

# Pike's Peak Whittlers



February 2025

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## Meeting Dates

8 Feb 2025

8 Mar 2025

12 Apr 2025

10 May 2025

14 Jun 2025

12 Jul 2025

9 Aug 2025 Annual Picnic

## 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.

"Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it." – Lou Holtz



### From the Pres...

Hello fellow carvers,

Happy February! Hopefully everyone survived our chilly January (Brrrrrr!!!). But now it's February and love is in the air! Or in my case, a lot of wood chips! February carving subjects include Valentines Day and Presidents Day. Or if you want to get ahead of the game you can start working on St. Patty's Day. So you've got your heart theme, your patriotic theme or your green theme. Boom! Hundreds of ideas in that sentence alone! You're welcome. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while you should consider coming to this one. The business part should be short as it's a quiet time of year. Also, we have added "Gary Fenton's Dad joke of the month" to our regular meeting agenda. I'm sure Gary will have us all in stitches (or something). I encourage you to bring your own Dad joke in the unlikely event that Gary's joke doesn't match up to the club's

standards (which are quite low in this area!). And Chris Gibson has a neat project where he will teach us how to insert small working lights into a carving. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Be prepared for the February meeting by:

- 1) Remembering your name tag 😊
- 2) Bringing a show and tell item
- 3) Bringing an item to donate for the drawing
- 4) Bring your tools to participate in the group project, work on your own project or just enjoy a cup of coffee and socialize with other members.
- 5) Bringing your dues if you haven't paid for them yet

Cheers!

Steve Gurnett



## Minutes of Pikes Peak Whittlers

### Meeting, January 11, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Reynolds

Meeting was called to order by Steve Gurnett, President. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve.

The December meeting minutes were accepted as provided in the newsletter.

Gerry Canavan, the Librarian, brought some books and magazines for members to review. He pointed out there were several on carving birds since that seemed to be an area of interest.

The Treasurer, Alice, went over her report which was then circulated and approved. She reminded members about paying their annual dues.

Steve informed the club it had been proposed that Jon and Donna Nelson, Gary Fenton and Del Cox be made emeritus members. These are members who have been active and contributed a lot to the club for an extended number of years. Emeritus members no longer have to pay annual dues. Everyone on the Board

agreed with the proposal and there were no objections by the membership. The proposal was approved.

The 2025 club calendar has been sent to members. Two main items were the annual picnic and carving show.

August picnic will be on August 9, 2025 and Pavilion #7 has been reserved (same pavilion as usual). Carving show dates are October 11 and 12, 2025.

Marianne advised members that registration for the Creede show begins on Tuesday, January 15. The show takes place July 12-16, 2025.

Tom's Tips:

Always know where the tip of your knife is. When making a cut, pay attention to where you put the knife tip.

If you do not have a large enough piece of wood for a carving you want to do, you can glue two pieces of wood together. Make sure the grain is running the same way. After applying glue, clamp for about 2 hours. Save sawdust to mix with glue for filling any cracks. Same process can be used on bark.

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

## Minutes (cont')

Project:

The monthly project was led by Joe Baron and it was carving a wood spirit on a pencil. Next month's project will be carving a small figure and inserting lights.

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

The monthly raffle conducted by Del Cox was not held as Del was out of town.

## January Project

For our February meeting we will be "Lighting Up Your Carvings" that will be taught by Chris Gibson. Join us for an exciting way to add light to your small carvings and ornaments.



## Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. We need to pay our dues for 2025. Due are \$25 per family for the year. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Pikes Peak Whittlers and remit to the treasurer Alice Geyer.

Please be sure and check out the PPW website and follow PPW on Facebook and Instagram. Steve Brown is now making sure all the sites are updated. Steve has been doing a great job making some great changes. Be sure to "like" and visit frequently. Spread the word that our website is updated regularly. Check it out!!!! Thanks Steve!!!

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"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – Thomas A. Edison

## PPW Meeting Agenda— February 2025

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance (Del Cox)

Name Tags Reminder: \$.50

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 & Tell Table

Old Business:

Annual dues of \$25 are due

New Business:

Creede Woodcarving Rendezvous registrations are open for sign-up

Tom's Tips: Tom Mellott

Gary Fenton's Dad joke of the month

Today's Class Project: Lighting Up Your Carvings

Taught by: Chris Gibson

Motion to close the meeting

Raffle

Notes:



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 a Raffle and banquet.

Noncarving classes are available.

Register online at website:

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

Registration being taken now.

CWRC always starts on the second Saturday in July.

## Calendar of Events

### February

**Tasks:** Sign up for Creede Woodcarvers Rendezvous

**Project:** "Light Up Your Carvings", taught by Chris Gibson

**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



**"The only time I live life in the fast lane is when I have eight items or less."**

**Show and Tell January**



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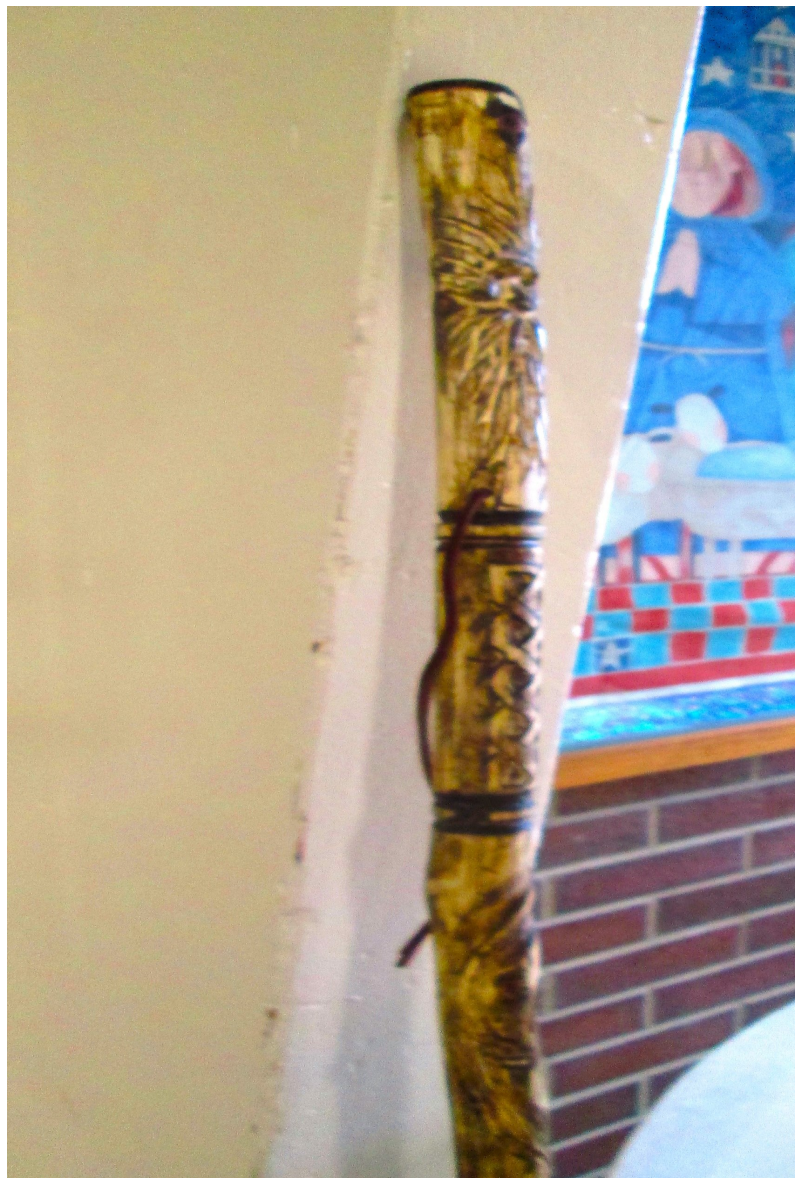


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Bob Zettler

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.  
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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.

