

# The Valley Carver



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**Next Wed Mtg. Sept 30th**

**Next Sat Mtg. Oct 3rd**

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## EDITORIAL

### Types of Carving

*New members crave information and this might as well be a good jumping off point for you. Hopefully we will stimulate your creativity and help you find those items and projects you are looking for.*

There are 4 main styles of carving for beginners to choose from when they start out.

1. **Whittling** – such as caricature carvings or ball and chain where you see the individual knife strokes at the end. Probably one of the oldest styles of carving.
2. **Carving in the Round** – Busts, Birds and Begonias – and many other things where the object is more lifelike and completed all around.
- 3.a **Relief Carving** – the image is carved in 3 dimensions and has a flat back – usually for hanging. Quite often scenes although any subject is possible.  
3b **Intaglio** – In this group is also Intaglio where the image is inset into the surface as opposed to relieved. Sort of the negative image carving styles.
4. **Chip Carving** – Only 3 knife cuts . . . and your tongue firmly planted in your left cheek. Often described as two points - the surface and the cut below the surface. Chip knives are used to remove selected bits of wood, quite often triangular in shape and are based on free form or geometric patterns. You will build up great forearms!

Try all of these forms of carving and find your creative niche'!



### **New Executive**

Just thought it would be handy to remind everyone who is working for you folks this year. Everyone volunteered and all were elected.

President & Showchair	<b>Roger Kovaltsenko</b> 604-853-4510
Treasurer	<b>Bonnie Sorenson</b> 604-858-2297
Librarian	<b>Joany Hughes-Games</b>
Vice Chair and Newsletter	<b>Larry Armour.</b> 604-756-0306
Secretary & Instructor	<b>Bob Young.</b> 604-853-8049

## Old Business

1 T-Shirts – As mentioned in the last newsletter – we have the opportunity to order Club “Golf Style” shirts again this year (with and without pocket available – same cost) Bob would like to place the order by the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting – (next meeting) so if everyone who is interested could bring in their orders (and money) to Bib either the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday carving night (September 30<sup>th</sup>) or the next Club Meeting (Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>) it would be appreciated. We currently have 4 shirts confirmed and require a minimum of 10 to place the order. Show your support and wear your colours!

2 Club Wood for Sale – We still have basswood that we purchased from Reimers Hardwood last year at the end of

the show. If you are in need feel free to give Darryl Olsen a call (604-864-0622) and order what you need for a project.

3 Coffee Cart Volunteers – As Bonnie has taken on Treasurer for the year we are in need of a volunteer (s) to take over the setting up of coffee for the club at Wednesday night carving and/or Saturday Club meetings. If you can help or can take this on please give Roger a call. (604-853-4510)

## New Business

1..Budget – Budget for the show in May was introduced and passed. Date was confirmed for May 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the AgRec building again here in Abbotsford.

Membership Dues – Due again. It’s a new year and membership dues in the amount of \$20.00 per person or family are due again. Please bring to the club at your earliest convenience.

2..Raffle Draw – It appears as though we will not be receiving the Provincial Grant this year so we have applied for a class “D” raffle license. All the necessary documents have been filed with the License Dept. we should hear back from them in the very near future. We have secured 3 main prizes and we are looking at various opportunities to get into the community to sell these tickets and talk to people both about the club and new membership. We are excited and raring to go!

**In Memoriam – Earl Clifford.** It is sad that we say farewell to another member this year, Earl Clifford. He and his contributions to the club will be missed. Our thoughts and well wishes go out to the family and his friends.

## Wednesday Nights

### ***Teach & Tell***

As most of you know we have had great success on teaching new beginners on Wednesday night. A program which also happen to bring in new members to our little group. We will be running this program in succession again this year with our own Bob Young and Roger Kovaltsenko leading the charge. An advertisement (PSA) will be placed in the local newspaper along with a picture of the project picked. Last year the immediate response was quick and large so we can expect this year will be just as successful. Many new members were retained after the successive classes and we **welcome all you new club members** to our ranks and look forward to seeing you again this year.



Additionally we will be holding a beginners Chip Carving Class taught by our own Rick Denbraber. The purpose of this class is to expose existing current members who have wanted to try chip carving but haven't had the opportunity. It will

run for 3 consecutive Wednesdays beginning October 7<sup>th</sup> with a break to gauge its success. It is limited to 6 persons per class. We have the initial 6 persons for the October class however Larry will be taking names on Wednesday nights and at club meetings for the next class session. See Larry or give him a call at (604-756-0306) – try a different form of carving and expand your horizons.

## Product Show & Tell

Many of us have purchased just about every tool, blank, pattern and accessory available. So on Wednesday nights I'll try to bring down an assortment of tools and gadgets – (Lord knows I have purchased many) for people to see and try. What good is having the new feathering tips if people can't try them out to see if they'll work for them and support our suppliers? Plus it's a great way to get a little free exchange of information amongst our carvers going and show off various techniques by different people. (Looks like I'll have to find a good deal on one of those bucket buddies after all – **(Hint Hint)** And . . . if you wanted to know something just ask someone – it's a great way to get to know each other. ☺'

And yes – **Suppliers** – if you have a loaner of a new product – send it over and we'll show it off for 2 weeks and then send it back. Could be a simple way to get some interest going in-between shows. Or . . . do you have a product to showcase? Send us the info!

## Upcoming Events

### 1. Children's Wish – Donations

Last reminder for the donations of Christmas tree ornaments for the Children's Wish program that Chipping Away is doing. Make them small and light enough to go on a tree branch. Put your initials and province (BC) on the bottom. Put on a screw eyelet so that a ribbon or thread can be used to hang it. And finally – get them in to Rick by October 30<sup>th</sup> or ASAP!. Rick will be going to Chipping Away in November for a class so he will transport them for us.



## Calendar of Events

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### British Columbia

#### **Vancouver Island Woodcarver's Club**

**Brant Festival Wildlife Woodcarving Show & Canadian Fish Carving Championship** 2010 – April 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>

[www.thebrant.ca](http://www.thebrant.ca)

#### **Central Fraser Valley Wood Carvers** “Art of the Carver Show”

2010 - May 8th

[www.centralfraservalley.com](http://www.centralfraservalley.com)

#### **Richmond Carver's Society** - Annual Carver's Show

2010 – May 21-22

[www.richmondcarvers.ca](http://www.richmondcarvers.ca)

#### **Shuswap School of Woodcarving**

Sorento BC - Seminars

2009 Sept 27 to Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

[www.bccarvingschool.com](http://www.bccarvingschool.com)

### Washington State

#### **Spit & Whittle Annual Quilceda Carvers**

**Rendezvous.** (TBA)

Friday

Creek RV Resort. Contact Wade Faries 360.386.8849, cell 206.276.1880 or [wlfaries@yahoo.com](mailto:wlfaries@yahoo.com)

#### **NWCA 29th Annual Show & Sale Nov 14-15**

Western WA Fairgrounds,  
Red Gate in the Restaurant Bldg. 9th SW, Puyallup, WA  
Contact Bob

Harkness 253.833.4626 [c.l.harkness@att.net](mailto:c.l.harkness@att.net)

**New Location**

<http://www.woodcarvers.org>

#### **Lower Columbia Woodcarvers 25th Anniversary Show Sept 26-27**

Cowlitz Regional Conference Center, 1900 7th Ave,  
Longview, WA

10-5 Sat, 10-4 Sun Contact Angi Buck at 360.295.3661

[anobuck@earthlink.net](mailto:anobuck@earthlink.net)

#### **Quilceda Woodcarving Show,**

Monroe WA April 24/25 ?

Shot of the month



## PRODUCTS REVIEW

*First let me start by saying that I am reviewing product that I have purchased and used and have found good value in. (ed) For those of you new to carving and in need of a little assistance on where or what to get next – come see us on Wednesday nights and try some of these items (and others) out so you can decide if this is right for you.*

### FLEXCUT STARTER SET SK106



— SK305 #3 X 3/8"(9mm)

∪ SK306 #6 X 5/16"(8mm)

∨ SK801 #9 X 1.5mm

∇ SK307 70° X 1/4"(6mm)

SK106 entry level tool set comes with a quick connect ABS handle. The 4

interchangeable blades, and instruction manual, are enough to complete the carving blank included. Additional tools can be supplemented to the 10 pocket tool roll to create your own custom set. Good selection for the new carver and a good price under \$60.00 for the sett. At \$12.00 per blade or knife this is a great value and the profiles are the most commonly used. Recommended !

## Warren Basic Whittling Kit



21EX Straight Blade  
11B 30degree Angle Blade  
22B Small Radius Inside Curve Blade  
8B Large Radius Inside Curve Blade  
10B Medium Radius Inside Curve Blade  
20EX Large Radius Outside Curve Blade

### **Basic Whittling Kit**

This kit contains a beautiful walnut handle plus a selection of 6 small (5/16 x 2 1/4) razor sharp knife blades. The blades come in a small plastic tube for protection and storage

Why do I like these? Two reasons actually.

1. You get a whole selection of knife blades for under \$25.00 usually. (\$4.00 per knife – not bad!)
2. For those who have not mastered sharpening yet – you can get extra blades (3 / pkg for about \$5.00) and always have a razor sharp blade and spend more time carving. Gouge sets are similarly priced.

Good value for beginners!

## Next Month – Cape Forge

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### Now this is Functional Art

Taking wood art to a new dimension.



## Club T-Shirts (reminder)

Born in Venezia, Italy, where he still lives Livio began his sculpting even as a child and studied art and drawing at "Accademia di Belle Arti" in Venice, where his outstanding talents first surfaced. He has also worked in different mediums like marble and bronze but wood remains his favorite because it gives him a "vitality" which manifests itself in his works.

His artworks have been shown around the world including London, Paris, Zurich, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Tokyo. He has also been featured in various magazines and on television for his unique art works. In the U.S.A. he has done work with Ripley's American Museum in St. Augustine Florida as well as the museum of art in Muskegon - Michigan

## Whittle Tips

**Duck & Cover ?** – Well cover anyways . . Edges – Tools maintain their edges in between uses by protecting the ends with a cover or sleeve. Use a simple wine cork to protect your gouges and blades when not in use.

**Stop & Strop** - Stropping/Honing – How long in between or how often is a subject that has as many opinions as there are carvers in the club. It can depend on what hardness of wood and how heavy or light handed the individual is. Good rule of thumb for beginners to get in the practice of is for every twenty (20) minutes of carving – stop and strop. It helps maintain a good clean edge and you can review your work to that point and re-focus on your next area. It also gives your hands and muscles a refresher from that death grip that newbies' tend to start with.

**Centre Line** – All of you – especially the new carvers – besides your knife in your kit you should have a mechanical pencil and eraser. You cannot do a carving without these 3 things. Why mechanical pencil – It's just a better option – the end can retract so the graphite is protected, and, it is always the correct thickness so no need to sharpen it. A centre line (at least) is needed for judging symmetry or marking areas of wood to remove. It's a habit and a skill to develop at the beginning of your carving quests.

## CLUB T-SHIRTS

### **Club T-Shirts.**

The following is the price list for Club T-Shirts.

Any member wanting a shirt, Contact Bob Young ASAP.

**Money has to be paid up front.**

Golf Shirts – Gildan Style 8900P

Navy 50/50 poly cotton with pocket

Size Small to XLarge \$ 14.00

Size XXLarge \$ 16.00

Golf Shirts – Gildan Style 8800

Navy 50/50 poly cotton no pocket

Size Small to XLarge \$ 14.00

Size XXLarge \$ 16.00

Embroidery – per shirt \$ 5.65

### Cost per Shirt – for both styles

#### **Size Small to XLarge**

\$14 + \$5.65 for Embroidery \$19.65

GST @ 5% on \$1965 .98

PST @ 7% on \$19.65 1.37

Total per shirt \$ 22.00

#### **Size XXLarge**

\$15.78 + \$5.65 Embroidery \$ 21.43

GST @ 5% on \$2143 1.07

PST @ 7% on \$21.43 1.50

Total per shirt \$ 24.00

## Carver's Resources

Always good to know where to go to get information, inspiration and instruction. To this end we suggest our local suppliers like David at Island Woodcraft Supplies and Lee Valley Tools both in Coquitlam and KMS Tools here in Abbotsford. Our library has a great source of books, videos and study pieces and subscriptions to magazines such as Woodcarving Illustrated, Wildfowl Carving and Chip Chats are always great places for all carvers to get resources through. You can check them out on the web as well.

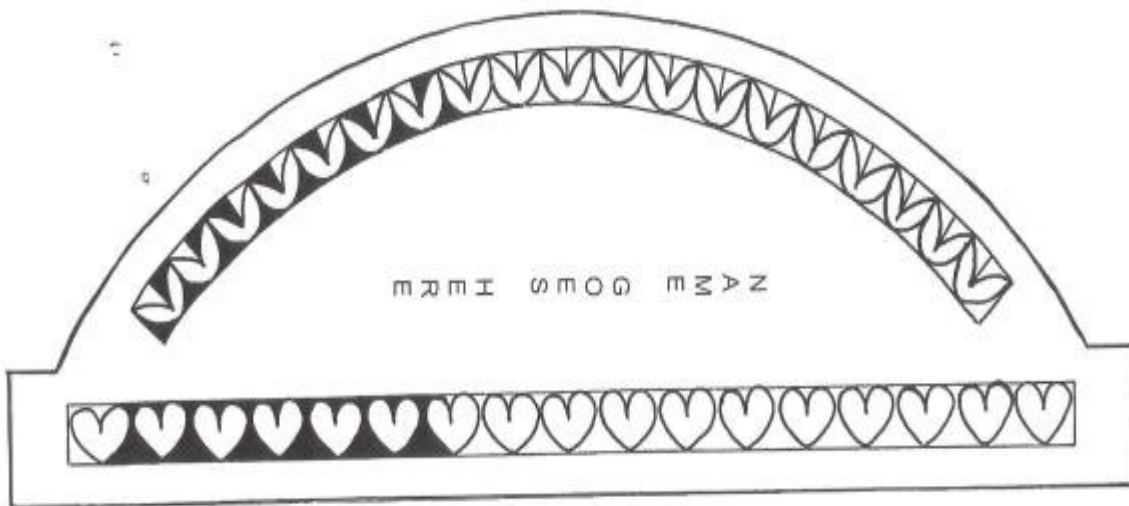
Woodcarving Illustrated	(By Fox Chapel)	<a href="http://www.woodcarvingillustrated.com/">http://www.woodcarvingillustrated.com/</a>
Wildfowl Carving Magazine	(Stackpole Magazines)	<a href="http://www.wildfowl-carving.com/">http://www.wildfowl-carving.com/</a>
Chip Chats	(NWCA )	<a href="http://www.chipchats.org/">http://www.chipchats.org/</a>

## PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

### 1. Chip Carving Pattern

Christmas stocking Name-Tag Holder – Put cup hook in bottom centre when finished to hand stockings

Used w/permission from D. Moore





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2. Caricature

Santa 1