

NEWSLETTER

May 2023

Mission Statement

To educate and provide knowledge in the art of woodcarving to all ages through demonstrations and well as workshops.

We ended our carving season on a high note with Marty Dolphens instructing us on carving faces in cottonwood bark. We had several carvers who were new to carving and had never carved a face before. For those of you who know Marty, you know how great of an instructor he is. Everyone had completed projects, some even completed two. Just to prove that you are never to old to learn, Marty even learned something. He brought examples of different type of faces to use as examples. For the fun of it he threw in a buffalo head and a wolf and a bear, neve expecting anyone to use these. To his chagrin, several people chose them to carve. Lesson learned for him is never again bring animal faces to a face carving session. The buffalo head turned out to be a challenge. In the early stages of carving the head it took on the look of an alien or robot, but all ended well. A great time and a lot of laughs.

Our next group carving sessions will start again in September. We have several instructional carving sessions scheduled throughout the spring, summer and fall with different groups. Watch the newsletter for this. We can use help with these classes.

CARVERS WANTED: 2023 Open class exhibits at the Douglas County Fair are open for all ages. There are lots of different classes to enter. Pre-registration is required. Go to <http://www.dcmnfair.com/openclass> and follow directions to set up an account and register your projects. Mail in registration must be postmarked by Monday August 7, 2023. Have questions call 866-656-FAIR.

We are looking to collect several hundred walking sticks for kids, to be handed out at Youth Outdoor in August. The sticks should be around 4' in length and about 1" thick. If you can round some up, get in touch with either Sonya or myself.

We will be putting together 1000 clothespin giraffe kits to be given away at Youth Outdoor. Parts have been ordered. Once we have everything on hand to make the kits, we will be setting up some days to get together and package them. Could use several people to help at Youth Outdoors. See calendar for dates and time.

May 5th from 8:30–11:30 am we will be carving cottonwood bark feathers with students from Kalon Academy. We could use some help.

May 9th and 10th in the evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 pm we have fish carving class with Community Ed. Could use help here also.



Newsletter/Dues

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Dues are Adult or family = \$30
Junior members = \$5

Coming Events

May 5	8:30 –11:30 am	Kalon Academy	Carving a feather
May 9,10	6:30–9:00 pm	Community Ed	Sunfish and base
June	Summer break		
July 12	1–4 pm	Smoky Timber Lodge	Carving a spoon
Aug 16–19	All day	Douglas County Fair	
Aug 27	10–3pm	Youth Outdoor	
Sept 15,16,17	8:00–5:00 pm	Marty Dolphens	To be determined
Oct	Open carving		
Nov	Open carving		
Dec 1,2,3	8:00–5:00 pm	Troy Helget	Pheasant
Jan	Sat	Sonya, Beth	Painting class

Marty Dolphens class



I never thought they would want to carve the buffalo head.





Lesson time, gather around

