

2026 Miami Valley Woodcarving Show Information

Dates: Saturday, March 7th, 10a – 5p; Sunday, March 8th, 12:30p – 5p with competition entries on Friday, March 6th 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. 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 7th and No tear down before 5PM Sunday, March 8th
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 be exchanged. Attendees who do not bring one will not be given one.
13. The Major Raffle is looking for donations. Please indicate on the show application if you would be willing to provide an item for this raffle.
14. Pricing for tables remain the same as last year (\$35 for exhibitors and \$50 for vendors), however, **a late entry fee of \$10 will be charged for any exhibitor who mails their application after January 31, 2026.**

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.

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

- 1st Place: Ribbon + \$50
- 2nd Place: Ribbon + \$30
- 3rd Place: Ribbon + \$20
- Honorable Mention:
Ribbon Only

Novice & Instructor Assisted

- 1st Place: Ribbon + \$25
- 2nd Place: Ribbon + \$15
- 3rd Place: Ribbon + \$10
- YOUTH: Ribbon Only

Best of Show

- 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 6, 2026 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 4:30PM, 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)** _____

Signature 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 an item for the Major Raffle? (circle): YES NO

Send Forms to: Rick Bissonnette; 9335 Long Lane; Cincinnati, OH. 45231

Make checks out to : Miami Valley Woodcarvers Assn.