



September 1, 2017

Dear Carvers:

Eighteen years ago, we set out to share with world the art of chainsaw carving. Collectively, we have reached that goal. Along with reaching this goal and studying the statistics, we agree it's time to change things up again.

Over 700,000 people shared the Rendezvous on social media and other news sources; now it's time to take the art form to the next level. Carvers have expressed their preference to sell pieces directly rather than through an auction. Likewise, the public prefers to purchase finished, ready to display, sculptures. With 240 carvers attending the Rendezvous last year and 320 people signing up for the auction, the time has come...***It's time to give the public an art show!***

**The Rendezvous Art Challenge will be limited to 130 carvers.**

**April 26-28, 2018**

**9am to 7pm**

**\$10,000 in prizes will be awarded for the following:**

Carver's Choice

Social Media Choice

People's Choice

This will be an art show where carvers attending will show and sell finished pieces that are brought with them. No carving will happen onsite except in the demonstration and quick-carve areas by pre-selected carvers. Because of this change, there will be no large auction as has been held previously.

The Rendezvous will be held the same weekend as the Ridgway Triathlon. This will introduce chainsaw carving to even more people and present opportunities for hiking, biking, kayaking/canoeing, and running. More information will be forthcoming.

It is with some sadness we let go of the Rendezvous as it was, but as the art form and the industry evolve, so must we. Create your best and show the world what you can do! We hope you will participate and enjoy being together. After all rendezvous means meeting at an agreed time and place, and where else, but Ridgway, PA? Hope to see you!

Any questions may be directed to: Liz Boni 814-594-5541 or email: [info@chainsawrendezvous.org](mailto:info@chainsawrendezvous.org)

19th Annual  
**Ridgway Chainsaw Carvers Rendezvous**  
April 26-28, 2018  
[www.chainsawrendezvous.org](http://www.chainsawrendezvous.org)

## **RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. APPLICATION**

*Deadline:* January 1, 2018.

Applications can be submitted on the event website or by mailed in paper application.

A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is due with the application. Payments can be made online when completing the application form on the event website or by check if mailing in a paper application.

If selected, you will be notified by email or phone by January 15, 2018. All carvers must be accepted into the show to setup at the event.

Three images of your own original work must be submitted with the application (online or by mail) for consideration.

Paper applications and check payments may be submitted to:

Appalachian Arts Studio  
PO Box 554  
Ridgway, PA 15853

### **2. BOOTH SPECIFICATIONS**

Carvers accepted into the show must purchase a booth space to display their work.

All booth spaces are 10ft x 20ft for \$300. The application fee will be applied to the booth space fee.

Details on how to pay for the booth space online or by check will be shared upon notification of selection to the show.

Tents and display equipment are the artist's responsibility and must be limited to the assigned spaces.

Electricity will not be provided by the event.

All booth fees must be paid by January 31, 2018 or space and selection to the show will be forfeited.

Carvers will not be permitted into their space until the morning of Thursday, April 26, 2018.

### **3. CARVING DEMONSTRATIONS AND QUICK CARVE DEMONSTRATIONS**

Carving is NOT allowed in booth spaces.

Carving Demonstrations and Quick Carve Demonstrations will be limited to assigned spaces by pre-selected individuals at assigned times.

### **4. PRIZES**

Prize money will be awarded in the following categories: Carver's Choice, Social Media Choice, and People's Choice.

Online voting for the "Social Media Choice" category will conclude Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 2pm eastern time.

Rules for how prize money will be awarded will be available at the time of check-in.

Awards will be presented on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The exact time and location will be available at the time of check-in.

### **5. EVENT DETAILS**

April 26-28, 2018 in Ridgway, PA.

Event will take place regardless of weather: rain or shine, hot or cold.

Carvers will need to follow check-in procedures upon arrival to the event.

Show hours are:

Thursday, April 26, 2018: 9am – 7pm

Friday, April 27, 2018: 9am – 7pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018: 9am – 5pm

**6. LODGING/FOOD**

Carvers are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements for the event. A listing of potential places to stay will be available on the event website.

Carvers will be responsible for their own food arrangements for the duration of the event.

**7. QUESTIONS/FINAL AUTHORITY**

The event has final authority over the interpretation and implementation of the event rules.

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