2027 Miami Valley Woodcarving Show Information

Dates: Saturday, March 6th, 10a – 5p; Sunday, March 7th, 12:30p – 5p with competition entries on Friday, March 5th only

Location: Christ United Methodist Church; 700 S. Marshall Rd.; Middletown, OH. 45044

1. Space will have one 8′ table and two chairs provided

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 if needed. All cords must be held down to floor with graphers tape. NO Duct Tape

4. No more than 2 exhibitors to a table or space.

5. Items for sale must be carved but may also have other techniques with the carving. Turnings and Basket Weavings may not necessarily have a carving in every piece. All items displayed must be the work of the exhibitor. Exception: Commercial displays

7. No setups after 9:30 AM Saturday March 6th and No tear down before 5PM Sunday, March 7th

8. No Alcoholic beverages, smoking or pets at any time.

9. Carving is encouraged during the show. All wood chips must be kept behind the tables. Because floor is carpeted, please put something down to catch the chips.

10. Ribbons from other shows or previous MVWA shows will not be displayed.

11. The Banquet is catered by ***Grecian Delight of Middletown.*** **Security is provided during Banquet**

12. Rather than offering door prizes for all Banquet attendees, prizes will be on an exchange basis. So, if you would like to receive a carving from another carver, please bring one to exchange. Banquet attendees who do not bring one will not be given one.

13. The Major Raffle will be scaled down slightly compared to last year, however, a few carving donations will be used for either the major raffle or a silent auction. Please indicate on the show application if you would be willing to provide an item for this raffle.

14. Pricing for tables remains the same as last year ($35 for exhibitors and $50 for vendors).

Exhibitor agrees to hold harmless Christ United Methodist Church and Miami Valley Woodcarvers Assn. in anyway connected with the use of Christ United Methodist Church from and against any and all claims for personal injuries, death, damages, losses and cost and any other expenses.

HOTEL DISCOUNT: We have negotiated a special rate at the nearby Dury Inn & Suites for those in need of a room. These rates are about $25 less than their normal rate.

	Thu 03/04/2027		Fri 03/05/2027		Sat 03/06/2027	
	Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate
1 King Bed	6	$163.00	6	$163.00	6	$163.00
2 Queen Beds	6	$143.00	6	$143.00	6	$143.00

If you are attending the seminar and need to stay Tuesday or Wednesday nights, they can give you a "shoulder date rate" which will be between the above rate and their regular rate.

The price includes:

- **Complimentary Hot Breakfast:** Start your day with scrambled eggs, oatmeal, fresh fruit, potatoes, pastries, and of course, hot coffee. Breakfast is served daily from 6:00–9:30 am on weekdays and 7:00–10:00 am on weekends.
- **Complimentary Evening Drinks and Snacks:** Join us from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm every evening for our 5:30 Kickback®. Enjoy a rotating menu of hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks, and soft drinks.
- **Complimentary Wi-Fi Throughout the Hotel:** Stay connected anywhere in the hotel—whether you're checking scores, social media, or emails.
- **On-Site Facilities:** Take advantage of our business center, fitness center, or pool. Print boarding passes, finish a presentation, or catch up on email in our business centers.

To reserve a room there, use this link: https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10198595

or call them directly at 800-325-0720 and refer to Group # 10198595.

This is not the cheapest hotel in the area, but based on comments received from previous show attendees, we believe it may be the best. Other hotel chains are also in the immediate area including: Comfort Inn, Days Inn, Econo Lodge, Fairfield Inn, Quality Inn, and Super 8 as well as others off the I-75 exits to the north and south of the Middletown exit.

PRE-SHOW SEMINAR with KEVIN APPLEGATE



This will be a 3-day seminar from Wednesday, March 3rd through Friday, March 5th. Kevin will be changing things up from the usual roughout carving seminar. Students can choose 2 cut-outs of a face (or bust) to carve on Wednesday and Thursday. These are not roughouts. The instruction will focus on carving exaggerated expressions. It will be a unique opportunity to learn caricature carving techniques.

The class will run from 9am to 4:30pm on both of those days. On Friday, the class will go from 9am to 3pm, and Kevin will demonstrate his painting techniques & tips. Students can either finish their carvings that day or paint them (if they bring their own paint & brushes).

Cost is $175 plus $10 per cut-out. Space is limited.

To reserve your spot, send a check for $175 made payable to "Kevin Applegate" to

Rick Bissonnette; 9335 Long Lane; Cincinnati, OH. 45231

Kevin's website: https://2ndalarmwoodcarving.com/

Bio

After over 30 years with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Kevin, along with his wife of 34 years, Carolyn, retired to Clarksville, Georgia.

Kevin started wood carving with his father in the mid-1980s, carving mostly whimsies and walking sticks. Following a hiatus due to a fulfilled life with family and career advancements, he was once again inspired to pick up an old hobby after attending a carving show. While attending the show, hoping to reignite an old passion, Kevin decided to sign up for a caricature class on a whim with Pete LeClair. This began his love affair with caricature wood carving. In the spirit of the age-old adage, "Carve what you know", Kevin enjoys carving caricature firefighters.

Kevin has been a member of numerous woodcarving organizations throughout Florida. After moving to Georgia, he was unable to locate any woodcarving groups within a 50-mile range, so he established The Sautee Nacoochee Woodcarvers, which have been meeting regularly for the past few years. This coupled with teaching beginning woodcarving classes at the local Technical College has exposed a new group of people to woodcarving in the North Georgia area.

When not wood carving, you can find Kevin hiking local trails with Carolyn and their new dog, Max. Or traveling to New York or Kentucky to visit their two daughters, Kelly and Katey, who were their pride and joy, until their first grandchild, Knox, came along.

Kevin just completed his tenure as President of the Caricature Carvers of America.

Competition Rules

NOTE: Competition Judging will take place at 8PM on Friday (same as last year)

- Only registered exhibitors/ vendors as individuals may enter into competition **(**only 2 from Club tables)
- **Youth Category entries do not have to be an Exhibitor**
- **This is a TWO-day show**. NO Registered Exhibitor may leave after one day. If someone at a Club table has a prize winning carving, that carving must stay on display at the table for both days, even if the carver is not there for both days
- Set up times are Friday evening 4:30 – 8:30 PM and Saturday Morning 8:00 – 9:30AM
- No set up after 9:30 AM Saturday.
- All entries must have been finished within the last TWO years.
- All Entries must have Exhibitor's Name and Date on Carving
- Maximum of TWO pieces may be entered in any given category
- Pieces will be judged on Originality, Design, Skilled Execution, and Final Presentation.
- Competition Committee has the right to move any Carving as seen fit to more appropriate category before judging.
- Competition Committee and Judges are ineligible for competition, and their decisions are final. They are not obligated to award any ribbons in any Category
- First, Second and Third place Category winners will be considered for " Best of Show "
- Competition pieces will be taken in from 5:30 to 7:30PM **on Friday**
- Entry Fee for each Piece is $4.00

COMPETITION CLASSES

Human Realistic, Animal Realistic, Bird Realistic, Aquatic Realistic, Chip Carving, Caricature, Mythical /Santa, Relief, Ornamental, Miniature/Whittling, Bark carving, Stylized/Abstract, Open, Found Wood, Novice, Wood Burning, Canes/ Walking Sticks, Religious, Instructor Assisted, Rough-Outs, and Youth

AWARDS

General	Novice & Instructor Assisted	Best of Show
- 1st Place: Ribbon + $50 - 2nd Place: Ribbon + $30 - 3rd Place: Ribbon + $20 - Honorable Mention: Ribbon Only	- 1st Place: Ribbon + $25 - 2nd Place: Ribbon + $15 - 3rd Place: Ribbon + $10 - YOUTH: Ribbon Only	- 1st : Ribbon + $150 - 2nd : Ribbon + $100 - 3rd : Ribbon + $50 - Best Table Display: Ribbon + $25

DESCRIPTION OF COMPETITION CLASSES

A. Human Realistic – Exact proportion carved in an accurate representation of Subject

- Complete figure
- Human Bust

B. Animal Realistic – An accurate representation carved in the round.

- Full animal figure
- Animal head and bust
- Animal grouping-two or more

C. Bird Realistic – An accurate representation carved in the round

- Songbird, Wildfowl, Hawk, Kestrel, Owl
- Waterfowl, Shorebird, all other birds

D. Aquatic Realistic – An accurate representation, carved, of subject

- Fish, Turtle, Frog, all aquatic creatures and groups

E. Chip Carving – Flat work or in the round made with precise cuts

- Flat work (plates, plaques, signs, frames etc.)
- In the Round (boxes, chests, bowls, furniture etc.)

F. Caricature – Distortion or exaggeration of the distinguishing features (NO ROUGHOUTS)

- Human figure
- Animal figure
- Group

G. Mythical, Santa – Legendary Characteristic of Myths or Folk Tales

- Santas
- Wizard, Fairy, Elves, Trolls, Dragons, Unicorn
- Group (NO FOUND WOOD)

H. Relief Carving – Ornamental- Shallow & and Deep cuts in a flat panel of wood

- Ornament or decoration
- Scene, People, Animal
- Geometrical design-Sign, Chest, Lettering, Emblem

I. Miniature / Whittling

- Miniature that fits within a 2″x 2″ inch space.
- Whittling – out of one piece of wood within 3″x 6″ carved only with a knife

J. Bark Carving – Carvings made out of Cottonwood bark

K. Stylized / Abstract

- Stylized – simplified visual form that emphasizes particular design qualities
- Abstract – apart from readily identifiable objects

L. OPEN – A carving or participant that does not fit into any other class

- Found wood
- Cypress Knee
- Other (including baskets-that have wood)

M. Novice – A carver that has never won a ribbon in any competition

N. Wood Burning – Process of burning a design into wood

O. Canes / Walking Sticks – carved in original design

- Size to come up to hip for assistance
- Size for hiking, above hip to shoulder

P. Religious – Artistic imagery meant to inspire

Q. Instructor Assisted – Anyone who is assisted or has been given AID or SUPPORT in a carving

R. Rough-Out – uses a wood rough-out as a starting point and carved as an AID

S. Youth – Class for all youth aged 16 and under

MIAMI VALLEY WOODCARVING SHOW APPLICATION

Friday, March 5, 2027 for Set-up and Competition entries 5:30 – 7:30 PM for Judging at 8PM

(There is a school in this building, so DO NOT come before 4:00PM, or you will not be allowed entry)

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You Must be Registered with a table to Enter Competition. If sharing a table, only Two Persons Per Table may enter the Competition (including Club tables).

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Registered Exhibitor's Name (PRINT)_____

Signature:_____

- *Signature implies that you have read and accepted all UDATES for this Show*

Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

E-Mail Address _____

Exhibitor Tables $ 35 x _____tables = Total: $_____

Commercial Tables $50 x _____ tables = Total: $_____

Banquet Reservations $ 25 x _____ people = Total: $_____

- **Additional Registered Exhibitor (PRINT)**_____

  S*ignature of Additional Registered Exhibitor*_____

- *Signature implies that you have read and accepted all UDATES for this Show*

Address:_____ City_____ State _____

Zip:_____ Phone_____

E-Mail Address: _____

If you are attending this years banquet and would like to receive a gift, you must also give one to be exchanged

Print Names as you want it to appear on your Name Tag for Show:_____

- Will you donate am item for the Major Raffle? (circle): YES NO

Complete this page and send to: Rick Bissonnette; 9335 Long Lane; Cincinnati, OH. 45231

Make checks for the show out to : Miami Valley Woodcarvers Assn.