

TRI-VALLEY WOODCARVERS

California Carvers Guild, Chapter 5

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OUR NEXT MEETING

There will be **no** business meeting for June. We will have a picnic on June 11, 2016 from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Morgan's home
 694 Sylvaner Dr., Pleasanton.

From The Pres

By Bob Kehl

Hello TVC Carvers, REMINDER!!! Please mark your calendars for our annual TVC picnic. A great THANK YOU to Ken Morgan and his wife Jean for hosting the event at their house on June 11th starting at 12pm. Ken address is 694 Sylvaner Drive in Pleasanton. All members and their spouses/significant others are welcome. Our menu will again include appetizers, salads, and desserts. The Morgan's will be providing sandwich fixings & drinks from the funds that our club has set aside for this event. The Alphabet has been divided up into likely attendees & into our three categories as follows:

A – D Bring a dessert

E - J Bring an appetizer

K – W bring a salad

We hope everyone will bring what is being asked for according to their last name. This way we should have a nice variety of dishes to share. See you at the Picnic!!

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 10th at 10am. The Fair theme this year is "The Spirit of Summer". We will, as usual decorate with the flag banners and red white and blue cloth. This fits really well for the theme. Paul Fackler, Mike Pocha, Dave Boles, and I are working on a central display for the fair's theme. The display is a picnic basket as was discussed during our last business meeting. Dave provided a neat looking basket and Paul and I will get the fillings. Mike will set up a worded saying to bring attention to the Fair's theme. We will be having our woodcarving demos and the kid's soap carving event on "Kids

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **June 11:** TVC Business meeting 10:15 am, pre-meeting activities 9:00 am
- **June 15-July 4:** Alameda County Fair. 11:00am -11:00pm, daily. Sign up for a demonstration time at May & June meeting, and at Tuesday carving at the Senior Center.
- **July 16-17:** Alden Lane “Art Under the Oaks” [set up Friday, July 15] Contact Bob to reserve a table
- **July:** Western & Wildlife Art Workshop, Doane College, Crete, Nebraska Check out: <http://www.westernwoodcarvers.com> on line
- **September 10-11, 2016:** TVC Annual Show. Set up, Fri. Sept. 9
- **September 17-18, 2016** Central Coast Woodcarvers, Cayucos CA.

From The Prez (cont)

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 for 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 10th, so we can put the display together.

Our TVC wood carving teaching sessions at the Pleasanton schools are complete for this year. We had 36 kids total this year. The carvings at Vintage Hills School are the Silly Sheep, the Girl Scouts are the Wren, and the Nimatee Art Studio kids are

entering a mix of the Otter and The Mouse carvings for judging at the Alameda County Fair. Our club is sponsoring the kid’s carving this year in the Fair’s youth wood carving competition. Thanks again to Paul Fackler, Rick Jensen, Bob Kehl, Ken Morgan, Ken Morgan, Rose Rodriguez & Mike Pocha for volunteering their time each week to teach these students the art and the joy of wood carving.

Only Five TVC members entered carvings in the annual Capital Woodcarvers Spring Show this year. The club had 4 tables again this year for presenting soap carving for the kids and selling our soap carving kits. We had a lot of action for the soap carving this year with the kids. On Saturday and Sunday, we went through over 68 bars of soap working with kids and, in some cases, adults. We sold 18 soap carving kits for a total of \$144. Next year, we need more carvers participating in the Sac show and volunteers to help with soap carving. A hearty thanks to Paul Fackler, Dave Boles, Bob Howarth who worked the tables this year with me teaching soap carving instruction!! Take a look at the pictures taken by Carol Keihl in the following pages..

This month, we had two events (Sac show & Maker’s Fair), so we had to split up attendance to cover both events.

From Ken Morgan at the Maker’s Fair:

May 20th - 22nd the Tri Valley Carvers were representing the California Carvers Guild at the Makers Faire in San Mateo. Mike, Kay, Don, Lydia and Ken manned the booth chocked full of examples of carved projects. Over the two and half days the faire expected to see 150,000 + visitors. This meant that there were lots of people to talk to about carving. There were times at the booth where three carvers were talking to Faire visitors at the same time. We billed ourselves as the original three D printer or as the low tech booth. Many faire visitors appreciated the hands on aspects of our art.

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Our previous Advisor, Joel Elloff, is moving out of town and will not be able to continue as this necessary officer. The club will need a new replacement, so if any member is interested, please let me know. The job description for this office is as follows:

Duties of the chapter Advisor:

Each chapter in the California Carvers Guild shall have one Representative to serve as liaison between the chapter and the Guild Board Officers. The Chapter Advisor shall meet with the Director assigned to the chapter to exchange information on

~ Bob

Meeting Highlights

05-14-20156Minutes taken & transcribed by
Joan Cousins

Pre-Meeting Events (9:00am – 10:15am): ***

TVC Carving Contest judging, winners are: Kay Crandall, Paul Fackler, Mike Pocha, Dave Boles, Ken Morgan. *** **Show & Tell:** N/A. (See Newsletter “Bulletin Board” for easy requirements.)

Meeting Opened: 10:20am by *Bob Kehl* President. TVC business cards available, take and share.

HIGHLIGHTS:

MOTION: Rick Jensen moved, Dave Boles 2nd to approve 4-9-2016 Minutes as amended, Passed. Amended copy e-mailed to membership.

MOTION: Kay Crandall moved, Rick Jensen 2nd to accept Treasurers report as presented, Passed.

MOTION: Joan Cousins moved, Dave Boles 2nd to make Marilyn Slade a Lifetime Member, Passed.

RETIRING: As of Jan 2017 (and 16 yrs of service) Joan Cousins is retiring as Recording Secretary. Time for someone else to have the joy and honor of this position. Joan will guide if needed or wanted.

FAIR: Theme, “Spirit of Summer”. Set up TVC Display Case Fri, June 10th at 10:00am, bring your items for case plus judging entries. Volunteers for Soap Carving and general Demos contact Paul F.

WOOD ORDERS: Let Bob K. know size you need.

CCG: Guild to Competition \$5.00, Art Design \$8.00. Need new volunteer for CCG ADVISOR, see Bob Kehl for easy, ‘doable’, details.

TVC Member Whittling Contest: May – Oct will be

“Whittling” (show tool marks). Details from Bob K. **CLASSES:** Girl Scouts (Wren); Vintage Hills (Silly Sheep); Nirmitee (Mouse/Cheese and River Otter).

TVC ANNUAL PICNIC: June 11th, 12:00 noon to 3:00ish. Annual, fun camaraderie, for everyone!

TVC 2016 SHOW: *** Sept 10 – 11. Table set up and judging entries on 9th, 3:00 – 9:00pm. FREE admission, everyone welcome. Your participation and visitation are needed/wanted, see full minutes for details, and/or contact Bob Kehl.

EARL REILLY is in the hospital undergoing leg amputation resulting from a diabetic condition. Contact information is in your Roster. Our prayers for rapid recovery, health and comfort go to Earl and his family. We need you back here Earl

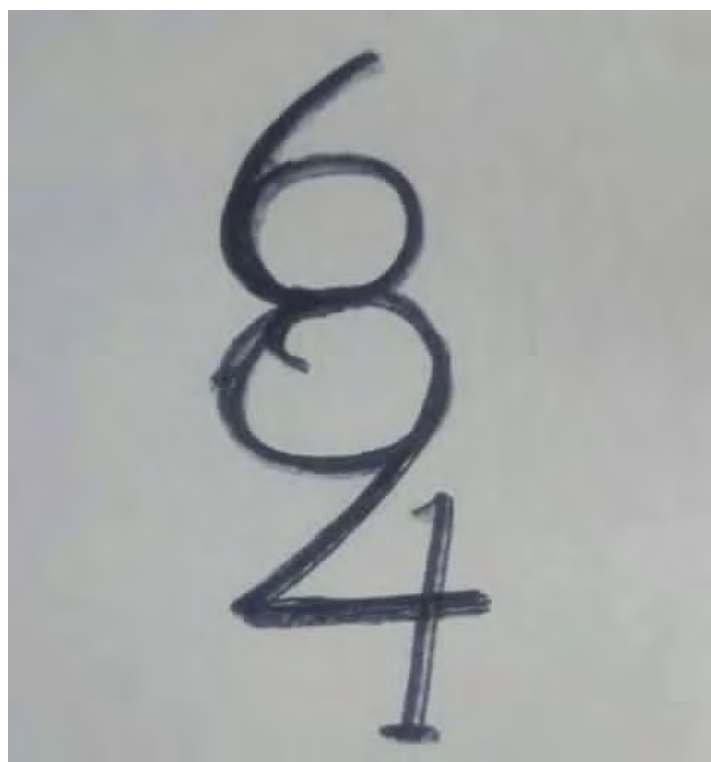
2016 CITY FEE INCREASE (at Sr. Center): Residence = \$2.00; Non-residence = \$2.50

Monthly Drawing:

BILL BENDER, WINNER: \$15.00 TVC Gift Certificate, redeemable for any items offered by TVC!
Just be present with paid up membership

THINK ABOUT’S”©

by Joan Cousins, 7-2015



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**OK all you Brainiac’s .... How many numbers do you see?**  
Let me know! jc

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Bulletin Board

by Paul Fackler 7-2015 (Joan C. during Paul's recovery)

[:] New Restaurant for TVC Show Dinner: The deadline for getting in your dinner orders is fast approaching. The **last chance** to place your order for the Show Dinner at Gay 90s will be **at our September meeting, Saturday, Sept. 12.** We will be eating dinner from 4:00-6:30ish. See the re-printed menu in this Newsletter.

Turn in your dinner order form [also available in the August Newsletter] to Paul. **Now is the time** to go over the menu and turn in your dinner order to Paul, either by email: pdfac@comcast.net or phone: 925-462-1847, or using the Dinner Order Form in this month's Newsletter and giving it to me at carving on Tuesday. Each couple will pay the waitress for their own dinner and beverage order

[:] 2nd TVC Member Whittling Contest: "Carved Plants", June 13 – Sept 12. Flowers may include ladybugs & butterflies; size to fit in Club display vase. "All carvings will be judged by 3 non-participants. The judging classes will be Jr., Novice, Advanced, Expert, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes of \$10.00, \$5.00, \$2.00 for each class plus an award pin. Judges will be looking for **Artistry** [utilization of medium, 3-D features, composition] and **Carving Skills** [degree of difficulty, technical skill, finish]."

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

Wood Inventory

Basswood available at Sr. Ctr.

Qty	Description	Price
2	1x1x8	\$4.00
4	1x3x10	\$3.00
1	1x10x12	\$10.00
5	2x4x12	\$8.00
3	2x7x12	\$13.00
2	2x10x12	\$19.00
2	3x3x12	\$9.00
1	3x5x12	\$14.00
2	3x7x12	\$14.00
1	4x6x12	\$23.00
1	2x7x15 Tupelo	\$21.00
2	2x8x12 Jelutong	\$14.00
2	2x10x12 Jelutong	\$17.00
13	Cribbage templates (1x4x16)	\$5.00

Plus, we also have:

Aspen, Butternut, Spalted Maple, Liquid Amber, Walnut, Olive, Sycamore and several others.

Contact Ken Morgan.

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday!



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)

Bulletin Board

by Paul Fackler

[:] TVC Club Picnic: Set aside Saturday, June 11, for the annual Club picnic at Ken's house, 12:00-3:00. The Club will supply the drinks and entrée. This year's food contributions, by last name initial, are: Desserts, A-D; Appetizers, E-J; Salads, K-W.

[:] New Whittling Contest: The carving style for this Club whittling contest is...whittling! You should have it ready to share for the October 8th meeting.

CCG guidelines for Whittling: This is for carvings that are made with only a knife. The knife marks must be discernible. No sanding, filing, or scraping is permitted. That "crispness" of the knife cuts will be a major factor in judging these carvings. The category includes carvings in the round, figures of all sorts, carved objects, and decorative items. All finishes are allowed (but not required) provided the wood grain remains clearly visible.

[:] TVC Carving Instructors: We have had a very busy, and successful, season teaching carving, both soap and wood, to kids in local schools and at public events. Since last October, we've taught carving to over 120 kids! We did the wren with the Girl Scouts; the otter and mouse/cheese with students at the Nirmitee Arts studio; the Silly Sheep with fifth graders at Vintage Hills Elementary; and soap carving with a fourth grade class at Walnut Grove and at the Capital Carvers show in Sacramento. Next...the Alameda County Fair. We always have a huge turnout for soap carving—over 150 last year!—and look forward to this yearly event.

Come check out the kids' carving showcase in the Gems and Minerals Building at the Fair. I'm sure that you'll be impressed with the talent of these first-time carvers.

[:] Alameda County Fair: As noted in the Calendar, the Fair runs from June 15-July 4. You still have plenty of time to work on those projects to enter. There is still a lot of day/time slots available! You may sign up for demo times and soap carving at our June meeting and at carving on Tuesdays at the Senior Center or contact Paul at pdfac@comcast.net.

We are setting up the Club showcase on Friday, June 10, 10:00am. Please pick out a few carvings showing different carving styles and bring them for the display case.

[:] Pleasanton Library Showcase: We'll also need some of your carvings for the display case in the lobby

of the Pleasanton Library. Set up is Monday, August 1. We get to display our work for the whole month of August. What a great way to advertise our up-coming show in September!

[:] Maker Fair: Everyone had a great time. Mike Pocha shared his thoughts about his three days at the Fair: "The Maker Faire is like the Alameda County Fair on steroids. Literally hundreds of people walked by and saw our booth. We gave away almost 100 brochures for our show and quite a few of the people stopping by were not interested in the brochure, either because they lived too far away or were just interested in seeing the carvings we had on display. Thanks to Ken Morgan for organizing everything and to volunteers Kay Crandall, Don Bott, Lydia Bender, and Mike Pocha. It was a good three days and kept us busy. Ken's imaginative carvings and Don's spoons were the highlights."

[:] TVC Show Dinner: The reservations are made! The TVC dinner, Saturday night, 9-10, will be at the Gay 90s pizza restaurant again this year, starting at 4:00pm. You will be pre-ordering your dinner and paying your waitress directly; just like last year. For your convenience, we'll put the menu in the August and September newsletter, along with the order form

CHECK IT OUT

By Paul fackler

The carving style for this Club whittling contest is... WHITTLING! You have four months to work on your project. You should have it ready to share for the October 8th meeting.

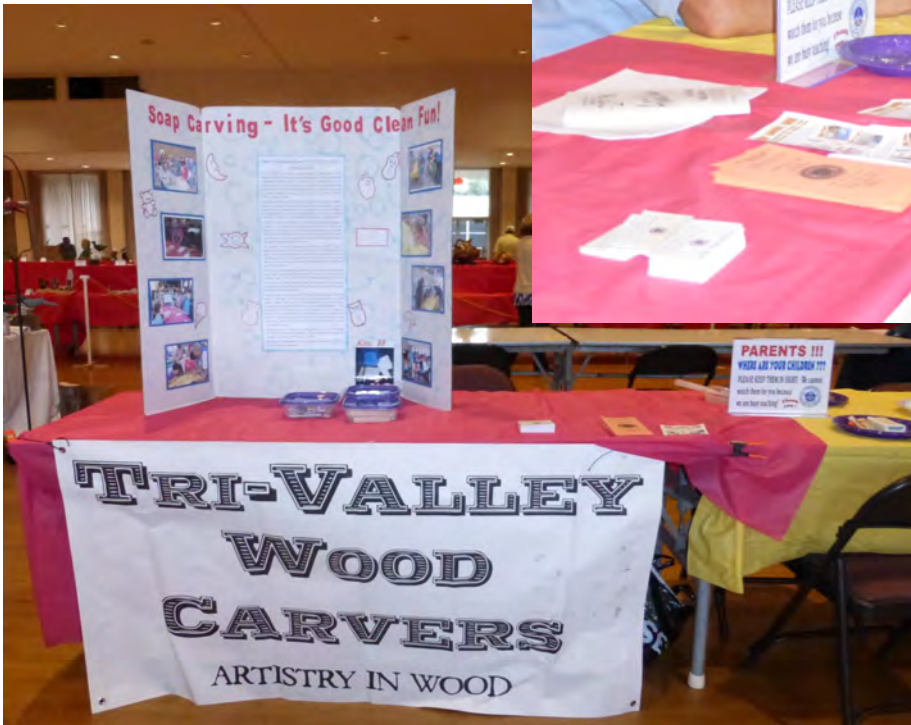
Whittling is the art and style of woodcarving performed using only a carving knife. Opposed to relief carving and other techniques, whittling typically produces a sculpture. A trademark of whittling is that the knife strokes are clearly visible on the final piece giving it a rugged natural feel. Below are some examples of pieces created through whittling. Check the Bulletin Board for the CCG definition and parameters of "Whittling."

Here is a simple tutorial, in three parts [25 min.], offering some tips and suggestions. A whittling "How to."

Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THs3MVxRY-Y>

Part 2 -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0nfETxZDbA>

Part 3 -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0W_bqDibhs



PHOTOS from Capitol Woodcarvers Show in May 2016 provided by Carol Keihl.

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: (\$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: contact Joel Ellioff (510) 537-9463 joelwen@sbcglobal.net

WEDNESDAY:

Fremont; Tri-City area: Community Center, Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont: 6:45pm – 8:45pm: (Free).

Contact Bob Larsen (510) 795-1275 schantri@sbcglobal.net

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

Union City; Tri-City area: “U.C. Wood Art” (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 Joan Cousins (510) 471-6401, joanburnswood@gmail.com