

# Pike's Peak Whittlers



January 2025

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## Meeting Dates

11 Jan 2025

8 Feb 2025

8 Mar 2025

12 Apr 2025

10 May 2025

14 Jun 2025

12 Jul 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.

"The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do."

— John Holt



### From the Pres...

Hello fellow carvers,

Happy New Year! For me the new year brings all sorts of resolutions. The first is my annual resolution to lose 20 lbs. (never seem to make it...). This year I have resolved to teach more and to share my extra cutouts and roughouts with the club. I've got some fun projects in mind and I'm looking forward to teaching a class at my house in March, at the Carving in the Rockies in June, the Creede Rendezvous in July and another class in August and November. I'm looking forward to making our club meetings more fun and enjoyable by having interesting projects for all to carve and interesting topics to share. Gary Fenton has already got the whole of 2025 monthly projects confirmed! I'm also going to take advantage of the club's library. We have quite a variety of how to books from multiple disciplines, so I've resolved to pick out

a book with a project outside of my comfort zone this year (maybe chip carving?). 2025 is going to be a GREAT year to be a Pikes Peak Whittler!

Be prepared for the January 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 check or cash for the annual dues (\$25).**

Cheers!

Steve Gurnett



“It’s a message from the killer. It says: ‘Dear Police, I’ve hidden the clues in my newsletter, which you would know if you actually read it.’”

## Minutes of Pikes Peak Whittlers

### Meeting, December 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Reynolds

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

It was announced that Alice Geyer was the 2024 Member of the Year.

Because it was the Christmas brunch and ornament exchange, club business was tabled until the January meeting.

A motion was made and accepted to close the meeting.

## 2024's Carver of the Year

Congratulations to Alice Geyer for this year's Carver of the Year! Alice served as the club Treasurer for the last two years and served as the Chairperson for this year's Annual Show/Competition committee putting on an excellent show. Alice also taught a class at one of our monthly meetings, teaching a layered Easter ornament of her own design. Alice attends the Thursday carving group at the Fountain Valley Senior Center bringing her skills as a painter to share with others in attendance.

Join me in congratulating and thanking Alice for all her enthusiasm in advancing woodcarving to the club and locally!



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"It's better to be at the bottom of a ladder you want to climb than halfway up one you don't."

—Ricky Gervais

## January Project

For our January meeting we will be carving wood spirits on pencils. Pencils, like carving small branches, are quick to finish & can be gifted to the person who watched you carve it. I suggest you bring the following if possible. / Magnifying glasses for up close work. / Dockyard tools /" Exacto" knife with long tip / It can be helpful to lay the pencil in the crease of a book that will lay flat. / A knife with a flexible blade works well. / Tape / Ultrafine sharpie tip / Look forward to learning together.



## 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!!!



*"You said you were going to put gas in the RV, and then come right back. You've been gone for a year. Care to explain?"*

PPW Meeting Agenda— January 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

New Business

We have reserved Pavilion #7 at Bear Creek Regional Park for our August Picnic (August 9, 2025)

Our 2025 Show dates are October 11 & 12, 2025

Tom's Tips: Tom Mellott

Today's Class Project: Carving a wood spirit on a pencil

Taught by: Joe Baron

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 will begin in January 2025

CWRC always starts on the second Saturday in July.

## Ornament Exchange

Once again members have shown their talents in our annual ornament exchange. Everyone who participated brought great ornaments and left with a well carved keepsake for their Christmas trees. Looking forward to next year's exchange.



## Calendar of Events

### January

**Tasks:** Pavillion #7 Reserved for August 9, 2025 (arrive at 11:00, eat at 12:00, leave at 3:00).

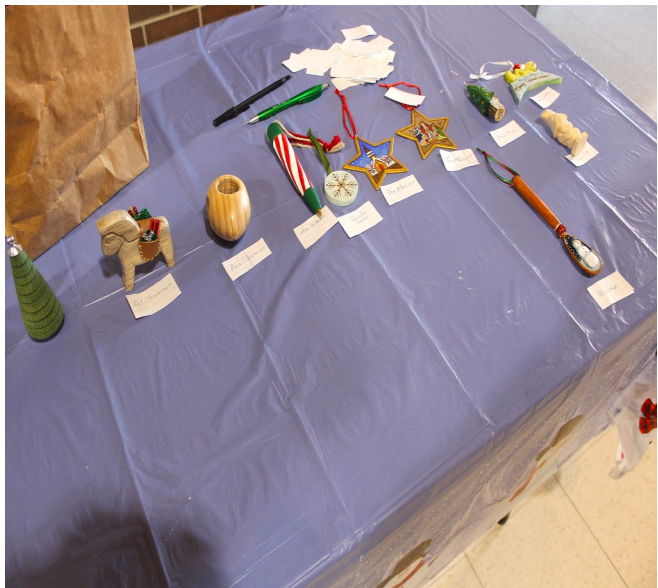
**Project:** Pencil Wood Spirit, taught by Joe Baron

**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



## Christmas Brunch 2024

The membership out did themselves at this year's annual Christmas Brunch. There was a ton of delicious breakfast fair that if you went home hungry you had no one to blame but yourselves. Thanks to all and a big thank you to our pancake slinger, Steve, they were very tasty as usual (especially the blueberry pancakes). Also, a big thank you to the ladies who kept us on track for this year's event, Glenda, Marianne, Susan and Alice. I don't know how we'll out do ourselves for next year's brunch.







Bob Zettler

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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.

