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Main Carve Winner 2021 – Jason Murieen, Grenada Ca

**YREKA-** The 2021 Mother's Day Outdoor Market and the NORCAL Invitational Chainsaw Carving Championships presented by Siskiyou Credit Union was held May 8 & 9 at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds. Perfect weather, over 40 vendors and nine world class carvers were spread out over three outdoor malls to promote a safe environment.

The NORCAL Invitational Chainsaw Carving Championships, usually held during the annual Sportsmen's Expo, was moved to the all-new Mother's Day Outdoor Market event since COVID 19 restrictions have been somewhat relaxed. The two day event had three quick carve competitions, all put into the event auction where bidders could take home one of the amazing art pieces carved in just over an hour. At the awards ceremony on Sunday at 2:45 the high grossing carver is crowned the "Quick Carve" champion. In the Quick Carve competition carver Chris Foltz, North Bend, Or. gathered up the \$250.00 Champion's check and the new Echo Chain Saw from G&G Ace Hardware. Bob King,

Edgewood Washington finished second and Mark Colp, Lakeport was third. In 2019, the carving competition had two divisions – semi pro and pro. The champion semi-pro was Grenada local Jason Murieen. Jason returned to the fairgrounds Mother's Day weekend and won the Pro Division with a great giraffe carved out of pine. Murieen collected the \$750.00 check, a banner and the trophy mug for the win. Bob King collected up the \$500 second place money with his main carve featuring a pair of timber wolves and third this year was Jacob Lucas, Bonney Lake, with a wild animal bench. The 2021 "People's Choice", voted on by Sunday attendees was the winner was Chris Foltz, North Bend Oregon. The people's choice award was presented for the first time in 2019 and Chris has won it both times. He was presented a new Stihl chain saw from Shasta Valley Chainsaw in Yreka.

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For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or <u>info@sisqfair.com</u>. The 2021 Siskiyou Golden Fair "Back to the Basics" will run August 11-15 in Yreka.

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