

2027 Metro Carving Show Invitation

The Tradition Continues!

The 45th Metro Carvers of Michigan Wood Carving Show will be held at the **Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site** in Macomb County located at **49965 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, Michigan 48317**. The site is between 22 and 23 Mile Roads on the west side of the street.

The Show will be held on **Saturday, April 10, 2027 and on Sunday, April 11, 2027**. This historic site is maintained by a non-profit foundation that is well supported by the community. We expect in excess of 600 attendees. **The Show will be open to visitors on Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Exhibitors may enter at 7:00 AM on Saturday and 10:00 AM on Sunday, Show participants (Both vendors and carvers) must leave the site by 5:00 PM on both days. Overnight security for the hall is provided by the Building Security System.

The Metro Carvers of Michigan is pleased to invite any carvers or vendors who would like to participate in our show to **join us by submitting and Metro Carvers receiving the Application no later than March 15, 2027**. Vendors and carver tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Your completed application with accompanying payment is the only method of application. While I am happy to answer any questions that anyone may have, **phones calls will NOT reserve your space**. Your canceled check will be your receipt. You may contact the Show Chairperson, Don Faulkner, at 810-356-7136 or metro.carvers@gmail.com to verify you have been assigned a table(s).

When you arrive, find your table location on the layout map near the main door. Your information packet will be on your table or see the Show Chairperson. All tables will be 8 feet long by approximately 30 inches wide. Each applicant will be required to supply their own table covering with the front draping to near the floor. (An 8 foot by 5 foot cloth or plastic cover will suffice.).

Space behind each vendor or carver table is limited, so all supplies must be on or under your table with only two (2) chairs behind each table in the show hall. For larger groups, a Show Annex located across a paved court yard will have 5 foot round tables with chairs for gatherings and lunch customers. **Food truck(s) may be available in the court yard Saturday and Sunday, but please make plans if not available.**

Show tables not occupied 30 minutes after show time, will revert to the Metro Carvers Club without a refund. If you have extenuating circumstances, phone Show Chairperson, Don Faulkner.

The Annex will also be used for Carving and Turning Demonstrations on both days. **Please call if you would like to provide a demonstration.**

For competition entries, you may enter items between 8am and 9:30am, Saturday, April 10, 2027 (complete your competition entry form and take to Judging Area with your carving(s) to be judged). Carving Competition at the show will occur on four levels:

1. **Competition Category Ribbons:** A panel of three paid judges with award ribbons to winners in each of the Competition Categories 1 - 34 defined in the Competition Rules. **(Awarded mid-day Saturday)**
2. **Best of Show:** The judges will then gather the first place (blue ribbon) carvings from Categories 5 – 34 to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show Plaques. **(Awarded mid-day Saturday)**
3. **People's Choice Awards:** Each show visitor will be provided with a special ballot upon entry to vote for their favorite carving from a Special Display. Every table carver may select one of their carvings to display for People's Choice. Any carving entered into competition can be placed into People's Choice but may not be returned before early visitors leave. 1st and 2nd Place Plaques will be awarded. **(Awarded Sunday about 1:00 PM)**
4. **Carver's Choice Awards:** On Sunday each participating carver will be given a unique ballot to select their Carver's Choice from the People's Choice Display. 1st and 2nd Place Plaques will be awarded. **(Awarded Sunday about 1:00 PM.)**

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