



Coastal Carvers

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The Loh Down *by Rod Van Loh*

Summer has slowly been easing into fall, although day time temperatures remain warm, but not too warm. We have had several showers of rain, which at least wet the forest a bit, which lessens the danger of forest fires in what has been an extremely dry summer. Fire danger got me thinking about smoke respirators in case of a quick evacuation, and that in turn got me thinking about respirators in general.

COPD—four letters that have changed the lives of thousands of people. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease leads to constriction of the airways in the lungs, causing breathing to become progressively difficult over time. Common ailments include emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and non-reversible asthma. This danger begs the question, my Friends: Are you doing everything you can to protect your lungs? The woodworking environment tends to be dusty. Any kind of dust can be irritating to the lungs, but some woods are more toxic than others. Two types of respirators are easily available—particulate masks for filtering dust and other particles and chemical masks for filtering mists, sprays, and any chemical that can disperse in the air. You do use one if you spray Roundup, for example, right? Better yet, don't spray Roundup at all. Some finishing products can be toxic as well. Particulate masks can be as simple as a paper mask with an elastic band to go around your head, or a padded cloth with two ties like medical people wear. Canister respirators have a molded mask and filtering canister to each side, which contains various fibers and charcoal. Various straps over and around the head keep them in place and minimize seepage around the edges.

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Canister respirators have a molded mask and filtering canister to each side, which contains various fibers and charcoal. Various straps over and around the head keep them in place and minimize seepage around the edges. Compared to the cost of COPD treatment, the cost of a good quality respirator is negligible. Still seeing to many people sanding and spraying without protecting themselves. Respirators of all kinds are available at your local hardware or paint store.

Time to get up, get organized, and get going! January 19 & 20, 2019, are the show dates for this coming year, and the theme is "From the Western Shore". If you haven't already, start thinking about those carvings for the show, or whether you might like to demonstrate, teach a class, or give a lecture at the show, or, for that matter at one of our monthly meetings, be sure to let the officers know. And thank you, in advance!! See you October 7.

Rod

Please be sure to read Kathy's article. The casino has decided to charge for use of electricity at your table. It is a big chunk of change.... \$20 a day. None of us are happy about it. There is a lot of information in Kathy's article.



Words: I am just a little bit not on the ball yet, with the newsletter. As you can see our **Upcoming Events** column is rather short. If your carving organization has an event coming up from November 2018 onward, we would appreciate you sending the information: dates, place, name of event and contact information. I would like to see a longer list. I spent some time 'fishing' the net, looking for events, but I couldn't find any. I really don't know where to look. Larry's email is (for positing on the web) coastalcarvers@earthlink.net My email is scribe97364@charter.net We would like to hear from you. C

Upcoming Events

2018

October 13-14 Tacoma, Washington

Northwest Carvers Association Show at Waller Road Grange, 2708 64th Street East. Contact Ron Dryer (253) 375-7429, dryer.ronald@comcast.net

2019

January 19th & 20th Lincoln City Oregon 27th Annual

The Coastal Carvers is a Non-Juried Show. "Artistry In Wood Show 2019" will be on January 19th & 20th Chinook Winds Convention Center - 1777 N.W. 44th Street - Lincoln City, Oregon. Theme for 2019 "On The Western Shore". 2019 Featured Artist Randy Martin. Contact Kathy Jensen, jensenka17@yahoo.com, phone: 503-856-4158 You can find more info on our website.

January 28 - Cruise to Columbia/Panama/Costa Rica

'Woodcarvers Cruise V' Celebrity Cruise Line Reflection; beginners and ends in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Carving instructor Dennis Thornton; painting instructions with Susan Thornton. Non-carvers welcome, too. Call Just Cruises (800) 783-7489



from the web for October....

My best friend Andy would always carve a whole bunch of Santas (all the same) to give away and sell each year and for many years. Not that I will ever be able to step into his shoes, but I am going to give it a try. I am in the process of carving many Santa ornaments and hope to have many done before Christmas. Andy and I took a carving class in Yakima from Three-time World Champion Carver Ernie Muehlmann. He told

me to never carve just one of anything. He said that he has carved over a 1,000 Chickadees. Well, guess what? I am giving that a try but not in the thousands but quite a few Santa ornaments this year.

I found this on the Internet: If you are cutting branches to carve the worst time to cut is in a full moon because it has more water and takes longer to dry. Learn something new all the time.

By the time you are reading this I will have taught another Beginning Woodcarving class in the Lincoln City Senior Center, a maximum of 8 people. My reason is hoping for new members that might join our club and help with the folks locally. One couple from Colorado will join me. The lady told me that her father was a Master Woodcarver and she has all his tools, what a bonanza. I think for beginners I would suggest a good carving knife, a detail knife and a small v-tool as you can do a lot of carving in the beginning with those. I am a Flexcut junkie as I love their tools and they are easy to maintain, and their prices are reasonable. I have collected many different knives over the years and still go back to my Flexcut KN13 Detail Knife, KN27 Mini-Detail Knife and FR603 V-Tool Palm Tool. They are my best friends for carving in the round on small projects.

Miriam Carpenter article: Prussian Blue is, as far as pigments go, quite famous. The intense blue was the first modern synthetic pigment, has been used in art (it's the source of the rich blue you see in *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by Hokusai), for military uniforms (that's where it gets the name Prussian Blue, from the uniforms of the Prussian Army), and in machine shops to assist with carefully mating two surfaces (in the form of Engineer's blue, a mixture of the pigment and oil).

In addition to serving as the world's first source of light-fast rich blue dye and forever changing the art world and textile production, Prussian blue also happens to be a pretty serious medicine. The vibrant pigment is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines because of how effective it is as an antidote for heavy metal poisoning. *(continued next page)*

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Pigment therapy exploits the compound’s ion-exchange properties and high affinity for certain “soft” metal cations. It is very well suited for treating people who have ingested thallium or radioactive isotopes of cesium. Eating several grams of medical-grade Prussian blue pigment reduces internal residency time (and exposure) by about two-thirds and significantly decreases the risk of immediate or long-term health complications

A Little Humor for your day: Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there. It was the bathroom, but still...
***** Remember when we had to smack the TV because the channel wasn’t coming in clearly? I feel that way about far too many people. ***** “Kids today don’t know how easy they have it, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the channel.

B C N U @ the October Meeting, from beautiful downtown Lincoln Beach, Larry

Club Meetings are at the Lincoln City
SDA School--2126 NE Surf Avenue
Lincoln City, OR
Next meeting,
October 7
1:30 PM
Bring Show 'n Tell

Bring tools. Gene Tilton will be leading a carve-along, teaching us how to carve a pumpkin.

5th Annual Will Hayden Memorial Name Tag Contest.

First, Second, and Third Place awards. The three winners’ pins will be auctioned off at the banquet/auction.

The only rule is do not put a name on it, leave it blank.

Andy Anderson Memorial Beginners Awards.

Awards to the First, Second, and Third Place Winners in the Beginner’s Category of the People’s Choice.

Beginners have 2 years or less experience.

Photos:
Page 1: Cape Lookout trail.

Page 2: Siletz Bay in the fog.

Page 4: Not sure where it is taken.

Page 6: Bellingham, WA, take a guess at what it is....



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Kathy's Communication

Here we are starting the 2018-19 Coastal Carver year. The summer flew by as usual and I had fun on a High School Reunion 65th Birthday Cruise to Alaska as well as a great week of carving in Ellensburg. I just participated in the Silverton Rendezvous Sept 14-16 and had a good time carving three new projects. They aren't done yet, but I am working on them.

By the time you read this you should have received the fall mailing for the 2019 show and dues. **Please fill out the form even if you are only paying dues.** It helps to keep our files updated on address, email and phone and provide a paper trail. Also if you want to participate in the banquet/auction we need a count by January 7. We can't guarantee there will be tickets available at the show. This year we are having the banquet catered by Oceans Apart Hawaiian Catering. A description of the Hawaiian buffet is on the show application. The banquet will be at the Seventh Day Adventist School like last year. The cost of the banquet is \$25.00.

Our Featured Carver is **Randy Martin** from Sandy, Oregon. He is a fabulous carver of feathers and birds. He donated feather carvings in a shadow box for the auction last year and they were beautiful. He has also done some presentations at the show and at our club meeting. In honor of Randy, the Theme is "On the Western Shore." Use your imagination of what you might find on the beach. It doesn't have to be just birds for the People's Choice Awards.

Don't forget your entries for the Will Hayden Memorial Name Tag Contest, there are monetary awards for first, second and third place. If you know of a beginning carver with two years or

less experience encourage them to enter the Andy Anderson Beginner's Competition. This competition also has a monetary award for first, second and third. New last year was the Quick Carve Contest and it will continue this year at the show. At a specific time you will be handed a block of wood and given what the subject of the carving will be. It was fun watching the carvers last year carve something you would find at the beach.

Please note: If you use electricity at your table, the Casino is now charging \$40 for the two days. You will need to indicate that on the show application and pay ahead of time. Do not daisy chain off someone who has electricity as the Casino will be monitoring and if the Casino finds that happening they will charge the club. Also if you are in need of an electrical strip, ask the raffle table and they will direct you to the club member who has a box of electrical supplies. If you ask the Casino, they will charge the club. That happened last year.

We were hoping Jerry Harris was going to have enough wood left that he would be able to do our show. He is retiring, but he sold out the last of his wood at the Silverton Rendezvous. We wish Jerry and his wife Marta well and thank them for their support of our show over the years. Drakes also won't be at the show this year, but will be back. They had an emergency move in Arizona and have to go down earlier than they usually do to set up their new place and shop. Jeff Harness will do some sharpening, but he wants to limit it and not be sharpening all day. If you have a couple of tools that need sharpening he charges \$4.00 a tool.

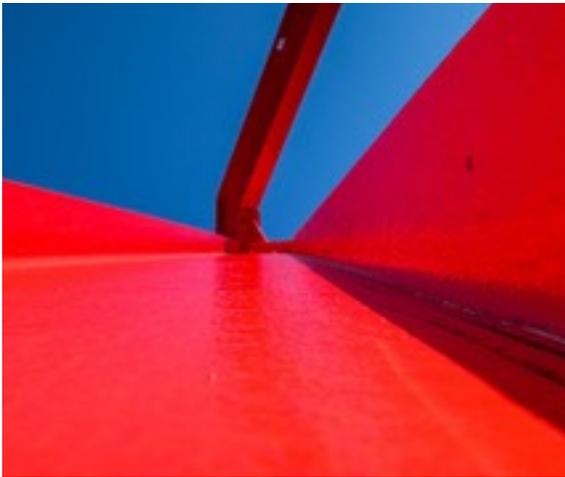
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I unfortunately won't be at the October meeting as I have an opportunity to do a two day class that weekend on gourd carving. I'm excited to try something new.

There will be a club representative at the meeting who will collect dues and show apps if you bring them.

Be sure to bring your show and tell from over the summer, you'll have to wait until November to see mine. Also bring your knives as Gene Tilton will be leading a carve-along of pumpkin pins.

I'll be thinking of you on Oct. 7 at 1:30 pm. Remember goodies to share..... Kathy

**NEWSLETTER REQUEST..**

I know there are a lot of you that had some wonderful experiences carving this summer: Ellensburg Carving Academy, Silverton Rendezvous, State Fair, and more. I know I should have asked sooner, but better late than never. I would welcome articles for the newsletter to help make things more interesting. I hope you had a good summer and hope to hear about your adventures. Thanks, Christine

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