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International
Wood Arts Festival

OCT 2 - 4, 2026

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Groovy Caricature Carving

**Featured Carving Instructor:
Bruce Ankeny, CCA**

**2023 Caricature Carvers of
America Inductee**

Fee: \$125 + roughout

October 2 - 4, 2026 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Discover the art of caricature carving with Bruce Ankeny, inducted into the Caricature Carvers of America (CCA) in 2023 in recognition of his outstanding talent and contributions to the art of caricature woodcarving. Bruce's whimsical characters are full of personality, expressive features, and just the right touch of humor, making them favorites among collectors and carvers alike.

During this 3-day class, Bruce will guide students step-by-step through one of his signature caricature projects while sharing the techniques that bring his carvings to life. Students will learn to establish proportion, create expressive facial features, add movement and personality, and develop clean, confident knife cuts.

Whether you're looking to improve your carving skills or simply enjoy creating a character that makes people smile, this class offers plenty of individual instruction and encouragement.

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced



Bonus Class:

Campfire Weenie Whittle!

Instructor: Bruce Ankeny, CCA

**Fee: \$25 includes dinner,
carving class, and wood
at Buffalo River State Park,
Glyndon MN (Picnic Pavillion)
October 5 3:00 pm - 7:00pm**

Who says carving has to be serious? Join featured instructor Bruce Ankeny, CCA, for this fun-filled bonus class featuring one of his crowd-favorite Burnt Weenie characters. Bruce will share his signature caricature carving techniques while guiding students through a project that's equal parts whimsical and entertaining.

Designed for all skill levels, this class is a great way to sharpen your carving skills, enjoy a few laughs, and head home with a one-of-a-kind creation that's sure to spark conversation.

One more carving adventure before heading home, this is the perfect way to wrap up a fun-filled festival weekend.

Skill Level: Beginner and Up





Bob Pedigo
SITTING FOX

OCTOBER 2 - 4 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$80 (includes cutout)

Capture the quiet charm of a woodland fox in this 3 day carving class. Students will carve a graceful 5 - 6" fox, focusing on creating smooth flowing lines, balanced proportions, and expressive character. Along the way, Bob will demonstrate techniques for shaping fur texture, defining facial features, and achieving a pleasing seated pose.

Designed for Advanced Beginners and up, this project is an excellent opportunity to build confidence with knife and detail work while creating a beautiful carving you'll be proud to display.

Skill Level: Advanced Beginners on up
Limit of 12 students.



Becky Barnes
CROSS-STITCH ON WOOD

OCTOBER 3 & 4 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$55 (includes supplies)

Welcome to cross-stitch on wood! You will be cross-stitching with a twist - instead of using embroidery floss on fabric, you will be working with a wood background. Each blank comes pre-drilled to ensure everyone finishes their project.

You will be provided with a small and medium starting blank of your choice, embroidery floss for those blanks, needles, glue, sealer, and loaner clamps. Other kits available to purchase. No cross-stitching experience necessary.

<https://thewoodwurm.com/shop/>
Please check this site for other options.
Skill Level: Beginners

Patty Molm
BEGINNING YOUTH CARVING:

OCTOBER 4 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages: 10-17 Fee: \$5

Discover the fun of woodcarving in this hands on class designed especially for youth ages 10-17. Students will learn safe carving techniques while creating a beginner-friendly project in a relaxed and encouraging environment. No experience necessary, just bring your enthusiasm!

All tools, wood, and supplies included.

Skill Level: Beginners
Limited to 10 students.



Becky Barnes

CARD WEAVING ON INKLE LOOM

OCTOBER 3 & 4 1:00 pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$45 bring your own loom

\$45 + \$80 includes the loom

Learn the basics of card weaving by creating something functional AND fancy - shoelaces! Participants may either bring their own inkle loom, or purchase one for use. We will cover some of the history of tablet weaving, uses, tablet types, how to read different pattern types, where to find online resources, color choice for your warp, how to warp your loom, how to thread and turn the cards, working with weft, and troubleshooting common problems like "twist".

What you should bring: Minimum 2, maximum 7 colors 10/2 cotton yarn. Inkle loom & shuttle if you have them.

What the class provides: basic tablet/card set, fishing swivels, twist-stick, information packet / pattern, shoelace aglets.

Available for purchase: Small Inkle Loom, shuttles. Available for \$80.

Skill Level: Beginners

Limited to 8 students.

Patty Molm

ADULT INTRO TO CARVING 101

OCTOBER 3 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fee: \$10

Have you always wanted to try woodcarving? This class is the perfect place to begin! Learn the fundamentals of carving, including tool safety, basic knife grips, wood grain, and essential carving techniques while completing a simple project. You'll leave with a finished carving, new skills, and the confidence to continue carving at home.

Skill Level: Beginners

Limited to 12 students.

VENDORS:

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Woodcarving Supplies

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2026 CARVING THEME

What does PEACE, LOVE AND WOODCHIPS look like to you?

Create a carving based on this years theme and bring it to the festival! We want to see your interpretation!

BEGINNER

1st 2nd 3rd

INTERMEDIATE

1st 2nd 3rd

ADVANCED

1st 2nd 3rd

PLUS PEOPLE'S CHOICE!



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Be Legendary.

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2026 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE / PROVINCE	ZIP CODE
EMAIL ADDRESS		
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	

REGISTRATION FOR TABLES – MEALS CLASSES, T-SHIRTS, AND MEALS FOR YOU AND GUESTS

1 EXHIBIT TABLE	\$50.00	
ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT TABLE / SPACE (EACH)	\$15.00	
BRUCE ANKENY – CARICATURE CARVING (3 DAYS)	\$125.00	
BOB PEDIGO – SITTING FOX (3 DAYS)	\$80.00	
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR MEALS!		
BOX LUNCH - FRIDAY CLASSES ONLY! (Turkey Croissant, Fruit Cup, Chips, Cookie and Beverage)	\$14.50	
BECKY BARNES - CROSS STITCH ON WOOD \$55 AND/OR CARD WEAVING ON INKLE LOOM \$45 (PLEASE ADD \$80 IF PURCHASING LOOM)	_____	
ADULT INTRO TO CARVING	\$10.00	
YOUTH CARVING	\$5.00	
MEALS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY*	\$40.00	
Bonus! BRUCE ANKENY CAMPFIRE WEENIE WHITTLE CLASS	\$25.00	
RRVWC CLUB DUES	\$30.00	
RRVWC CLUB T-SHIRT SIZE: _____	\$15.00	
MUST BE REGISTERED TO DISPLAY	TOTAL: <i>Thank you!</i>	
*2 MEALS INCLUDE LUNCH ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. CATERED BY CASEY JO'S. MEALS ARE AT OUR COST.		

PAYMENT INFORMATION: CHECK ENCLOSED ☐ MONEY ORDER ENCLOSED ☐ **MUST BE US FUNDS**
 CREDIT CARD: VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐

A 3.5% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR CREDIT CARD CHARGED TOTAL.
 A RECEIPT WILL BE EMAILED AFTER CHARGE HAS BEEN MADE.

NAME ON CARD:			
CARD NUMBER:			
EXPIRATION DATE:		CVV:	
SIGNATURE:			

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT INFORMATION INCLUDED TO:

RHONDA SMITH C/O- RED RIVER VALLEY WOODCARVERS 26324 90TH AVE SOUTH, HAWLEY, MN 56549 OR
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