

## Dear New Member of Central Coast Woodcarvers,

Welcome to Central Coast Woodcarvers! We are always interested in new members and are looking forward to you sharing your talents with others in the group and becoming a friend to all. You can find out more about our past, current and future activities by visiting [www.centralcoastwoodcarvers.com](http://www.centralcoastwoodcarvers.com). In order to access the member only portion of the website (which includes our member roster and contact information) you should email our webmaster: Charlie Roberts, at [charlie@centralcoastwoodcarvers.com](mailto:charlie@centralcoastwoodcarvers.com), and request to be granted access, as a member. Once accepted, you will be able to view the member specific areas.

We ask for an annual \$10 membership fee from our members. These funds help pay for the benefits we receive at St. Timothy's Catholic Church annex in Morro Bay (weekly rental of the the meeting room, tables, chairs, restrooms and coffee) as well as provisions of supplies by the Central Coast Woodcarvers (CCW) such as carving gloves, wood blanks, first aid kit, available tool sharpener, table protection mats, club woodburning tools, electric cords and more. Your membership fee should be mailed to Central Coast Woodcarvers P.O. Box 743 Morro Bay, California 93443

All members are asked to ALSO join the [California Carvers Guild \(of which we are Chapter 7\) aka CCG](#). Our club would not exist without their sponsorship. We are provided many benefits under their umbrella, including accidental injury insurance for members of our club who are also members of CCG. CCG also provides us funds for advertising, funds towards group sponsored activities, and a quarterly copy of THE LOG, published and sent out by the CCG to all members, which includes notice carving activities occurring throughout the state. The membership application can be found on their website. Fees are \$25/member or \$40/couple annually.

Except during COVID restrictions, our Tuesday carving sessions are held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church annex in Morro Bay, anytime from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The time that you attend is up to you. No times are scheduled, except when specific classes are held. Many carvers take a break for lunch by bringing their lunch or go out to eat, or pop in to carve as time allows. Classes and instruction sessions are held periodically, with any interested members welcome to join. If not taking the class, members continue to carve on their own projects within the annex.

Members are asked to sweep and clean up their individual carving site before leaving. The club provides brooms, dustpans and a vacuum. The church may ask us to put away our tables and/or chairs at the end of the day. Please ask if this is the case before you leave. Hang your chair up, if requested.

Except during COVID restrictions, on the second Saturday of each (most) months, a CCW/CCG member leads a carving session at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum from 1-4 p.m. Sessions are free to anyone who wants to carve. A blank for a specific project is provided to work on, otherwise you may bring your own piece to carve, in the company of like minded friends. Please refer to the calender portion of our website for upcoming carving sessions and events.

We have several big annual events that we enjoy: Each September, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month, during non-COVID restricted years, we hold a big Woodcarvers Show. We invite you to participate. Please ask for details. Carvers gather at the end of the first day for a group potluck.

The day before the show, carvers can reserve to gather at our annual Rendezvous, a daylong carving session.

In December, we dedicate one of our Tuesday sessions to a holiday party where we bring in carved ornaments for a fun swap, and enjoy a member potluck.

I will typically send out a club newsletter several times a month. If you're missing it, check your SPAM folder, as, for unknown reasons, occasionally emails are sent there instead of to your inbox. Again, our website is also a good resource for what is going on.

We always are happy to welcome interested carvers to come and visit our in person or COVID initiated online Google MEET sessions, whether for a few hours, an entire day or become CCW members and sit in as a regular. Invite your friends and pass the word to interested persons. We all are happy to share what we know about carving, are interested in getting to know you, and are glad that you've decided to join us!

Laurie Wright, 2020 Secretary

Central Coast Woodcarvers, Chapter 7 of the California Carvers Guild