

Dayton Carvers Guild

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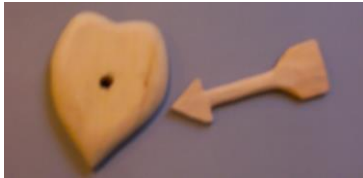


News by chip carver Stearns whose pithy discourse will bring a smile to even the bird carver.

Program: Carve a Valentine Heart by Bruce Henn

You'll need one of these for February 14th. Bruce will show you how to carve a heart pierced by a love arrow. Plus, what is more, you will carve one. Bruce will bring blanks. You, bring tools.

Bruce is a fun instructor, and this should be so simple even the chip carver can hack it.



Who we are.

We, The Dayton Carvers Guild, are wood carving enthusiasts. Some are experts and some are beginners.

Carvers and folks who might be interested in carving are invited to come to our meetings.

At a typical meeting we start with Show and Tell. Serendipitous encounters with other carvers spark creativity. We break for coffee and cookies and then have a program. It might be a "how to" demonstration or a presentation of something related to carving. Ideas flow.

If you have questions, please see our website, you may email to the address above or call Marshall Stearns at (937) 837-0728.

Meeting Instructions:

Park in the front or in the nearby parking lot. Enter the United Rehabilitation Services building through the front door, the door that faces to the south. It's the door where all the buses and vans are parked. From there bear left. If you are late and encounter a locked door, press the buzzer on a carved stand.

We are to clean up the chips, put tables and chairs back, and depart prior to 8:30.

Next Dayton Carvers Guild Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th. The club meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month except there is none in December. We meet at United Rehabilitation Services Building, 4710 Troy Pike (corner of Needmore Road), Dayton, Ohio.

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January Carver of the Month: Marshall Stearns

January Cookie Contributors: Bob Flanagan and Barb Belcher

Mark Your 2025 Calendar

- Dayton Carvers Guild meetings are at 6:30 on the fourth Tuesday of each month except there is no meeting in December. The November 2025 meeting date is close to Thanksgiving so we will have to decide on what to do with the November meeting.
- Dayton Carvers Guild luncheons are at noon on the first Wednesday of each month, including December.
- The International Woodcarvers Congress in Maquoketa, Iowa runs from June 9th through June 14th.
- The Buckeye Woodcarvers Roundup in Fletcher, Ohio runs from July 16th through July 19th.

Hand Tool and Hand Tool Joinery Seminar

The Western Ohio Woodworkers club is sponsoring a full day seminar on February 8th in Centerville. Presenter Eric Conover will get deep into some sophisticated joinery.

Cost is zero for WOW members and \$30 for non-members. The \$30 gives you lunch and free WOW membership for a year.

For more information go to the WOW website, westernohiowoodworkers.com or talk to Marshall Stearns.

Carvers Luncheon at Marion's

The Christmas luncheon of carving friends at Marion's was a doozy.

An argument over the correct way to sharpen Bob's 14 mm sweep No. 8 short bent gouge led to a fistfight, a turkey was flung across the table, and the President lost her composure. The maître d'ess said, "Tone it down or I'll shut off free refills." Awkward apologies were made, and we enjoyed an excellent crème brûlée dessert.



Lunch is at noon on every first Wednesday of the month. We dine at Marion's North, 3443 North Dixie Drive in Dayton. If you want to pre-order, call them at 937 277-6553.

Remember to bring the coupon or ask for the Senior Discount, not good on the special.

About Our Library

We have carving books and videos in a file cabinet. We don't know just what's there and they aren't easy to use so they don't get used. There are a couple ways to fix this. We could have a librarian. They could make an index of the contents and members could check them out. When we did it that way, making an index was a big job and, even then, it got used very little. Or, we can raffle away the contents to meeting attendees. Maybe you have some ideas. We can talk this over during the January meeting.

The 57th International Woodcarvers Congress

The 57th Congress occurs the second full week of June: 6/09/25 through 6/14/25. It's time to start planning.

Activities during Congress Week include:

- Wood carving competition in over 95 separate categories with nationally known judges
- Wood carving classes that cover a variety of carving and related subjects
- Unique Judges' Critique Sessions
- Open-to-the-public wood carving show
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Annual AWC Membership meeting
- Congress Week** takes place at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 E. Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA . 52060.

www.woodcarverscongress.org

If you want to enter the competition and won't attend, expect Dick and Barb Belcher to offer to transport your carvings and enter them. More info is sure to come later.

International Woodcarvers Congress Classes

Just to whet your appetite, these are pulled from the IWC website and newsletter. Check IWC for times and dates.

- Fred & Elaine Stenman - Low Relief and Woodburning
- Ryan Olsen - Caricature Carving
- Bruce Shostak - Wood Carving Problem Solving
- Jan Jenson - Old World Chip Carving
- Jeff Phares - Bust Carving
- Randy Hansen - 1/2 Size Cardinal on Snowy Ground
- April Bird - Whimsical Bark House
- Karen Henderson - Eating/Serving Spoons
- Roger Nadrchal - 6" Red Fox
- Dave Stetson - Caricature Heads and Expressions
- Charlene Lynum - Chip Carve a Keepsake Box
- Dick Belcher - Tool Sharpening evening demonstration/class