

**40th Annual Elk Festival**  
**2024 Chainsaw Carving Competition**  
**Michigan's Premier Carving Event**

**Saturday**

Masterpiece Carving = 8 am - 5 pm  
Quick carve = Noon - 1pm  
Quick Carve Auction = 3:30 pm  
Carver with the highest \$\$ @ Quick Carve Auction wins a new Chainsaw (Sat. only)

**Sunday**

Masterpiece Carving - 8 am - 2 pm  
Quick Carve = Noon - 1 pm  
Masterpiece Winner announced: 3:30 pm @ Chamber Office  
Quick Carve Auction = 3:35 pm @ Chamber Office  
Masterpiece Auction (optional for Carvers) - Following Q.C. Auction

**Prizes**

1st Place = \$800   2nd Place = \$600   3rd Place = \$400  
Remaining contestants = \$100/Carver that finishes their Masterpiece

**Entry Fee**

\$ZIP, \$ZERO, \$NADA.....**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR FESTIVAL!!**

If you would like to be a contestant, Please complete the form below and mail in or email to [woodworkerclint@gmail.com](mailto:woodworkerclint@gmail.com), and we'll gladly enter you into our contest.

**Our Theme for this year's 40th Annual Elk Festival is "Back to the 80's"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Size space needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Avg.space is approx. 20'x30', larger is available - Campers welcome



**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ (agrees to rules/terms)

**Set-up Time:** Friday evening after the parade (approx. 6pm) - Sept 27th.

Note: 1 @ 24"x\*\*6-8' (Masterpiece) and 2 @ 16"-18"x4' (Quick carve) logs provided for each contestant. Must register by Sept 1st. or you may have to provide your own logs (but you're still welcome to carve).

**\*\* Completion of this Registration Form serves as release of any and/or all liability to The Atlanta Michigan Chamber of Commerce and/or Briley Township for any/all reasons.**

Chamber Website ([atlantamichiganchamber.com](http://atlantamichiganchamber.com)) Mailing address: PO Box 410, Atlanta, Mi, 49709 \* (989) 785-3400

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## 2024 Chainsaw Carving Competition

Rules/Terms: **Please Read** - Sign & Mail or Email Registration Form

Masterpiece Judging at 2pm sharp on Sunday, Sept. 29th  
(winner announced @ approx. 3:30 pm)

### **Rule #1..... Let's have FUN!!**

- \* Set up time: Friday after the Parade 6pm (ish)- Staging @ Tribune parking lot.
- \* Masterpiece carving times: Saturday 8am-5pm and Sunday 8am-2pm only.
- \* Quick Carve: Saturday and Sunday from Noon-1pm only.
- \* Masterpiece: 24"-26"x6'-8' log (\*\*will all either be 6' or 8' long) - \*\*Quick Carve: 16"-18"x4' log
- \* Log Selection Drawing: Friday (6-7pm/ish). All Carvers draw a number (1-25) - #1 picks their log first, then others continue in numeric order until done. Must be registered to draw a number.
- \* Yes, Carvers may add pieces to their Masterpiece, but only from wood that was cut from their original Masterpiece log.
- \* Burning, Sanding, Grinding, Add-ons, and Glue are allowed on Masterpiece. *Paint is only allowed after the judging of the contestants Masterpiece.*
- \* **\*\*NEW for 2024** - 2 planks may be used for Quick Carve, as a substitute for the 4' log. (use 1 or both) *We're trying something new, let's have some fun with this.* (see Saturday's prize!!)
- \* Should be a portable sawmill onsite & available to make custom planks, should also be a tractor on site to help with moving logs/sawdust throughout the weekend.
- \* One carving (quick carve style - anything smaller - 8"-12" W x 15"-30" ish H) , per registered Carver, to be donated to the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. (before 10am Saturday, Please and Thank-you, as it may be used in our Annual Elk Festival Auction @ Noon Saturday or for future fundraisers)
- \* Yes, you may sell carvings at your Masterpiece carving site.
- \* No customers may be in the carving area during timed quick carve events.
- \* Each Carver is responsible for providing, and using, proper Personal Protective Equipment. Carvers must provide their own scaffolding. No stilts allowed.
- \* Quick Carve Auction proceeds to be split 50/50 between the Carvers and The Atlanta Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Auction times listed on registration form.
- \* Carvings are not allowed to be offensive/vulgar. Must be family friendly!
- \* *\*Optional\** - Carvers may sell their Masterpiece on Sunday @ our 3:45pm auction, with or without a reserve price. *Carver's keep 100% of the sale from their Masterpiece.*
- \* A 3 Judge Panel will decide the winning order of Masterpiece Carvings. Their decision is final! Judges will be local elders with woodworking/artisan experience.
- \* Carvers must have their area cleared by 5:45 pm, Sunday, as we'll need to open the road by 6pm. Assistance may be provided, if available. Tractor will clean up the sawdust.
- \* Please email or text a short Bio and Picture(s) for our Facebook page.

**\*\* By signing the registration form, the Carver, and their associates, agree to release any and all liability, for any and all reasons, to the Atlanta Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Briley Township, and that you have read & agreed to all the Rules/Terms.**

Questions? Contact Clint: 989-254-2714 (please text - I'll call back) or @ woodworkerclint@gmail.com