

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2018

On April 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM, club President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. There were (26) members in attendance. Greg asked if there were any changes to the March newsletter and there were none.

- **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Removed for web version.
- **SUNSHINE REPORT:** Marion O’Kray reported that she sent a sympathy card to Chet & Bonnie James on the loss of Bonnie’s mother, a sympathy card to the Dick Manthe family on the passing of Dick (Dick was a former member of the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers), and a sympathy card to Jim & Thelma Van Norman on the loss of Jim’s sister. She also sent “Get Well” cards to Ann Carlson, Lynn Dutter, and Carol Yudis. We hope that Ann, Lynn, & Carol are all feeling better.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** The John Engler seminar is scheduled for September 10, 11, 12, & 13, 2018. The seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The class is full. We will be starting “waiting list”.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Bill Jacobs (Club Librarian) explained that we have library materials in (2) locations, the closet at the 1st United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids and a cabinet located in the workshop at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point. The club had lost a number of books when the library was located at the Cultural Center in Wisconsin Rapids. On that Labor Day weekend, a storm sewer backed up due to heavy rain and was not discovered immediately. The club tried to save as many books as possible that were only damp. Bill’s plan is to have the list of library books located on the club website with locations of the books. If there is a specific book that you would like to check out or one that you would like to see added to the club library, contact Bill Jacobs.
- Greg Wirtz showed some Christmas patterns that Richard Zakoski got while at the show in Springfield, MO. Greg will get the one pattern reduced in size to use as a Christmas

ornament. Greg will get some basswood as the other pattern will make a nice Christmas relief. More information on that upcoming.

- The planning for the **2018 SHOW** is ongoing. The dates for the 2018 Show are September 15 & 16, 2018. We have (104) tables paid for already. Show flyers are available. If you cannot pick them at the meetings, contact Ron. The club is going to carve a lamp and Nativity set for the raffle in 2018. All pieces for the nativity and lamp are out, (6) of the nativity pieces, and (5) lamp segments have already returned. (34) People have already paid for the 2018 Show Banquet. Show registration forms and Banquet forms are available either on the website or from Ron. **It is not too early to start thinking about a donation for the raffle or the banquet.**
- The planning for the **2019** show has started. We have (4) tables for the 2019 show sold already. Helvie Knives of Tipton, IN will be at our 2019 show. This will be their first trip to Stevens Point. The Caricature Carvers of America will be our featured carvers. The CCA will be doing all the demonstrations at the show. Bob Travis of Davis, CA will do a (3) day seminar prior to the show using a machined blank. He will have examples of what you can do with that blank. Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR will be doing two (1) days classes "Carving a Critter from a 2" X 2" X 3" basswood block. More information after the 2018 show is complete.
- **SHOW & TELL:** Greg Wirtz showed a "Tall Santa" that he had carved out of a Moore Roughout. He also showed "Mini Eagle Dancer" that is less than 3" tall. Carl Weinfurter showed an "Old Car" that he made from an idea he saw in "Woodcarving illustrated". Randy Hartjes showed a "Weiner Dog" that he had carved. Bobbi O'Shasky showed a "Beaver" that she won as a roughout at a club meeting. We thank all those carvers for participating in "Show & Tell".

There being no other business, Greg asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Ken Brzezinski made a motion with Ron Peters seconding.

Submitted by:

Ronald O'Kray – Treasurer / Show Chairman