

Wahpeton Carving Weekend
4352 Coventry Dr. So.
Fargo, ND 58104

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June 5, 6 & 7, 2026

Sponsored by MIN-DAK Woodcarving, Inc.

at

North Dakota State College of Science
Wahpeton, N. Dakota

NOTE: MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2026 SEMINAR!

The Wahpeton Seminar has had to make major changes to the weekend for the 2026 seminar. NDSCS lost the staff that did the scheduling of seminars. We were not put on the schedule! We found this out in late November when we started putting the seminar together. We also do not have the campus dorms to stay in this year. Please refer to "General Notes of Importance" later in the form for further explanation of changes for 2026.

2026 Registration Form

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

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

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

- A. Whimsey Bark House B. Chip Carving C. Green Man
D. Bellamy Eagle E. Quilting & Crafting F. American Bison
G. Cross Stitching in Wood H. Santa Carving I. Beginning Wood Carving

To help select your class, 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 seminar cost is \$210.00 per person (US Funds).

For non-carving participants: Meals at the NDSCS Student Center can be paid at the dining room entrance.

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 ___**

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 5, 6 & 7 2026. This registration is not transferable and has no cash value.

Signed _____

Return this form to:

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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.



B. 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 encouraged. May bring extra light & magnifier. All other supplies provided. **Cost of class is \$35 (plus cost of projects \$5-\$40)** Beginner - Advanced.



C. 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 \$100. (includes blank)** Intermediate - Advanced.



D. Belamy Eagle - Dick Skauge (Lake Park, MN) The project is a Bellamy folk style flying eagle carved in Butternut. The wings (16” long) are one piece and the head/neck are another. Tools available for use. Bring table clamps for carving. Head is handheld. Call with questions: Dick Skauge (701-236-8262). **Cost of class is \$55. (Includes 1 set of blanks)** Intermediate - Advanced carvers.



E. Quilting & Crafting - Marilyn Orgaard (Bismarck, ND) A quilt with two colors that have strong contrast with the background creates a visually pleasing 58” x 78” contemporary quilt. 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.*



F. American Bison - Bob Pedigos (Bismarck, ND) The project is a Bison carved out of Butternut. Project is 6” long and 4.5” wide. Bob will demonstrate all steps to get a realistic carving and also finishing and painting. Students are encouraged to bring reference pictures if they wish. If bringing own base, it should be about 8 to 9 inches long and at least 4 inches wide. **Cost of class is \$80 (Includes a blank and a N.D. shaped base.)**



G. Cross Stitching in Wood - Becky Barns (Eden Prairie, MN) Upgrade your needle-art with a drilled-out wooden background. Each participant will have two pieces to work on (1 Small, 1 Medium). Clamps and glue will be available during the class for those that finish their stitching. Students will be contacted after registering to choose from existing patterns and choice of wood. **Custom blanks may be requested until June 1.** **Cost of class is \$50 (includes 2 blanks, backer boards, thread, needle)** Extra blanks available without thread (\$15 and up). Beginner – Intermediate.



H. Santa - Bob Lawrence (Oak Grove, MN) Students will be carving choice of 2 basswood Santas. Facial features & structure will be explained & stressed step by step. Palm tools & carving glove needed. **Cost of the class is \$50 (plus \$25-\$30 for blank).** Finishing materials included. Experienced Beginner - Advanced.



(Carving will be available for sale in Bob’s classroom.)

I. Beginning Wood Carving - Patty Molm (Fargo, ND) This class is for the student that has minimal or no experience carving in wood. Students will receive a carving knife and a safety glove. Each will receive a \$50 scholarship at the seminar, which they can use to buy additional tools. They will learn carving safety, handling tools, reading the wood grain, carving strokes & much more. The projects are a butternut elephant and a basswood eagle feather. Difficulty level



adjusted, based on how detailed you make the carvings. There will be a demonstration to show how to finish your carvings.

Contact Patty with questions at ptmolm@msn.com.



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 5^h starting at 12:00PM 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.)

Classrooms:

The classrooms all seem to be colder than we like. Dress in warm layers!

Dorm Room:

Due to remodeling and staffing issues in 2026 the dormitory will not be available. We have booked rooms at 3 local motels for those that would like to stay in town. The college rate is \$99/night. (See motel listings below.)

Meals:

Due to the later class starting time, and having to either stay in a motel or drive into town for the seminar, we will not be including breakfasts. You will have 4 meals included with your fees this year. (Friday & Saturday suppers and Saturday and Sunday dinners) All non-carvers attending the weekend can pay for meals at the dining center. **NAME TAGS** should be worn at all times as they are your pass to all meals.

Lunch 12:00PM to 1:00PM / Dinner 5:00PM to 6:00PM

Classes

Classes will start Friday afternoon at 1:00PM, after check-in. To accommodate those driving from out of town, Saturday and Sunday classes start at **9:00AM**, resume at 1:00PM after dinner and continue until 5:00PM. **No class changes can be made without approval by the workshop coordinator.**

Cancellation

After **May 15, 2026**, 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 **May 22, 2026**, 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.**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Raffle** Drawings for raffle items and a 50/50 cash raffle will be held at 12:30PM on Sunday in the lunchroom. 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.

Reduced rates (\$99/night) have been secured at the following motels until May 25, 2026 only!
Ask for the “Woodcarving Rate” when making a reservation.

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

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.

Bob Lawrence, Oak Grove, MN. - selling carving tools and supplies

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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