joined us for lunch last week. It's really good to see her smile again!

Janet Cordell Class: She will be attending the CWA show in May and is making an inquiry to find out if there is interest in a 3 day class. Two dates are available: June 1-3 and September 1-3. They need a minimum of 8 students. The cost is \$225.00 for the 3 days. If rough-outs are used, there will be an additional cost. Let Andrew Hiroshima know what you are interested in carving: animals of all kinds or human bust. Please E mail him by March 28 at ahiroshima05@yahoo.com if you are interested in a class, which dates you are most interested in, and what you would like to carve.

Upcoming events in 2018

* **Oakhurst is Coming, April 15-22:** Mark your calendar for this years trip up to Oakhurst and a relaxing week of carving. The cost is \$115.00 for the week. Places to stay: Comfort Inn, 559-683-8282; R.V. Elks, 559-760-8684; R.V. High Sierra, 559-683-7662. For additional information, call Larry Smith at 559-906-4198 or email him at woodtat@icloud.com .

* **Capital Woodcarvers Show, May 19-20:** Will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento. Something new this year—they will be using three CCG judges and the established system of judging the carving.

* **Maker Faire, May 19-20:** San Mater Exhibition Center, 10-6:00pm.

* **Alameda County Fair, June 15-July 8:** You've got lots of time to work on those carvings to enter at the Fair.

* **Alden Lane "Art Under the Oaks": Saturday & Sunday, July 21-22, 11-4:00.** Set up will be on Friday, around 10:00am. The side gate will be open for easy access and so you can unload the car.

* **2018 TVC Carving Show, Sept. 7-8-9:** At a previous business meeting we voted to increase the number of entries that can be submitted for judging. You may now enter THREE carvings, so get busy!!

Check it Out

by Paul Fackler

Welcome to the enchanting world of artist, Lueb Popoff. From his mountain studio west of Boulder, Colorado he has created many woodland wild things carved from Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir, Aspen, Cottonwood, Elm, Maple, Honey Locust, Black Walnut, Cherry, Ash, Poplar, Tupelo and Basswood.

As a registered tree farmer, Lueb has worked for many years practicing ecosystem management, and maintaining his wilderness landscape. As a forestry artist, Lueb uses his refined chainsaw carving to promote environmental awareness. Check out his unique artistry in action at https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=lueb+popoff and more examples of his work at [https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=lueb+popoff&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=lueb|typed&term_meta\[\]=popoff|typed](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=lueb+popoff&rs=typed&term_meta[]=lueb|typed&term_meta[]=popoff|typed)

Photos by Paul Fackler





Local Carving Opportunities

MONDAY:

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

San Jose area: 10:00am – 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: (\$2.00 resident, \$2.50 non-resident) contact Bob Kehl (925) 443-5632 rjkehl@comcast.net

Hayward area: Hayward Senior Center, N. 3rd St., \$2.00 per day, 9:00am – 3:30pm; Currently no contact.

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

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

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Wood Inventory

Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.

Qty	Description	Price
5	1x3x12	\$3.00
5	1x8x12	\$7.00
5	1x9x12	\$8.00
4	1x10x12	\$9.00
5	1x6x9	\$4.00
4	2x2x3.5	\$1.00
5	2x4x12	\$7.00
3	2x7x12	\$13.00
3	2x10x12	\$19.00
5	3x5x8	\$9.00
5	3x7x12	\$18.00
1	4x3 3/4x5	\$3.00
5	4x7x12	\$24.00
1	1x16 Barkboard	\$14.00
7	1x10 Barkboards	\$4.00
6	1x12 Barkboards	\$5.00
10	Cribbage templates (1x4x16)	\$5.00

(Subject to change)

Plus, we also have:

Tupelo, Jelutong, Aspen, Butternut, Spalted Maple,
Liquid Amber, Black Walnut, Olive,
Sycamore and several others.
Contact Ken Morgan.