



WAHPETON CARVING WEEKEND



June 27-29, 2025

North Dakota State
College of Science
Wahpeton, ND


15 CLASSES!

Carving, crafts, cookies
and camaraderie


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-  carvinghub.org/annualevents
-  wahpetoncarving.wordpress.com

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June 27, 28 & 29, 2025

Sponsored by MIN-DAK Woodcarving, Inc.

at

North Dakota State College of Science
Wahpeton, N. Dakota

2025 Registration Form

(Only 1 name/form. Please make copies as needed.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Roommate Preference _____

All rooms are non-smoking. Email _____

Complete all 3 class choices in order of preference. (If you took a specific class last year you will be on a waiting list for 7 days before you will be given the choice to take the class again.)

Class Choices: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

We will attempt to place you in your first choice, but that might not be possible.

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| A. Whimsey Bark House | B. Bark-itecture | C. Rosemaling |
| D. Carving Usable Spoons | E. Chip Carving | F. Photorealistic Colored Pencils |
| G. Caricatures | H. Flying Owl Relief | I. Red Fox (Power Carving) |
| J. Green Man | K. Layered Landscapes/Owl | |
| L. Rusty Nail Shorebird | M. Quilting & Crafting | N. Beginning Wood Carving |

To help select your classes, please refer to the class descriptions and pictures on the following pages. Note: Individual class fees & blank charges are to be paid to the instructors directly! These fees are in addition to the seminar charge!

**The cost is \$255.00 per person US Funds (Double Occupancy)
\$280.00 per person US Funds (Single Occupancy)**

If you are not staying on campus the cost is \$210.00 US Funds.

For non-carving participants: 6 meals and 2 nights lodging in dorm can be paid at the registration table. (\$12/meal and \$30 - \$40/night for dorm.)

Make checks payable to: **Min-Dak Woodcarving, Inc.**

Amount enclosed (no partial payments) \$ _____ Check # _____

* **Please designate:** Interest in possibly having a chair massage. Yes ___ No ___
Interest in taking part in Friday lunch on campus. Yes ___ No ___
(Friday lunch will be at the participant's expense.)

Release

The undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges North Dakota State College of Science and Min-Dak Woodcarving, Inc, and its instructors individually, from any and all liability, causes of action, claims and demands upon or by reason of damage, loss or injury sustained by the undersigned at the Weekend Carving Seminar June 27, 28 & 29, 2025. This registration is not transferable and has no cash value.

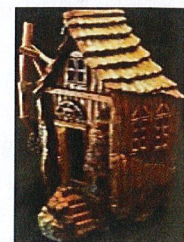
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A. Whimsey Bark Houses - Derek Epping (West Fargo, ND) Students will carve a cottonwood bark house or light house. Instructor will cover how to start the project & putting in doors, windows, steps, ladders & chimneys. Tools needed: knife, V-tools (medium #3 & #9, small #3) & any other tools you like, plus a carving glove & thumb guard. **Cost of class is \$35 (plus cost of the bark @ \$10-\$30).** Experienced - Beginner - Advanced. Class size 10



B. Bark-itecture Whimsey Houses - Norm Minske (Papillion, NE) Students may either bring previous bark carvings or start a new one in class. Norm will demonstrate a variety of Bark-itecture techniques including opening/closing doors, framed windows, decks, stairs/steps, multi-level platforms, dormers, ladders & structural bracing. Individual project subject matter is flexible & may include rustic houses, churches, castles, lighthouses, barns, etc. Experienced bark carvers recommended but not required. **Class cost is \$60.** Cottonwood Bark (**\$10-\$25**), Cryo glue, accelerator & miniature milled bark lumber for purchase. Class size 10.



C. Rosemaling – Alan Pearson (Fargo, ND) The project will be a 10" plate painted in the American Rogaland style on a dark green background. This style, where scrolls are dominant, has several lines of symmetry with a central root. Painting supplies provided. Students are encouraged to bring any painting materials that they may have. Beginner - Advanced. **Cost of the class is \$40 plus \$15 for the plate.** Class size 10.



D. Carving Beautiful & Useable Spoons - Karen Henderson (St. Francis, MN) Students will create truly unique spoons that are as functional as they are beautiful. The wood is carved green (wet). Variety of hardwoods: Buckthorn, Apple, Lilac & other woods available. All have a beautiful grain & unique color. Basic hand tools used. **Cost of class is \$35 (Includes 1 blank)** Other blanks available. Beginner - Advanced. Class size 10.



E. Chip Carving - Jan Jenson (Eau Claire, WI) Old World chip carving is easy to learn & is considered to be quite relaxing. Many projects to choose from. Beginners might make coasters, a rolling pin or small box, while returning students may challenge themselves with one of the slightly more difficult plates, like the "3-D star" or "Going in Circles." Protective glove. May bring extra light & magnifier. All other supplies provided. **Cost of class is \$35 (plus cost of projects \$5-\$40)** Beginner - Advanced. Class size 10.



F. Photorealistic Colored Pencil - Rhonda Smith (Hawley, MN) Students will be creating a "Photorealistic Colored Pencil drawing" of a Bright Mum. Step by step instructions. No prior experience necessary! One on one assistance will be given. You will leave with a complete drawing. **Cost of class is \$55 (includes some supplies)** For a supply list contact Rhonda at rhondasmith.carver@gmail.com or 218-839-4259. Class size 10.



G. Caricatures - Bruce Ankeny (Blue Earth, MN) Projects will be choice of caricatures to carve from basswood cutouts. (Santas, Hippies, Pigs, Gnomes & many more.) Palm tools, bench knife & carving glove needed. Bruce will demonstrate his painting techniques. Paint & brushes provided. **Cost of class is \$65 (plus cost of blank, \$25-\$40).** Intermediate - Advanced. Class size 10



H. Flying Owl Relief - Rick Brereton (Manitoba, Canada) Rick's newest relief project, a feisty flying owl, will challenge carvers. It will be carved in high relief on a 14" X 11" X 1" basswood panel. Rick will demonstrate structured removal of waste wood, control of depth, layering of levels & undercutting. Carving techniques, finishing & presentation options will be discussed. Palm or Long edge tools only - no power or sanding. Tool List / Carving Equipment or questions - Contact Rick at rebrereton@gmail.com. **Cost of class is \$50. (Includes 1 blank)** Advanced Beginner - Advanced. Class size 10.



I. Red Fox - Roger Nadrchal (Norfolk, NE) Class project will be a red fox that is about 6" tall carved from a basswood roughout. **Carved with power & some hand tools.** Each student is required to bring their own power tools & dust collector. Roger will teach carving techniques, fur texture & woodburning. Please bring your own reference pictures & brushes. Time may not allow for painting; however, the process will be discussed & brief demo given. Bases will be available for purchase. Contact Roger at 402-750-5591 or wood_chips@yahoo.com with any questions. **Class Cost is \$90 (plus roughout \$25)** Experienced - Advanced. Class size 10.



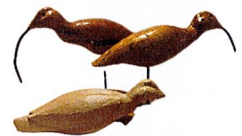
J. Green Man - Izo Becic (Moorhead, MN) Izzo is a European trained Master Carver. His carving, using his own blank, will be a project in architectural carving design. Students have choice of project depending on skill level. Izo will call students to verify choice. Tools required: gouges, mallet & at least 2 to 4 clamps for securing blank to table. Tools will be available to use & for sale. **Cost of class is \$75-\$85. (includes blank)** Intermediate - Advanced. Class size 10.



K. Layered Landscapes/Owl - Ken Ramler (Sartel, MN) Students will carve a basswood flying owl, sitting Snowy owl or tree & rock arrangement, using hand tools. Paints, fasteners & landscape supplies included. **Cost of class is \$40 (plus cost of blank - \$6 and Up)** Beginner - Advanced. Class size 10.



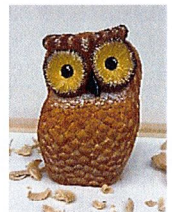
L. Rusty Nail Shorebird - Dick Skauge (Lake Park, MN) This hand held carving project will be carved in butternut or basswood. The body is about 11" X 3" x 3". We will use palm tools. Bring the tools you have & a carving glove. The beak and leg are pole barn nails, We will insert glass eyes. Call with questions: Dick Skauge (701-236-8262). **Cost of Class is \$50 (includes blank and supplies)** Experienced Beginner - Advanced. Class Size 10.



M. Quilting & Crafting - Marilyn Orgaard (Bismarck, ND) The Friendship Star blocks in this fun quilt are constructed with an unusual, yet easy technique. The quilt measures 59" x 72". Contact Marilyn Orgaard at 701-595-2530 or mkorgaard@gmail.com with questions regarding fabric requirements & quilting supplies. **Class project fee is \$25. The classroom is also open to those choosing to work on their own quilting or crafting project.**



N. Beginning Wood Carving - Patty Molm (Fargo, ND) This class is for the student that has minimal or no experience carving in wood. Students will learn carving safety, handling tools, reading the wood grain, carving strokes & much more. The project is an owl carved from basswood. Difficulty level adjusted, based on how detailed you make the carving. There will be a painting demonstration to show how to finish your carving. Smaller blank sizes are available. Students have the option of carving either 1 or 2 days. **(See last page of registration form) for class times and costs for taking the class.**



MASSAGE CHAIRS: This year we again are planning on having massage therapists that will be doing chair massages for 10-30 minutes, at \$1.00/minute. (Cash only!) Students would sign up for an appointment at the registration desk. Massages would be conducted on Saturday during the day. If we have enough people interested in utilizing the service, we will book them. **Please indicate your interest in possibly utilizing their services during the seminar on your registration form.**

General Notes of Importance

- Check In** Check in Friday, June 27th starting at 1:00PM at the Hektner Student Center of the North Dakota State College of Science. (Corner of 8th Ave. N & 6th St. N., Wahpeton)
- Illness Precautions:** If you have any respiratory or flu-like symptoms, we ask that you please be considerate of other carvers and wear a mask during the weekend. (Masks are available at desk.)
- Resident Halls** Accommodations are double or single rooms. Sheets, towels, washcloths, pillows, pillowcases and extra blankets will be furnished. The residence hall, and the classrooms, are air conditioned. Dress in warm layers of clothes!
- Room** Dorm assignments, class locations and schedule of events will be handed out when you register. Rooms are available Sunday night for \$40 for single room & \$30 for a double.
- Meals** The first meal, included in the seminar fee, will be Friday night. NDSCS will have lunch available on Friday (at your own expense) for anyone coming in earlier and needing to eat before registration starts. Please indicate on form your intention to eat on campus for Friday lunch. Payment can be made to NDSCS directly at the dining center. The final seminar meal will be Sunday at noon. Your NAME TAG should be worn at all times. It is your pass to all meals and activities.
- Breakfast 7:00AM to 8:00AM / Lunch 12:00PM to 1:00PM / Dinner 5:00PM to 6:00PM
- Keys** Keys for your room and the dormitory door will be given out at registration by a Dorm representative. Remember to save the key envelope to put key back into when returning. Return keys to the staff at the registration desk in the dorm lobby by 2:00PM Sunday. Those staying on Sunday night will be instructed as to where to leave their keys on Monday morning.
- All unreturned keys will be billed to the student at a cost of \$75/Key.
- Classes** Classes start Friday afternoon about 2:00PM, after check-in. Depending on the travel distance, and any unforeseen delays of an instructor, the 2:00PM class start may be delayed. We will let you know of any delays when you register. Otherwise, check with your instructor when you arrive at the workshop. Saturday and Sunday classes start at 8:00AM, resume at 1:00PM after lunch and continue until 5:00PM. No class changes can be made without approval by the workshop coordinator.
- Enrollment** Classes will be filled on a "First Come, First Served" basis, determined by the date the registration coordinator receives your form. Return registration forms as soon as possible! Call or e-mail Bob Splichal with any questions.
- Cancellation** After **May 25, 2025**, there will be a \$60.00 charge for anyone dropping out of the workshop for any reason. The charge includes administration fees and reimbursing the instructor for the class blank made for you. (Blank to be used in a weekend seminar drawing.) After **June 6, 2025**, there will be no refunds. The balance of your paid registration fees will be credited for use for the following year's seminar. Cancellations for medical reasons will be handled on an individual case basis. If you have to cancel, please notify **Bob Splichal at 701-899-8994 or e-mail him at bsplichal@midco.net.**
- Courtesy** Instructors will attempt to spend equal time with each student. Your cooperation will allow the instructors to accomplish this goal.
- Lighting** The lighting in the classrooms may be inadequate for detail carving, so **you may want to bring a lamp and a short electrical cord.** Plug-in receptacles will be furnished by NDSCS.

Young Carvers Scholarship Fund: Due to generous donations by our carvers we will be giving Young Carver's Scholarships to all new, first time, carvers that sign up. Each will receive a \$50 scholarship that will be reimbursed at the seminar.

Power Carving: Anyone in Roger Nadrchal's power carving class (Red Fox) is **encouraged to wear ear protection and a dust mask** during the class. **A dust filtering system is required for those enrolled in this power carving class.**

Questions ?: Check with **Bob Splichal, Bob Lawrence or Katie Fogarty at desk.**

Raffle Drawings for raffle items and a 50/50 cash raffle will be held at 12:30PM on Sunday in the lunchroom. You must be present to win. Tickets will be sold throughout the weekend.

Smoking & Alcohol: **Prohibited on all campus facilities.**

General Meetings: Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:00PM and Sunday at 1:00, in the dining room.

Carving Mini-classes: If mini classes are scheduled, they are held Saturday evening by the weekend instructors. Registration forms will be available at the registration desk on Saturday morning. Mini-class fees are paid directly to the instructor.

**If you choose to stay off campus, make your room reservations early.
Reduced rates (\$109/night) have been secured at the following motels until May 28, 2025 only!
Ask for the "Woodcarving Rate" when making a reservation.**

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| AmericInn | (701) 642-8365 |
| Baymont Inn and Suites | (701) 642-5000 |
| Travel Lodge | (701) 642-8731 |

Our Vendors for 2025:

Moore Roughouts & Design: The "Largest selection" of Roughouts in the Country." (Santa, realistic, caricature, human and animal). All roughouts are made from northern Minnesota basswood. Cottonwood bark and carving wood is also available. Call Randy at (800) 825-2657 for pre-orders.

Whillock Woodcarving, Chris Whillock, Fairbault, MN. Woodcarving tools, supplies, Stubai palm tools, knives, carving kits and more. WhittlingShack.com. 507-339-0336.

Bob Lawrence, Maple Grove, MN. selling OCC/Kryshak tools

Tool Sharpening by Josh Epping – available in the large lower level classroom throughout the weekend.

Remember to also check out the individual instructors that have items for sale in their classrooms.

Wahpeton is the home of a restored carousel (three blocks from campus) at Chahinkapa Park and the beautiful Red Door Art Gallery, refurbished from a 1915 Bank building (Main Street in Wahpeton).

**Your participation in our fund-raising is the main reason we can afford to keep the costs down!
We thank you for that! We look forward to seeing many of you this year in Wahpeton!**

For questions about, or during, the seminar contact either:

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**Bob Lawrence (701-540-2419)
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2025 New Carver's Class Only Registration Form

Beginning Woodcarving Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29, 2025.

(Only 1 name/form. Please make copies as needed.)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

This class is offered to introduce new students to the art of woodcarving. The class is being taught by Patty Molm from Fargo, ND. Patty is an experienced carver in all types of wood. This class is for the student that has minimal or no experience carving in wood. Patty will teach students carving safety, handling of tools, reading the grain of wood, carving strokes and much, much more. Students will be carving a basswood owl. (See registration form for picture.) **Students can either carve only on Saturday or both Saturday and Sunday.**

The cost is \$135.00/person (US Funds) for Saturday only and \$185.00 for both Saturday & Sunday. (Canadians please use a money order in US Funds.) Due to generous donations by our carvers we will be giving Young Carver's Scholarships for all new carvers that sign up. Each will receive a \$50 scholarship that will be reimbursed to the carver at the seminar.

Fee includes meals on days of carving, 3 carving tools (knife, v-tool, gouge), wood blank and a safety carving glove. Students will have the option of staying in one of the dorm rooms on Friday night, if staying for the weekend.

If attending on Friday, the supper meal is \$12.00. (Saturday/Sunday meals are included in fees.)
If staying in the dorm, the Friday stay is \$30 - \$40. (No additional room charge if carving both days.)

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| Seminar Registration Fees: | Saturday (\$135) _____ | Saturday & Sunday (\$185) _____ | Total: \$ _____ |
| Extra Meals: | \$12 for Friday Supper (Lunch only, per self, paid to cafeteria staff.) | | Total: \$ _____ |
| Dorm Stay: | \$40 (Single) or \$30 (Double) for Friday night. | | Total: \$ _____ |
| Single _____ Double _____ | Roommate Preference _____ | | Grand Total: \$ _____ |

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Amount enclosed (no partial payments) \$ _____ Check # _____

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Signed _____

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