

Pike's Peak Whittlers



March 2026

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Meeting Dates

14 Mar 2026

11 Apr 2026

9 May 2026

13 Jun 2026

11 Jul 2026

8 Aug 2026 Annual Picnic

19 Sep 2026 **(Please take note of DATE)**

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.

"If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you'll never get it done."

– Bruce Lee



From the Pres...

Hello fellow carvers,

A note about Hair, Fur & Feathers.

While working for a living... For a time, I worked in Architectural Sheetmetal which included siding and roofing as well as custom finials and cupolas. I was introduced to the idea of water lapping, which is the idea of lapping one piece over the other to where water can run over the surface and not into a seam or lap. Well, the interesting thing is. This applies to so many things that are in nature. Today we will point out how this affects three things in general. Hair, Fur and Feathers....

While carving, texturing or wood burning remember, all three of these work in the same manner... In nature all three with a few exceptions will run from top to bottom and front to back. That being said, if we carve, texture or wood burn from the bottom to top and back to front. The next layer will overlay naturally over the previous and in doing so will look far more

. more natural and will only allow the end of the hair or fur to show.

However, if you don't follow this rule, you will see both the beginning and end of each hair, fur or barb.

With few exceptions, feathers do the same thing. Front to back & bottom to top. This accomplishes two things. Water runs off the proverbial back and air as it goes over the feathers it reduces drag.

Try it out and see if you can improve the look to be more natural.

Humbly,

Chris Gibson

May you all be blessed till I see you next!



LORD, THANK YOU FOR THIS WORKSHOP AND THE GIFT OF WORKING WITH MY HANDS. GUIDE MY EYES TO SEE WHAT'S TRUE, MY MIND TO PLAN WHAT'S RIGHT, AND MY HANDS TO DO CAREFUL WORK. KEEP ME PATIENT WHEN MISTAKES HAPPEN, HUMBLE WHEN THINGS GO WELL, AND SAFE WITH EVERY TOOL I TOUCH. BLESS THIS WOOD AND LET WHAT I MAKE BE USEFUL, HONEST, AND A BLESSING TO OTHERS. AMEN.

Minutes of Pikes Peak Whittlers

Meeting, January 10, 2025

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Reynolds

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

Members were reminded to either wear their name tags at meetings or put \$.50 in the pig bank.

There were no January minutes as the meeting was not held due to the weather.

There was a new member, Skip Pumfrey, who brought some bark carvings to display. He learned about the group through the internet.

Gerry Canavan, Librarian, brought some books and magazines for members' review. If there is a specific book in the library you want, let him know and he will bring it to the next meeting. Also, if there is a book you think should be in our library, let Gerry know and he will try and get it.

The Treasurer, Kiersten, went over the financial report, which included a graph showing the club's income and expenses. Last year out expenses

exceeded our income. However, we purchased AV equipment and helped pay for classes, which were one-time expenses. Chris advised that we cannot afford to pay for classes until we know we have the money to spend. Dues (\$25.00) need to be turned in. The report was circulated and approved.

Kiersten reported that we spent less money on the yearly show than we made. She advised that the annual picnic and Christmas party were additional expenses and that insurance cost had gone up.

Kiersten is working on getting an EIN number which will allow us to be a non-profit at the lowest level. The low level does not require a big report. It was pointed out that without an EIN number Kiersten has been filing papers under her own number, which puts her in jeopardy.

The following matters were brought up for the club's consideration:

1. Hold off on spending any money until we have sufficient funds.
2. Do we need to increase membership dues.
3. How can we increase income from the show/tables.

Minutes (Cont')

Steve pointed out that while it sounds bad, if all members pay their dues then we should be able to cover required expenses.

Tom suggested that we start thinking about things that can be sold at the show, such as the butterflies we did for the last show.

Jessica stated that once we are a non-profit, we might be eligible for some kind of grant money. Jessica volunteered to do research into a grant and to serve on the show committee.

Chris reminded members to bring item for the show and tell table and to put their name on the item. Next month's project will be carving feathers and there are some samples on the table.

Old Business:

At a past meeting there was a discussion about changing the date of our September meeting. The Denver club changed their meeting date so that they would be able to attend our show. Some of their members came or rented tables at our show, but because of the conflict, few of our members went to the Denver show.

A motion was made that we change the date of our September meeting from the 12th to the 19th. The motion was voted on and passed.

The September 2026 meeting of the Club will be held on September 19th.

New Business:

Chris Hammack, a well-known carver who lives in Mexico, has cancer. Funds are being raised to help him. There will be a knife auction. If anyone has a knife they want to donate, get it to Gerry and he will mail it.

Reminder that dues need to be paid for 2026.

The picnic table has been reserved for the club picnic.

A show committee needs to be put together.

Chris notified the club the positions of President and Secretary would be coming open. Nominations will be in May, voting in June, and new officers take office in July. Anyone interested in either of these positions should speak to Chris, Susan or any other officer.

Donna reported that Dan Noble is home from the hospital and doing better. Doc is recovering well from his surgery. . If anyone knows of someone else who needs a card, let Donna know.

Minutes (Cont')

Steve asked that anyone not receiving emails from the club should speak with him and he will work to fix the problem.

Sale Table: A table with wood for sale was set up. It was "take what you want/pay what you want". There was also a table with skull parts and diagrams.

Tom's Tips: (1) Courtesy of Gary – some knives are uncomfortable to use because of the shape of the non-sharp side of the blade. He suggested taking and rounding off the back of the knife using a stone or sandpaper. (2) Tom suggested that prior to making cuts, think about what's going to happen if your hand slips and then change the position of your hand for safety.

Joke of the Month: Gary told the dad joke of the month.

Project: Jon Armstrong gave instructions and demonstration on carving a clothespin dragon. Pictures of samples were in the newsletter.

A motion was made and accepted to close the meeting.

The monthly raffle was conducted by Del.

March Project

This month's project is carving feathers. It will be taught by Chris Gibson. Come ready to create some chips and enjoy making a feather or two.



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!!!

PPW Meeting Agenda— March 2026

Call to Order

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 (Kiersten Lehmkuhl) Move to accept

Show & Tell Table (label your pieces with your name)

Old Business:

NA

New Business:

Verify upcoming show give aways and items to sell for Club income.

Need to start thinking about new Show Committee.

Please think about upcoming elections.

When do we need to verify Aspen Cutting opportunities.

Tom's tips: Tom Melott

Gary Fenton's Dad Joke of the Month

Today's Class Project: Carving Feathers, Chris Gibson

Raffle

Notes:



Creede

Woodcarvers Rendezvous

Colorado

July 11—15, 2026

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

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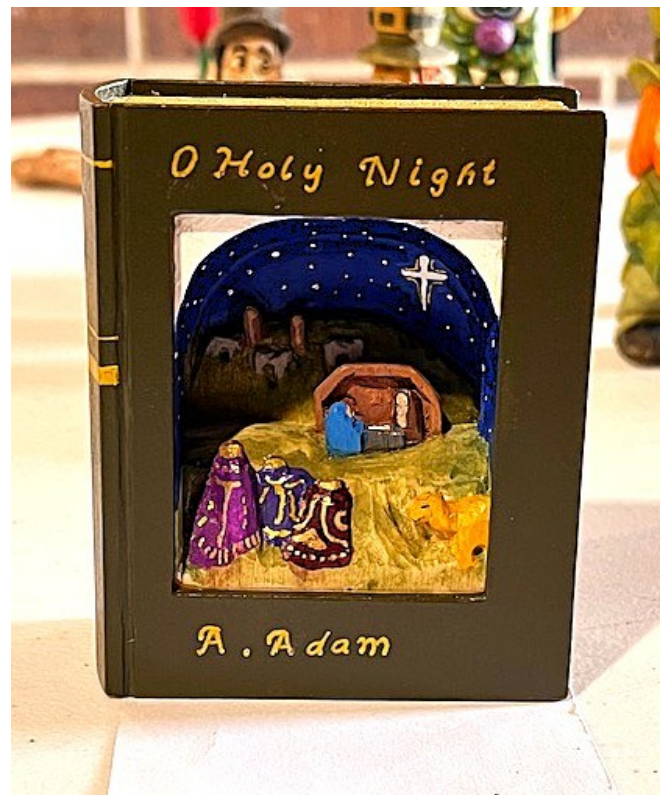
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Show and Tell For February









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

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.

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