

Thuswap School of Woodcarving

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Carving a Miniature Great Horned Owl

Instructor – Cam Merkle

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Bring anything you have that you think might be useful!
- Any photos or reference of Great-Horned Owls you may have.
- Bring a small display base (turned or carved) and a branch or twig to mount the bird on. Time permitting, we will start to carve a perch for the bird.
- Good quality pencils, pencil sharpener, dividers, calipers, scissors, eraser, several long straight pins.
- Sandpaper (Garnet or Swiss type) 120 & 220 grits.
- Fine Woodburning tool with small to medium skew tip, small to medium round-skew tip, and quill-making tip.
- Rotary grinding tool - Micromotor (recommended), Flex-shaft tool (Foredom).
- Carving Bits for the rotary tool (bring what you have)
- Ruby (or diamond) carvers #16, 19, 24 or 27, also small "flame" shaped diamonds.
- Cushion sander(s)
- Split mandrel and sanding cones
- A dust collector if you will be using a rotary tool (loaner units can be arranged in advance by contacting Cam)-
- If you like using hand tools, bring what you have. At minimum you will need a large knife, a small detail knife, one or two small gouges and a small 60 degree "V" tool, along with sharpening equipment. Those wishing to use hand tools will still require a rotary tool for much of the project.

- Painting supplies:

- A painting stick (dowel with a screw in one end) & a stand for the painting stick
- One or two very fine brushes (Robert Simmons E51 size 10/0 or equivalent)
- Two or more small round brushes (size 2, 3 or 4) that hold a good point
- Two or more medium (1/4"-3/8"w) flat or bright brushes for blending & washes
- Two or more large (1/2" or larger) flat or bright brushes for blocking in and washes
- You may bring your own paints if you wish, but paints will be supplied.
- Plastic container for water
- Brush cleaner

Class fee of \$25.00 includes blank, pattern, glass eyes, cast toes, epoxy putty (for setting eyes), paint, and various consumable supplies as needed. Extra blanks will also be available for purchase. Be sure to contact Cam if you have any questions at all.

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