

# Introduction to Wood Carving

**Class Code:** CJA051918

**Description:** This beginner class is for those people interested in learning how to carve wood using knives and chisels. No prior experience at all is required.

Students will learn how to read wood grains and directions, some basic 'straw' theory, and the art of how to sharpen chisels. A set of beginner chisels (which go home with the students) is included with the cost of the class. Students will learn what the different types of chisels are as well as how to use each one with lots of in-class practice and individual instruction.

The class will cover the basic carving cuts...and use them on a relief carving project suitable for display. After the beginner's class is completed, students will be able to tackle more complicated carving projects including, wood spirit walking sticks, advanced relief carving and how to make patterns to carve 3D figures. Additionally, classes will be offered here at CU Woodshop School of Woodworking that will involve carving eyes and other facial features as well as other interesting class projects...the possibilities are endless!

At all times, an emphasis is placed on making wood carving a fun and enjoyable way to express your inner artist. Come and enjoy!

**Instructor:** Jim Arnold – Jim has extensive experience and his work is displayed around the world. He is a renowned sculptor famous for his chess sets, though he is too modest to say so. He has been teaching carving classes for many years. Sign up for this opportunity to learn from a master!

**Location:** CU Woodshop School of Woodworking, 1302 Parkland Court, Champaign

**Class Dates/Times:** Saturday, 5/19/18, 9am-1pm

**Total Classroom Time:** 4 hours

**Number of students:** 8 (max)

**Cost:** \$99 includes all materials and supplies (plus an 8-Piece Detail Carving Set!)

**Prerequisites:** None! All are welcome.