



Chips & Tips

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

June 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 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,

The Scout-O-Rama was a success. Several thousand Scouts were present. We had a booth to show how to sharpen knives and correctly hold a blade to not place fingers in the way. We still had two Scouts that stuck their fingers, however. The Safety Inspector Women stated that they did not want us to permit Scouts to use our 5 knives or piles of wood scraps to carve upon. That did not happen. Some beginner Scouts had no idea of which side of a knife was sharp, or how to keep the blade close to the grain of the wood and to carve away from hands.

My cottonwood bark carving of the three little pigs is finished. See photo in this newsletter. It has a straw house, a wood house and a brick house, plus three pigs and a big bad wolf.

I've started carving a new project. It is a three-foot-tall redwood root stock I found along the river. The redwood is surprisingly very hard. Almost as hard as oak. It will be a complete stylized person when I am done. No photo yet.

Do not forget the May 27th meeting is moved to May 28th because of Memorial Day. See you on Tuesday.

Also don't forget to come to the Saratoga Blossom Festival on June 8th. The prior date was cancelled due to rain. Dan Brady will set up tables early in the morning and opening our Chapter Suitcase. Bring items to show off what we carve. Bring chair if you don't want to sit on wood benches. There are overhead wood slats to provide some shade. We have reserved the patio, just behind the History House, next door to City Hall. Please do come to show off your hobby. I'm out of town this day and cannot join you. Parking is available across the street on Fruitvale Avenue at West Vally College. There will be over a hundred Artists trying to sell their work, but we are there just to show.

My son just returned again from Louisiana with a heavy load of machinery. He overloaded the trailer by 100% and had to buy new tires. He kept away from flooded east Texas. Last time he had to divert around a train that was blown off the tracks by high winds. Sure glad we don't live in that part of the country.

Herb Robbins has been moved into an assisted living facility. I'm sure he would appreciate a card. His home address is 16251 Lilac Lane, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

This is a ribbon we received at the Scout-O-Rama.

Prez: 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

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)

June 8, 2024

Rescheduled the 2024 Blossom Festival in Saratoga 10am – 4pm
Our Club will have a booth for display. Heritage Orchard and Saratoga Civic Center (13777 Fruitvale Ave in Saratoga, CA)

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.

September 14th – 15th

Save for the Tri-Valley Carving Annual Woodcarving Show in Pleasanton, CA. More information will be coming.

Our Lobby Table for May



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

Our Carving Progress

Alan Huntzinger - Three Little Pigs – House of Straw, House of Twigs and House of Bricks



Connie's – Elf Doorway



Jordan Makower – Grandmaster Reshevsky (-1990)



This 4" x 5" linoleum block is a homage to Samuel Reshevsky, US Chess Champion at age 8. He maintained his honored status as grandmaster until his death at age 92.

The chess game is one of strategy and time pressure, as each person taps a button on their clock and records their move on paper.

Reshevsky would typically play 20 or more players in one session, moving from person to person at their chessboards, seated in a circle, with the grandmaster inside the ring.

It would be too distracting/difficult to do the chessboard with black and white squares. White pieces are in the foreground.

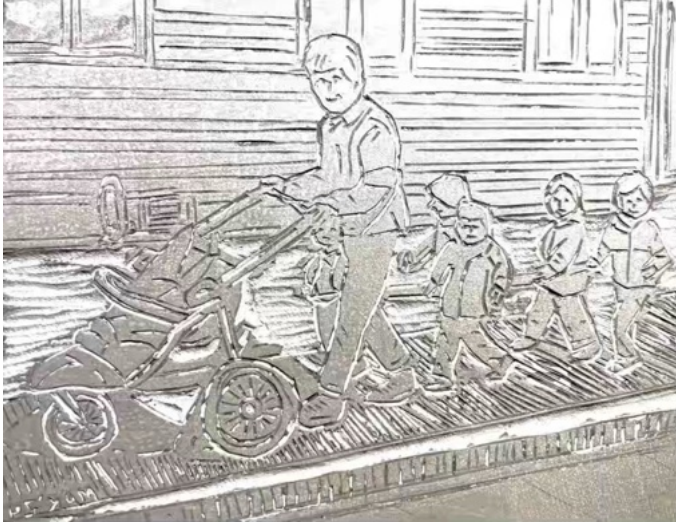
Jordan also wrote:

Sammy Reshevsky was my 4th cousin. I played him (in a group of three) when I was a member of the Manhattan Chess Club, in midtown NYC, when I was about 12. I played him again around 1990, when he was 78.



Jordan Makower - Nursery School Walk (2012)

This 4" x 5" scene is from a photo I took in 2012, of a neighbor who walked her pre-school children in the morning. She sang to them as they accompanied her, and they stayed together holding onto a cloth rope attached to the child clinging to her leg.



Jordan Makower – You Shall Not Pass

Scrap linoleum block print 1.5" x 2.75".

The subject becomes clearer as you study the print.



Jordan Makower – Tranquility

This block is 3.25" x 2.75". It is the other portion of an older block that shows a cat 'staring down' its reflection. The texture of the shag pillow here inspired this rendering.



Jordan Makower – Joy (Chica & Teddy)

This is a 4" x 5" linoleum block. The doggies are loved by a friend, who sent me this happy image. Different carving strokes are used to represent different fur patterns.



Jordan Makower - Prom Preparation

I am carving a negative; what I carve away will be white, what I leave (uncarved) will be black. There are no half-tones in linoleum block printing. Shading may be suggested by closely spaced carving lines. Background/distance/perspective is suggested by smaller-sized objects and converging 'parallel' lines.

Facial tones are almost impossible to render properly.

This block is 4" high and 5" wide. The image is shown darker here in order to reveal the thinly-carved lines.

This is the carved block. Although heavily carved lines are visible now, they will not appear in a print.

