

# Pike's Peak Whittlers



February 2020

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## Meeting Dates

8 February 2020

14 March 2020

11 April 2020

9 May 2020

16-17 May 37th Annual Show

13 June 2020

11 July 2020

## Reminder

A New Year and our annual membership dues are once again upon us. Please pay dues as soon as possible. Yearly dues have remained the same \$20 per family.

It is also time to start considering getting your table for the annual show coming up in May

“No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.”

Abraham Lincoln



## Mark's Musings

The groundhog saw his shadow today (yup, I waited until February 2 to write this month's musings). That means early spring and the weather today proved to be sneak peak of spring. The great weather allowed me to dip a couple of carvings to get ready for paint and get an early spring cleaning in the shed workshop.

Spring will be busy for the club with members traveling to far reaches of Denver to teach and then to Texas to spread Colorado carving love. Amy Aho from Denver will be our guest instructor in March. She'll be demonstrating scrimshaw using pool ball slices. The cost of this class will be \$5.00 so plan ahead.

Gary Fenton passed out blanks for the friendship cane. If you didn't get one please see Gary to get one. The cane will part of our auction at the show in May. . (You didn't think I would make it through the article

without mentioning the show.) Keep working on your show pieces, get your registration in early, the show tables will sell out again this year. We got good news that our show will not need to be moved with information that the Shrine Club will remain unsold, at least for this year.

Once again, I want to thank the numerous members who make the club run smoothly and keep me in line, which in itself is a difficult job. Thanks to the officers, media folks, teachers, coffee and goodie makers and all you who teach at club functions. You all make this club what it is. Finally, a big thanks for the friendship that all club members provide, your smiling faces make being a member and your president worthwhile.

Keep the chips safely flying,  
Mark Goodman

Applications for this year's show should be in the mail soon. This year our registrar for the tables will be Glenda. Her address is:

12106 Sleeping Bear Road  
Peyton, CO 80918

“Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?”

Robin Williams

## **Minutes from January Meeting**

Welcome to visitors

Librarian brought in books to check out and will continue to bring different ones each month.

Dues are due. \$20.00 for a family membership.

Christmas party was a great success 43 members in attendance and 27 participated in the ornament exchange.

Cactus Update -- Jan 21st We will teach the 60 minute owl.

CO Lumber carving is averaging around 25 people.

They appreciated the Pizza we provided as a thank you.

PPW Member info sheet-- Please fill one out If you have not already done so. We are using it for ideas for the news letter.

Tips and Tricks from members.

New Business:

Tom Crooks needs wood for the whistles. He will demo how to make the whistles on a Wednesday carving. (Jon Nelson for more information)

We give the whistles our to kids at our show each year.

Social Media -- We are doing Instagram and Facebook 2 times a week. If you would like to show one of your carvings send your picture to Karlene.

Show business

Show will be on May 16th and 17th 2020.

Chris's class will be May 14th and 15th.

Glenda is doing the table registration.

Gary cut out squares for our friendship cane Show project. There is no theme. If you would like to carve one please talk to Kristine H to pick up block.

Steve encouraged every one to have a table for the show. To be in the show competition you have to have at least half a table.

The rules for the competition were changed a bit to help make judging faster and easier.

Problems might be-- with less categories there might be less entries and we don't want to discourage anyone.

We also talked about changing the advancement rules. People were worried about advancing faster than there abilities.

Kristine

## **Social Media Sites**

Facebook: Pikes Peak Whittlers

Instagram: @pikespeakwhittlers

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Charles M. Schulz

**HAPPY  
VALENTINES DAY**



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## Relief Carved Owl Taught At January Meeting

By Doc Benjamin

Gary Fenton and Gerry Canavan teamed up to give us instruction on carving in relief an owl in a tree. The project was challenging to say the least but with excellent instructions from Gary and Gerry the projects got a good start and could easily be finished at home. Hopefully we will see some completed projects at this next month's meeting.



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**"A friend is someone who knows  
all about you and still loves you."  
— Elbert Hubbard**

### International Wildfowl Carving Day

Steve forwarded this email to Mark and Mark asked me to put it into the newsletter. It is from the editor of the "Wildfowl Carving Magazine" which advertises in "Woodcarving Illustrated" magazine:

Dear Carver,

I am writing you because we have you on file as having a connection with a carving club or show, and we want to tell you about something we have been developing at Wildfowl Carving Magazine. It's called International Wildfowl Carving Day, and it would involve a grassroots effort to get word out about the artform. The idea is to coordinate the efforts of carvers all over the U.S. and Canada and worldwide to tell their stories about carving and show their work—on Facebook and other social media, in local media (news shows and newspapers) and in local schools and libraries where they could do demonstrations or exhibitions. Carving clubs and shows can also get involved.

We have chosen April 25, 2020 as International Wildfowl Carving Day this year. We felt this would be a good

choice because it's also the Saturday of the 50th-annual Ward World Championship, the world's largest wildfowl carving competition. Wildfowl Carving Magazine plans to commemorate the day at the show with live video and other events.

We are hoping that you will spread the word about this event to the members of your club and/or attendees at your show. I have attached a flyer that I encourage you to send out to other carvers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Tom Huntington

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Why are a wise man and wise guy opposites?

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](mailto:bobcatcarving@gmail.com)

Mailing address for the club:  
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### JON NELSON

#### WOODCARVER/TEACHER

Jon Nelson teaches seminars across the U. S., and has won many awards for his woodcarvings at various woodcarving shows. But his greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the joy on peoples faces when they choose one of his carvings for their collections. In addition to the galleries carrying his work in Grand Lake, Colorado and Cody, Wyoming, you can see his work at selected wood carving shows and seminars across the U.S. His 25th anniversary of carving finds Jon more excited about it than ever and it's very rewarding to help budding carvers with the techniques they can use to create their own rewarding carving experience. Check out Jon's website for photos and more information. To request available dates and detailed information on teaching a seminar in your area or for information on acquiring some of Jon's carvings or roughouts you can contact him at:

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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.