

Tri-Cities Wood Carver's 19th Annual Rendezvous

Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick, WA

June 10-11, 2016

Overview

Our goal is to provide an informal forum for carvers, potential carvers and friends to gather and socialize, exchange carving techniques and ideas and to generally promote carving. Free, short (3-4 hours) classes will be offered as well as number of free, hands-on tutorial sites for "drop-ins" to sit down and actually carve or wood-burn, depending on the availability of presenters.

Facilities

The Fairgrounds has a significant number of RV sites and have restroom facilities. The charges for the RV camp sites remains at \$10/night with water and power and \$6/night for RVs and tents with no hookups. The classes, tutorials, barbeque and pot-luck will be held in Building #1 All sites will be available on a first-come first-serve basis. There will be plenty of room for everyone and no reservations will be taken except for instructors.

Events and Schedules

The Rendezvous events will run all day Friday and Saturday, and a fun event will be held on Sunday. We will end at noon on Sunday. We expect folks to start pulling in for camping about noon on Thursday, and some will stay until Monday morning.

Again this year we will have a variety of **free carving classes** taught by volunteer instructors. These classes will be about three hours long and **will require that you signup at 8:00 am Friday and again Saturday**. The classes are scheduled for 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, both days. Be aware that the instructors will normally charge you for supplies and cutouts that they supply for the classes. Remember to bring your own carving tools and wood burners.

We urge anyone who would like to be an instructor to contact Bob Gough 1-509-460-1647. Also, anyone who has a carving project they would like to share, please bring it to the Rendezvous.

Commercialization will continue to be discouraged, however vendors (who also teach classes) have again been invited to offer tools, books and materials periodically throughout the weekend.

We are planning to have **short presentations** that consist of about an hour presentation during the breaks (at noon and at 4 pm) on any subject that might of interest to woodcarvers. We are looking for more subjects/presenters.

For a list of classes, please go to our website at Tri-Citieswoodcarvingclub.blogspot.com or visit us on Facebook

We will have the **Pot-Luck dinner at 5 pm Friday**. The Tri-Cities Woodcarvers will hosting a **Barbeque at 5 pm. Saturday** for all of our guests (hamburgers & condiments will be furnished.) There will be a hospitality table for everyone which in the past has had coffee, juices,

pop, fresh fruit, cookies, cheese and a variety of other items. These items are donated by TCWC members and attendees so we would like to include your donations. This year we are going to try and bring back some entertainment in the evenings. If there is something you can add, please do so.

Donations

Due to the additional costs of renting the Fairgrounds, we will be holding a raffle and a silent auction to raise some funds. We urgently need your assistance in rounding up items for the raffle and auction. All donations, monetary or raffle items are appreciated.

Driving directions

From Spokane- Get on I-90 W. Take US-395 S (at Ritzville) to US-395 S in Kennewick. Continue on US-395 S. Take W 10th Ave to S Oak St. At Tenth Ave. (Fred Myers is on the SW corner) turn left (east). You will travel about two miles east to the Fairgrounds. Look for Washington St. (Red Apple Market and Burger King) with the last stoplight before your turnoff (stay on Tenth). You will pass a flashing intersection light, and go up a slight hill. Just past a “school zone” sign you will turn right (south) on Fairview. (If you pass the Eastgate School, you have gone too far). The turn is on the west edge of the school property. Turn in at the “West gate”. If you miss the West gate, there is a “South gate” at the end of the fence which may or may not be open.

From Walla Walla (SR 12). After you pass the Snake River Bridge, you will be on I-182. Follow the same directions as above.

From Yakima and Boise via I-82. Take exit 113 (into Kennewick). Follow 395 north to Tenth Ave. (Fred Myers is on the SW corner). Turn right (East). You will travel about two miles **east** to the Fairgrounds. Look for Washington St. (Red Apple Market and Burger King) with the last stoplight before your turnoff (stay on Tenth). You will pass a flashing intersection light, and go up a slight hill. Just past a “school zone” sign you will turn right (south) on Fairview. (If you pass the Eastgate School, you have gone too far). The turn is on the west edge of the school property. Turn in at the “West gate”. If you miss the West gate there is a “South gate” at the end of the fence which may or may not be open

For assistance with local motels there is a list in our 2016 Show Prospectus. If you have access to the internet, or a friend that does, go to www.VisitTri-Cities.com for a complete listing.

This constitutes all of the printed material that will be sent out for this year’s gathering. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact any of the following individuals.

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We will have lunch available on Friday and Saturday consisting of Hotdogs, chips & pop. Donations will be accepted.