

# Pike's Peak Whittlers



August 2024

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## Meeting Dates

10 Aug 2024 Annual Picnic

7 Sep 2024

12-13 Oct 2024 39th Annual Show & Competition

9 Nov 2024

14 Dec 2024 Annual Christmas Breakfast

11 Jan 2025

8 Feb 2025

## Reminder

Please remember to bring in those club projects and projects for show and tell.

If you have ideas for articles or would like to write an article, please contact Doc Benjamin.

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on." -

Robert Frost



### From the Pres...

Hello fellow carvers,

It looks like we have a full house for the picnic (free chicken, fridge magnet exchange, too many deserts) next week (August 10). We've got over 40 people signed up for our pot luck. The club is providing the chicken so just bring your side dish or desert and your preferred non-alcoholic beverage. We will have a variety of tool sharpeners set up so bring your dull knives and gouges and take advantage of this opportunity! We'll also have the fridge magnet exchange for those who want to participate.

Don't forget that our September meeting is the FIRST Saturday of the month (9/7).

Cheers!

Steve Gurnett

## Minutes of Pikes Peak Whittlers

### Meeting, July 13, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Reynolds

Meeting was called to order by Chris Gibson, Vice President. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Del Cox.

Members were reminded to wear their name tags to meetings.

June meeting minutes were accepted as provided in the newsletter.

Gerry Canavan, the Librarian, reported that some carving magazines have been donated by Jerry Branesky and are available.

The Treasurer's report was circulated and approved.

Show Business:

Show dates are October 12-13, 2024. Alice reported that only 9 tables have been registered. People who want a table need to turn in their registration form, check and location preference as soon as possible.

Dan Noble will be conducting a relief class on October 8-10 from 9am to 5pm. There is currently only 1 open spot left.

Old Business:

CCA Show: Our table at the CCA show has been confirmed. A volunteer is needed to staff the table with Mark Goodman on

Sunday, September 15 from 1pm to 5pm. If you are available, please either text or call Susan at 719-649-2468. All other staffing slots have been filled. Caricatures to put on our table are needed.

Chris Hammock has 1 opening for his 5-day class on September 17-21. It is a design class where you tell him or show him a picture of what you want to do and he will help you create it. Price is \$525.00 which includes material.

Club Picnic/August Meeting: Bear Creek Park, Pavilion 7, on Saturday, August 10 from 11am to 3pm. It will be a potluck with the club providing the chicken. If you have not yet signed up and want to attend, please either text or call Susan at 719-649-2468.

Members will have a magnet exchange. Bring one magnet and exchange it for one done by another member. Extra magnets will be used in meeting raffles.

Friendship Lamp Project: 3 more teams are needed. Either talk to some members and agree on a topic or let Gary Fenton know that you are available to be on a team. Gary will cut out the wood pieces once he has a rough drawing of your piece with dimensions.

New Business:

After discussion, a resolution was made that beginning in January, 2025, instructors at the monthly meetings be paid a stipend of \$40.00. It was voted upon, approved and accepted.

Tom's Tips: To help with back pain after sitting a long time carving, it is important that you periodically stretch your shoulders. Hold them back as far as possible for several seconds and repeat a few times. Art Gibson also recommended for neck pain/stiffness that you rotate your head to the sides and back.

If you have a tip you would like to share, please let Tom Mellott know.

Project:

The meeting project was presented by Jon Nelson. He gave a demo/carve along of a bear face on an aspen stick.

There was a motion made and accepted to close the meeting.

The monthly raffle was conducted by Del Cox.



## Calendar of Events

### August

**Tasks:** Potluck Picnic

Refrigerator magnet exchange

AFA Pumpkin Carving Sign up

CCA Show - Staff Table Signup,

Carving for Table Signup

CO Carver's Show - Staff Table

Signup, Carving for Table Signup

**Project:** No Project this month

**Events:** Every Wed Carving CO Lumber

9 AM 'til Noon.

Carving @ 1st Lutheran Wed

6—8 PM Contact: Tom Mellott

Every Thur Carving FVSC

Fountain Valley Senior Center

8 AM 'til Noon (Contact: Kirk

Paraday or Doc Benjamin)

2nd Saturday of the month

monthly meeting

Creede

Woodcarvers Rendezvous

Colorado

July 12—16, 2025

Come to Creede, Colorado to learn to carve or improve your skills where the mountains are high, the sky is clear and cold rivers are full of fish.

**The length of the Rendezvous has been reduced to 5 days from seven days.**

Woodcarving classes are held around the Community Center next to the Underground Mining Museum.

Talented instructors

Variety of beginner to advanced classes

Tool and wood vendors

Artist displays and sales

Activities include an Raffle and banquet.

Noncarving classes are available.

Register online at website:

[www.creedewoodcarvers.com](http://www.creedewoodcarvers.com)

Registration will begin in January 2025

CWRC always starts on the second Saturday in July.

“There is no better compass than compassion.” – Amanda Gorman

## PPW Meeting Agenda – August, 2024

Call to Order

New Member Introductions

Review/Accept Secretary's meeting minutes from last meeting (Susan Reynolds)

Librarian's Report (Gerry Canavan)

Treasurer's Report (Alice Geyer)

Show Business: Show Committee: Alice, Marianne, Susan, Kristine

2024 Show dates are October 12th & 13th, 2024

Contact Alice at the meeting for a registration form and give her your check as well as your table preference

Dan Noble relief class on Oct 8-10 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) 9AM-5PM

1 spot left

Old Business:

August Meeting will be the picnic at Bear Creek Park Pavilion 7 on Saturday, August 10 from 11AM-3PM.

Potluck, see sign-up sheet

Club provides the chicken

Refrigerator magnet exchange

Carving project. Bring your tools

September Mtg will be at the church on Sept. 7th. Mark your calendars

We need 3 more teams for the friendship lamp project. Form a team or let Gary Fenton know that you would like to be on a team.

Proposal to pay instructors \$40 to teach a class at our meetings

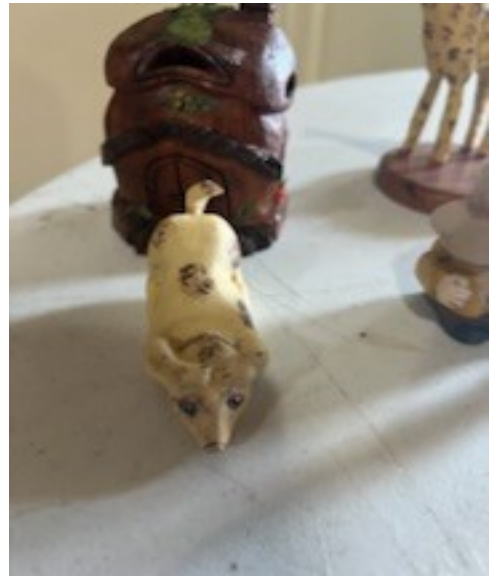
New Business:

Motion to close the meeting

Raffle (no raffle today)

Notes:

**Show and Tell June**



**Mountain Woodcarvers**

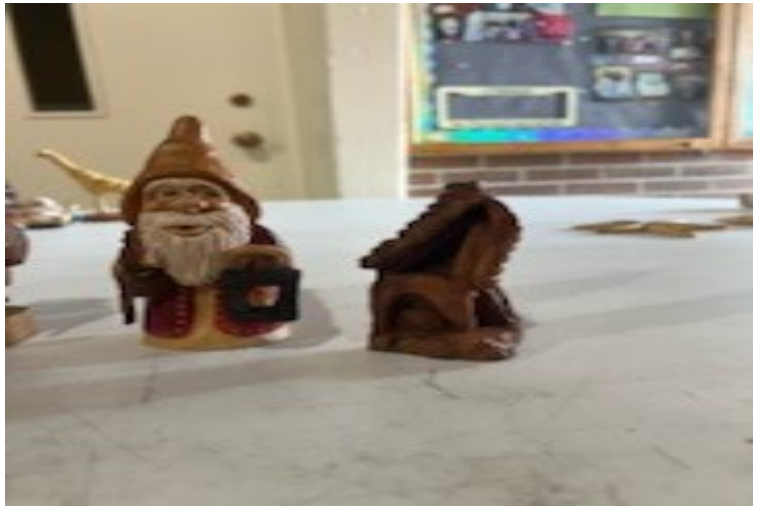


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Andy and Aaron Mayer are available to teach classes on bark carving whimsical houses, small and large realistic bark churches and holiday basswood houses. Contact them via cell phone : (719) 641-0424.



Bob Zettler

Want to learn how to draw, paint or carve?  
or need in need of a sign - routed - engraved or vinyl.  
I offer these services here in Perry Park.  
email your needs to bobcatcarving@gmail.com

### Social Media Sites

Facebook: [Pikes Peak Whittlers](#)

Instagram: [@pikespeakwhittlers](#)

Dan Noble teaches woodcarving and pyrography classes at the Colorado Springs Senior Center. You can check his schedule on the Senior Center website:

<http://www.csseniorcenter.com>

His classes are usually on Mondays. The rates for his classes are very good for someone with his experience.

## JON NELSON

### WOODCARVER/TEACHER

In 1993, after trying carving with limited success on his own, Jon became inspired by a Caricature carving book by Andy Anderson and the carvings by Myron Bowman from Winfield, KS. Myron became his mentor and Jon went from being a dissatisfied salesman to an accomplished, happy, and motivated woodcarver. He's been doing carving shows and seminars fulltime since 1994. Jon has carvings in numerous collections in the U.S. and abroad. He's won many ribbons in competitions, including Best of Show, Carver's Choice and People's Choice. He was TWG Champion in 1999 and was awarded the CCA Merit Award in 2003. His carvings have appeared in "Chip Chats", "Woodcarving Illustrated", "Country Marketplace" and "Log Home Design Ideas" magazines.

After doing shows and seminars all over the U.S. and having his art in several galleries, he is now semi-retired and sells only at his local PPW woodcarving show, on his website, email, phone and at home. He only teaches on a one on one basis.

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