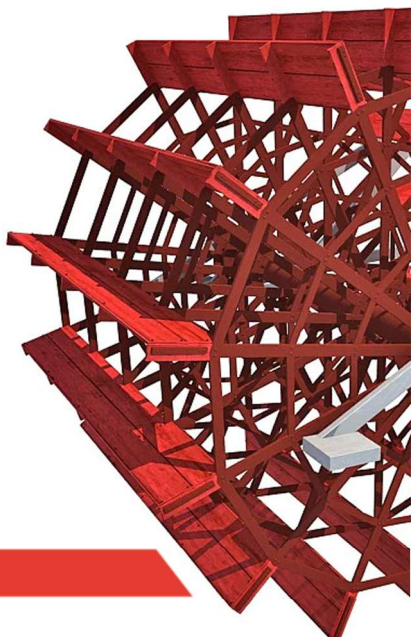




OHIO VALLEY WOODCARVERS EXPO

SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH, 2026

SATURDAY - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ELKS LODGE

3704 ALEXANDRIA PIKE

COLD SPRING, KY 41076

The River Valley Wood Carvers
would like to invite interested wood carvers and vendors to
participate in our fall wood carvers expo and competition.



See the following pages for additional information and a
show application.



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LOCATION:

ELKS LODGE

3704 Alexandria Pike

Cold Spring, KY 41076

September 26th and 27th, 2026

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Admission Cost \$5.00 Each Person

Scouts in uniform and Children Under 12 - FREE

ANNUAL SHOW INFORMATION

1. Space will have one 6' table and two chairs.
2. Table must be covered to floor front and sides. NO Bed Sheets, tarps, plastic, or paper covers.
3. Exhibitors furnish own lights and extension cords. All cords must be held down to floor with painter's tape. NO Duct Tape
4. No more than 2 exhibitors to a table or space.
5. Items for sale should be carved, turned, or wood related art form, but may also have other techniques with the carving. All items displayed must be the work of the exhibitor. Exception: Commercial displays
6. No setups before **7:00 AM Saturday, September 26th** and No tear down before **4:00 PM Sunday, September 28th**.
7. No smoking or pets at any time.
8. Carving is encouraged during the show. Please keep all wood chips behind the tables.
9. Ribbons from other shows prior to this show will not be displayed.
10. Please be advised that, due to limited demand in prior years, the Elks Lodge will not be providing lunch service at this year's event. Convenient dining options are available immediately adjacent to the venue, including Wendy's and McDonald's, with Raising Cane's Chicken located a short walking distance to the north.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

- **A. Realistic (Human, Animal):** Exact proportion carved in an accurate representation of subject
 - Complete figure
 - Human bust, Animal head and/or bust
 - Animal grouping, two or more.
- **B. Bird Realistic:** An accurate representation carved in the round
- **C. Aquatic Realistic:** An Accurate representation carved of subject
- **D. Chip Carving:** Flat work or in the round made with precise cuts
- **E. Caricatures:** Distortion or exaggeration of the distinguishing features
- **F. Mythical:** Legendary Characteristic of myths or folk tales: Santas, wizard, fairy, elves, trolls, dragons, unicorn, etc.
- **G. Relief Carving:** Shallow & Deep cuts in a flat panel of wood.
- **H. Ornamental & Christmas Ornament Contest:** Serving as an ornament or decorative
- **I. Stylized / Abstract:** Simplified visual form that emphasizes particular or design qualities

- **J. Open:** Carving that does not fit into any other category. No Rough-Out Carvings or Instructed Assisted.
- **K. Wood Burning:** Process of burning a design into wood
- **L. Bark Caving:** Carvings from cottonwood bark.
- **M. Religious:** Artistic imagery
- **N. Youth:** Class for all Carvers under 18 years of age – (RIBBON ONLY – NO CASH PRIZE)
- Special Awards Given
 - Best of Show-Awarded to best carving from all 1st Place Carving from all categories.
- Only registered exhibitors or vendors as individuals may enter into competition - (**Club tables included- Youth Excluded**)
- **This is a TWO day show.** We request that all exhibitors stay for both days. (**This includes Club tables that Person or Persons show in Competition**)
- Set up times are Saturday morning 7:00 AM-9:30 AM
- No set up after 9:30 AM Saturday
- All competition entries must have been finished within the last two years.
- Maximum of **TWO** pieces may be entered in any given category
- Pieces will be judged on Originality, Design, Skilled Execution, and Final Presentation.
- Judges have the right to move any Carving as they see fit to another category before judging.
- Competition Judges are ineligible for competition, and their decisions are final. They are not obligated to award any ribbons in any Category
- First place Category winners will be considered for **“Best of Show”**
- Competition entries will be taken in at 8:00-10:00 AM
- **(No Competition will be taken in past 10:00 AM Saturday Morning!) Due to judging starting at 10:15 AM**
- Entry Fee for each Piece is \$3.00

COMPETITION PRIZES

- First Place: Ribbon (Cash prizes may be awarded depending upon fund raising efforts)
- Second Place: Ribbon (Cash prizes may be awarded depending upon fund raising efforts)
- Third Place: Ribbon only
- Youth Class will be awarded ribbons only

SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR A SHOW APPLICATION





OHIO VALLEY WOODCARVERS EXPO

2026 SHOW APPLICATION

ELKS LODGE, 3704 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

Set Up Times: Saturday, September 26th, 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Show Dates/Times: September 26th & 27th, 2025 - 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Competition Entries 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (NO Entries excepted on Sat. morning after 10:00 AM)

You Must be Registered with a table to Enter Competition.

If sharing a table only Two Persons Per Table may enter Competition... **(including Club tables)*

This is a **TWO** day show. Exhibitors are requested to stay for both days if you have signed up as an Exhibitor -
INCLUDING Club tables

Exhibitor agrees to hold harmless Elks Lodge and River Valley Wood Carvers and its Officer's in anyway connected with the use of Elks Lodge from and against any, and all, claims for personal injuries, death, damages, losses and cost and any other expenses.

Registered Exhibitor' Name (PRINT)			
Signature: (Signature implies that you have read and accepted all rules for this show)			
Street:			
City/State:			
Zip:			
Phone:			
E-Mail Address (print clearly)			
Exhibitor Tables: OVWE reserves the right to limit the exhibitor to a maximum of (2) tables - if necessary.		Total \$:	
\$30/ 6' Table			
Additional Registered Exhibitor (PRINT)			
Signature of Additional Registered Exhibitor: (Signature implies that you have read and accepted all rules for this show)			
Do you need electricity? YES or NO:			
Name Tags for the Show			

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO: **River Valley Wood Carvers**

SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO:

Ralph Cooper
c/o of River Valley Wood Carvers
6294 Vineyard Lane
Melbourne, KY 41059