



Chips & Tips

Newsletter of the Santa Clara Valley Carvers – Chapter #1 California Carvers Guild

December 2023

SCVC is a non-profit educational (501-C) organization under the California Carvers Guild. The Santa Clara Carvers meet Mondays 10AM-2PM, and Thursdays 7PM-9PM, so that we can accommodate diverse schedules. Monday meetings are held at the Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center at 208 E. Main, Los Gatos, CA. For Thursday meetings, contact Dave Osterlund at d_osterlund@msn.com or Contact: Alan Huntzinger .

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PREZ SEYS,

Prez, Alan.

Christmas is coming up fast. Finish all your carvings to give to loved ones.

As a present to all members there will be a free brunch on December 11th at the Los Gatos Recreation Center at 208 E. Main Street. We start at our usual time, 10 a.m. for set-up and conversation, and show off carvings. We'll take a poll at 11:00 for your preference of types of pizza and Mexican food and send out our order. We eat at NOON. We will have a gift exchange at 12:45. No stealing this time. Finish and clean up at 1:30. See you there. Your spouse or significant other is welcome also.

Carol and I had a local Thanksgiving repast with Carol's brother and family members. The niece from Vermont was there. She is the 4' 10" tall cave explorer that I gave the spelunker carving last year as a wedding present. The meal was a nice break from our usual family get togethers in Lincoln. Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving.

Be sure to check out our display table in the Lobby. It is moved next to the front door to make room for a Christmas tree.. This month we have snow men, Santa, and related seasonal items. Each month we change the display.

The Center is closed from December 18 to January 7, 2024. There will be no carving meetings during this time. See you January 8, 2024.

Prez. Alan

Our Lobby Table for November



Items needed for display Table.

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| January - Chip carving. | July - Animals, birds, and fish |
| February – Spoons | August - Linoleum block carvings and prints. |
| March – St Patrick decorations | September - People, Vikings, Cowboys. |
| April – Bunnies, carved and pierced Eggs. | October - Halloween, Pumpkins, Witches. |
| May – Flowers and spring growth | November - Fall leaves, Thanksgiving. |
| June – Bark houses and driftwood | December - Winter scenes, Santa, Snowmen, Dreidels |

Calendar and Meeting Locations

Monday Meeting
10am to 2pm

The club will be meeting at the Los Gatos senior center at 208 E. Main St. Room 206.

There's a yearly dues of \$30 for each member 55+ years to use the facility, paid at the front desk of the Adult Recreation Center.

California Carving Guild dues are \$25, and Dave Osterlund will collect them and send in. These are optional dues but helps supports carving in the state of California.

Thursday Meeting
7pm to 9pm
bi-weekly.

Dave Osterlund will host meetings in his garage Contact Dave for the location of the meeting. Or visit our website and send a message.

contact@santaclaravalleycarvers.org

Monday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Oregon Carvers weekly carving session (Zoom)

Monday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Santa Clara Valley Carvers meeting in person at Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center 208 E. Main Street 10am to 2pm

Thursday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Tri-Valley (Pleasanton) wood carvers (Zoom)

Thursday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Santa Clara Valley Carvers meeting in person

Dec 4th

Chip Carving for beginners by Roman Chernikov at Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center 208 E. Main Street 10am to 2pm

Dec 11th

Holiday Party at the Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center – bring a carving for the gift exchange, no stealing 10am to 2pm

April 14-20, 2024

Save the date for Oakhurst Woodcarvers Rendezvous at Oakhurst Community Center – 39822 Road 425B Oakhurst, CA

Our Carving Progress

Jordan Makower's Linoleum Blocks Burchell' Zebras

This is a 4" x 3" linoleum block.

I was inspired to start this after seeing Ed Haskett's carving in the recent issue of the California Carvers Guild, and Joanne Carroll's piece, "Mother and Child".

Zebras stay in a group to confuse predators. They seem to then appear as a single larger animal. I think closely related animals have almost identical stripe patterns. Burchell's Zebra show stripes fading on their legs.

The background and foreground are carved as blades of tall grass.



Jordan Makower's Grays' Bunny

This linoleum block is 3" x 4". "Stellaluna" is my granddaughter's brown and white bunny. The foreground, background, and bunny fur still need to be worked on, then a test print will determine what needs to be adjusted.

This was really difficult to print. I only could get 3 relatively good prints out of 15 tries. This is one of the three.



Rena Gooding Carved a Snowman

Our Club decided to all carve snowmen. I've been carving over 25 years and have never carved a snowman. This is my first and I learned a lot. It was fun, and my next one will be better.

