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**ATTENTION ALL WOODCARVERS**

**WORLD WOOD DAY AT THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER MARCH 21-26, 2017**

Mike Hou of the International Wood Culture Society is coordinating a World Wood Day event, which will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center March 21-26, 2017. This annual event is held in different country each year but this is the first time in the United States. The event will feature carvers from over 50 countries, group carving on a large slab of wood, and tables to demonstrate individual carvers work.

Mike is inviting carvers from California to participate in this event. There is no cost to participate and some rooms at the Queen Mary are available at no cost for carvers that work the entire event.

The theme of the show is **ROOTS**. California carvers are asked to present carvings that are related to the United States such as cowboy caricatures, hobo carving, walking sticks, eagle canes etc.

This will not be a selling show but business cards can be passed out for future sales. California Carvers Guild members are urged to participate in this event. Promoting the art of woodcarving is our goal. This event will help us do that.

**WORLD WOOD DAY- INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**How do I sign up?** Contact Jack Parks at 1-562-425-0732, [jackaparks@aol.com](mailto:jackaparks@aol.com) or Lynn Nicholson 909- 599-4498; [lynndnicholson@gmail.com](mailto:lynndnicholson@gmail.com)

**Where is the event?** World Wood Day will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center, Hall C from March 21 to March 26, 2017. Participants staying at the Queen Mary will arrive on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Move in to the convention center will be on March 20. Use south loading dock. Selling will be permitted on Sunday March 26. Closeout will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Where can I stay?** For those staying for the entire event, rooms at the Queen Mary will be provided at no cost. Arrangements must be made with Jack or Lynn prior to March 8, 2017. Carvers will be pre-registered. Rooms are double occupancy. Both names will be registered. If you have no roommate one will be assigned. Shuttles will be available to the Convention Center. Participants may have to pay for parking at the QM and CC. Meals will be provided for those staying at the QM. Please arrive at the QM on **March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Can I participate without staying at the QM?** Absolutely, but arrangements through Jack or Lynn must be made by **March 10, 2017** in order for your table to be set up. Table for a CCG Chapter manned by several one day visitors from the chapter can be provided. Contact Lynn to reserve a table..

**Directions to the Queen Mary** Proceed south on the 710 freeway, After you pass Ocean Blvd, turn right on Queens Way and follow sign to the Queen Mary .

**Directions to the Convention Center:** Proceed south on the 710 freeway. 710 becomes Shoreline Drive. Follow signs to parking area. The loading dock is accessed by a service road off of Shoreline Drive.

**The following information is needed for each participant:**

**Name, Address, Phone, Cell Phone, Email address. Send to Lynn Nicholson at [lynndnicholson@gmail.com](mailto:lynndnicholson@gmail.com)**

**Please provide a picture of yourself and a short bio. Send directly to Mike Hou at [mikehou@iwcs.com](mailto:mikehou@iwcs.com).**