



# Chips & Tips

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

March 2024

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](mailto:d_osterlund@msn.com) or Contact: Alan Huntzinger .

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.

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## PREZ SEYS,

I hope everyone had a Happy Year Day. If this was your Birthday, congratulations, your birthday only comes around once every 1461 days.

Saratoga City has asked us to participate in their Blossom Festival on April 13th. It's been fun in the past. We are asking for the patio again, as there is power for any electric carving. We will need tables and chairs. There are lots of vendors and a few show clubs like us. Food trucks will be present with a variety of food.

We are thinking about a picnic back at Oak Dell Park in Los Gatos. What month do you want, July, August or September? It will be in the same place as last year, near the carousel, toilets, picnic

tables and some shade. This is right next door to Vasona County Park on Blossom Hill. Oak Dell is at the corner of University. If the parking lot at Oak Dell is full, park at Vasona at the first parking for the carousel. The Chapter will pay the \$10 parking fee. Pot Luck food of course.

Rena is working on a bass relief of children walking under umbrellas. David Osterlund finished his Mexican Santa. Connie is finishing her cocoo clock deer head. A new attendee wants to carve a Chinese Chop but she needs to either widen the symbol or remove lots of the background. I've started carving cottonwood bark houses of the Three Little Pigs. One of Straw, One of wood and one of Brick that the wolf could not blow down. My family crest has a standing dog, or wolf that I placed in front of the brick house. I finished Madusa and a Sea Serpent.

Alan

## ***Calendar and Meeting Locations***

### **Monday Meeting**

10am to 2pm

The club will be meeting at the Los Gatos Adult Recreation center at 208 E. Main St. Room 206, Los Gatos, CA

### **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](mailto:contact@santaclaravalleycarvers.org)

Other Opportunities at neighboring clubs

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

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

March 4, 2024

Carving flowers from 10am to 2pm at Los Gatos Adult Recreation Center

April 13, 2024

2024 Blossom Festival in Saratoga 10am – 4pm

April 14-20, 2024

Oakhurst Woodcarvers Rendezvous at Oakhurst Community Center

May 11, 2024

To help in our interactive booth at the Scout O Rama held at History Park, San Jose, CA. Contact Dan Brady or Alan Huntzinger for more information

June 14 – July 7, 2024

Alameda County Fair at the County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA The theme is “Summer Feelings” to enter go to

<https://annual.Alamedacountyfair.com> and click competition info.

## Our Lobby Table for February



### Items needed for display Table.

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



We received this invite from the Saratoga Historical Foundation. If you are interested, talk to Dave Osterlund or send email to [contact@santaclaravalleycarvers.org](mailto:contact@santaclaravalleycarvers.org)

The deadline was March 1<sup>st</sup>, but maybe our club has a table entered. If you don't want to display any carvings, just attend and enjoy the event.

**You are cordially invited to participate in the 2024 Blossom Festival in Saratoga. The Festival takes place Saturday, April 13 from 10-4 PM. It is free to participate.**

**Antique cars, art, crafts, live music and more will be part of the fun. The Festival will be held April 13 from 10-4 PM at the Heritage Orchard and Saratoga Civic Center (13777 Fruitvale Avenue in Saratoga, CA). The event is free and open to the public. Activities include a wide range of music, entertainment, paintings, Saratoga historical characters, artists, local organizations and artisans. Gourmet food trucks will also be part of the fun. Children's activity tables, petting zoo, and more are planned. The Girl Scouts are handing out flowers to visitors commemorating the historic festival. First produced in 1900, this historic event ran successfully for 41 years. Come help celebrate this tradition. Produced by the Saratoga Historical Foundation and sponsored by the city of Saratoga. For more information call 408-867-4311 or go up to [www.saratogahistory.com](http://www.saratogahistory.com).**

**If you would like to participate, it is free -- just provide your own table and canopy. If you are a seller, you must have a valid business license. Please let me know by March 1 if you would like to participate. You will receive a confirming e-mail. If you would like to be removed from this mailing list-- just let me know.**

Thank you.

Annette Stransky

Saratoga Historical Foundation

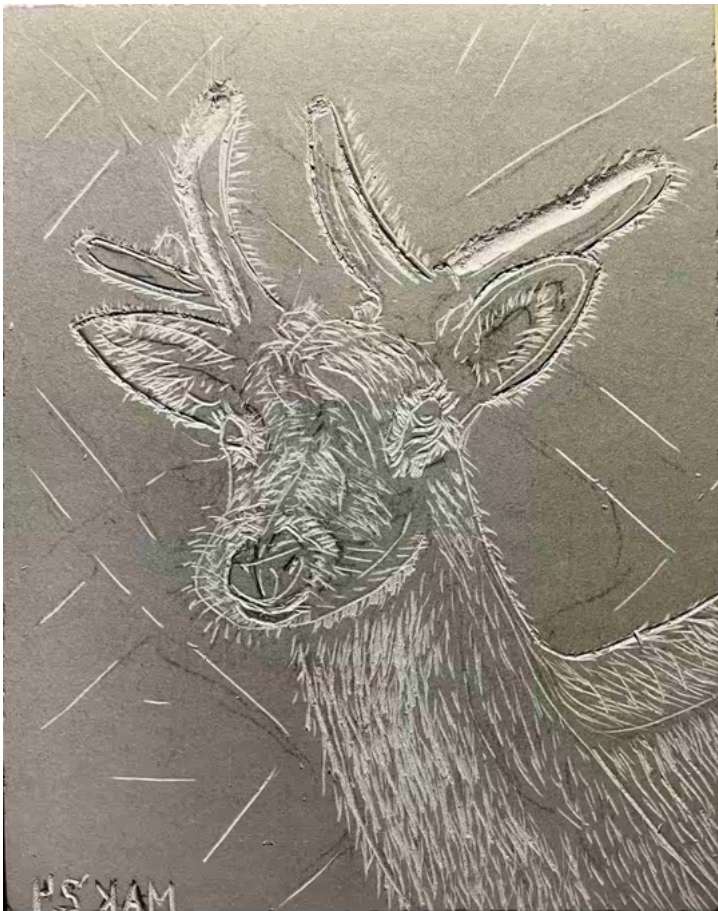
# Our Carving Progress

## Jordan Makower's Linoleum Blocks

### Yearling encounter

I found a picture that I took while hiking in the Catskills area in 1959, and thought it might look well in a linoleum print. The block is 4" x 5". Experimenting here with the spacing of fine lines to convey fur length, shadows, and distances. The deer was about 1 year old and had 'velvety' antlers.

All the fine lines on this linoleum block will not show up in the print. I'd like to capture the 'velvety' appearance of the newly-grown antlers. I've added a few background lines to hint at distant woods.



## Yin-Yang Chinese Dragons

The linoleum block is 2" x 3". This is intricate carving. I'm at the limit of my skills and tools.



## Ester's MG

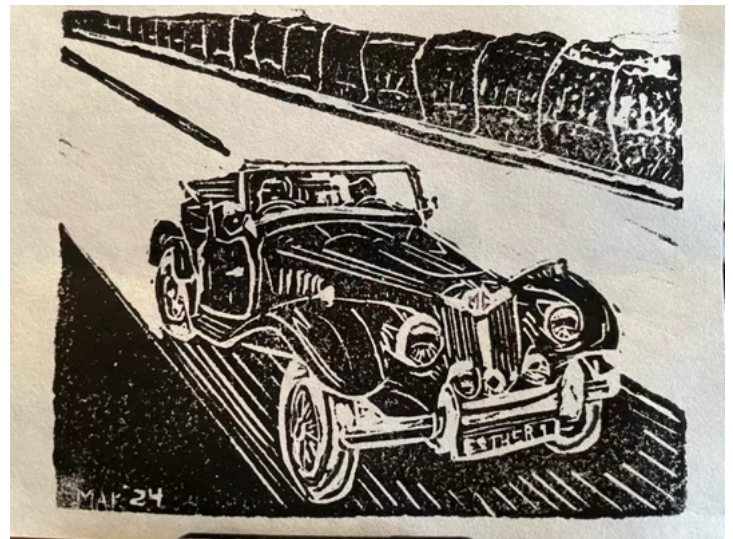
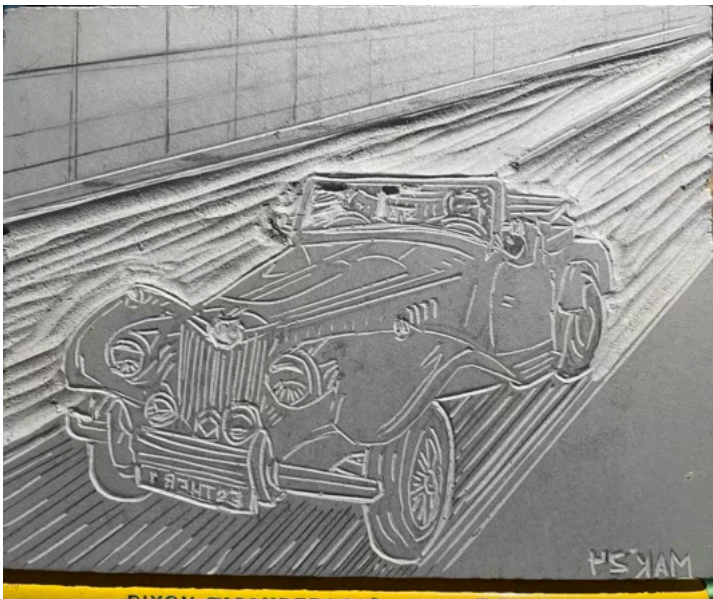
Linoleum block 4" x 5".

Haven't decided on the rendering of the background: Stores, wall, lane divider... ?

Whatever it turns out to be, it might be done with a separate printing color, leaving red for the MG.

The tires and bottom corner might be printed in black.

I've removed the 'roadway' using 'perspective' cuts, in case those partial lines emerge during printing. Any remaining lines would suggest the speed of the car. Partial lines under the car are meant to indicate the MG's shadow.



## A Memory from 1958

My wife and I attended Hunter College in the Bronx. She, once a Journalism major, had switched to Biology. Her classmate was Sandy Z. They had to attend a meeting in the school's Manhattan campus, and Sandy offered a ride there on her Vespa. Sandy was a very good driver, but riding on a NYC, heavily-trafficked, highway had been scary, especially during late afternoon hours. Esther reportedly had fun, though.

