

## MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



On February 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM, club President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at the 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

**MINUTES:** No corrections were made to the February Newsletter. Clark Snyder made a motion to accept, seconded by Chet James. All in attendance approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. Income came from: 2019 Show Banquet, Tables at 2019 Show, Electricity at 2019 Show, Dues 2019, and sale of basswood blocks for “Book” project that is ongoing on Wednesday night carving meetings. Expenses were for: Mailing of 2019 small Show Flyers to Helvie Knives, ink for computer printer, Printing of (100) 2019 Show Banquet forms, Printing of (2,500) small show flyers, Reimbursement for (2) USB Flash drives, Printing of (250) decals for 2019 Show Advertising signs, Coffeemate, Mailing of (200) small show flyers to Moore Wood & Roughouts, office supplies, Printing of (10,000) 2019 Raffle tickets, and 2019 Competition show ribbons, A motion was made by Clark Snyder and seconded by David King to approve the treasurer’s report. All in attendance approved.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Marion O’Kray reported she sent A “Get Well” card to Delores Johnson.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Tina Cooper made a motion to amend the bylaws Article V, Section 6 to read: “In appreciation for services of officers and directors as identified in Section 1, the officers and directors Show banquet meal will be paid for by the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers”. After discussion Ron Peters seconded the motion. All members in attendance approved. The proposed amendment will be announced at the March and April meetings prior to a vote at the April meeting.
- Our club secretary (Sue Brzezinski) has resigned due to personal reasons. We thank her for her service. If you are interested in filling the remainder of Sue’s term as secretary, contact club President Greg Wirtz.

- The club has been contacted by Catherine MacKay to see if we would be interested in demonstrating at Heritage Days at the Historical Park in Plover, WI on June 15 & 16 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Clark Snyder and David King were interested.
- The club has been asked to volunteer at Folk Fairs for 2nd graders at Elementary Schools in the Stevens Point area. Greg Wirtz & Kathy Krueger have volunteered to demonstrate at Bannach Elementary on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Jerry Uher and Ron O’Kray have volunteered to demonstrate Amherst Elementary School on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Greg Wirtz and Bill Day have volunteered for Jefferson Elementary School on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. **The Folk Fair at Jefferson School has been cancelled due to scheduling conflict.**
- Jerry Uher has volunteered to demonstrate carving at June Dairy Days (June 15, 2019). We can advertise our upcoming show but not sell anything. They asked him to have carvings of dairy cows or farm scenes. If you can carve a cow for the display contacts Jerry Uher. Vicki Brandt volunteered to do a drawing.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have **(125)** memberships paid for in **2019**. Phillip Chatman of Stevens Point, WI joined the club. Phillip is a retired truck driver. Welcome Phillip.

## **2019 SHOW**

1. We have **(140)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(23)** Tables left.
2. We have determined the menu for the Show banquet. The banquet meal is the same price as in 2018. Forms are available at tonight’s meeting. **(21)** Guests have paid for the banquet already.
3. We have “Car Magnets” advertising the 2019 Show. The cost is \$6.00. See Ron.
4. The club is carving a Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle. All pieces are out and **(6)** have been returned.
5. We have had an artificial Christmas tree donated and the club is going to raffle it off at the 2019 show with ornaments. We have (125) members in the club at this time, it would be nice if every member donated an ornament for the tree. Ornaments for the tree can be given to Ron O’Kray. At the present time we have only (21) ornaments and a Tree Topper and these were donated by (12) members.
6. Ron has show flyers at tonight’s meeting.
7. Show competition ribbons have been received, paid for, and processed except for the “Honorable Mention” ribbons.
8. Raffle tickets have been received, paid for, and processed.

9. On March 12, 2019 an “Advertising” meeting was held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point starting @ 12:15PM. with the following members in attendance: Karen Barten, Tina Cooper, Al & Kathy Krueger, Ron & Marion O’Kray, Clark Snyder, Jerry Uher, & Greg Wirtz.

- We will put our “Lawn Signs” approximately two weeks prior to show. We will be using a “Bumper Sticker” with the current date on last year’s signs. This should save the club approximately \$100.00. Clark & Sarajane Snyder will take care of Wisconsin Rapids & Nekoosa area. Randy Hartjes will take care of Junction City & Rudolph areas. Jerry Uher, John Runke, and Al & Kathy Krueger will take care of the Stevens Point area.
- We agreed to purchase 25,000 placemats for use in the Stevens Point area and 25,000 placemats for use in Wisconsin Rapids area. Karen Barten will take care of securing ads for the Wisconsin Rapids placemats and also delivering placemats in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Ron O’Kray & Jerry Uher will secure ads for the Stevens Point area. Jerry Uher & Kathy Krueger will take care of delivering placemats in the Stevens Point area.
- We agreed to spend \$300.00 on “Joint Advertising” with the Stevens Point Convention and Visitor’s Center.
- We agreed to spend \$200.00 on radio advertising with Muzzy Broadcasting. We will get an additional \$200.00 advertising with Muzzy because we are a “Not for Profit” organization. This will be on the “Oldies” station.
- Jerry Uher will contact Scott Krueger to get a date for a live morning broadcast. Ron & Marion O’Kray have volunteered to do that interview.
- Jerry Uher will contact WDUX radio in Waupaca to get a date for a live morning broadcast. Greg Wirtz and Tina Cooper have volunteered to do that interview.
- Jerry Uher will contact the Rhinelander TV station and he also volunteered to do that live broadcast.
- Clark Snyder will contact the TV stations in Wausau to see if we can do a live broadcast on either or both stations. Jerry Uher will get Clark the contact information that he has. Ron O’Kray & Clark Snyder volunteered to do those live broadcasts if we can secure date.
- Karen Barten volunteered to contact the radio station in Wisconsin Rapids for their “Over the Back Fence” program.
- We agreed to spend \$480.00 for a small add in the Buyer’s Guide of Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Waupaca.

- We agreed to spend \$500.00 for a ¾ page add in the Stevens Point City Times. Jerry Uher will secure advertising with business sponsors to cover \$480.00 of the cost.
- Jerry Uher is working on an updated news release. When complete he will E-mail to all club members and show exhibitors who we hope will share with their friends.
- Ron O’Kray will send press release to all carving clubs in Wisconsin.
- There being no other advertising business, meeting concluded at 1:30 PM.

10. Bill Day asked about a frame that we had used before with a number of pictures on it from the previous year’s show that could be possibly used for advertising. After discussion with Jerry Uher it was decided to pursue using that idea again.

**ALEXANDER HOUSE:** Chet James reported that the Wisconsin River woodcarvers are scheduled to display at the Alexander house from August 30 to October 15, 2019.

**BOB TRAVIS SEMINAR:** Bob Travis of Davis, CA will do a (3) day seminar prior to the show on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday September 16, 17, & 18, 2019 using a machined blank. The cost of the seminar will be \$225.00 including (1) blank. Additional blanks will be available for sale. He will have examples of what you can do with that blank. Seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. He will take maximum of (12) students. We have **(6)** already paid.

**SANDY SMITH SEMINAR:** Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR will be doing two (1) days classes “Carving a Critter”. Sandy’s critters are fun, easy, and relatively quick to carve. They are created from a 2” X 2” X 3” piece of basswood and carved from solid blocks, or blocks drilled either to be bottle toppers or toothpick holders. All Critters are sitting with their back feet forward and their front paws in front of them (except for the birds). This is a class that lets students create their own Critter or carve one from Sandy’s menagerie of go-bys. Reference materials (mostly dogs) will be available, however students can bring photos of critters they wish to carve, keeping in mind that “all views” (including the bottoms of the back of feet) will be needed and that some animals many better critters than others. Hand tools used for roughing out and carving fine details will be needed. These little guys make excellent gifts that people treasure – especially “Critter” people. Her seminars will be Wednesday September 18, 2019 and Thursday September 19, 2019. The costs of her seminars are \$75.00 per day and the price of blanks are \$5.00. The seminars will be at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. We have **(5)** carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and **(7)** paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of **(12)** students in each class.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Neil Rippey informed us on March 2, 2019 that he would not be re-joining the club this year due to health and personal reasons. We thank Neil for his past service. In the past Neil had contacted vendors to donate to our show and also took care of “Exhibitor” ribbons for the show. We were in need of someone to step forward **immediately** to get letters out to vendors. If you are interested contact either Ron or Greg. We are also in need of someone to take care of organizing the “Exhibitor” ribbons and setting them on the show tables on Friday night before the show. **Al & Kathy Krueger have volunteered to do these important tasks. Thank you Al & Kathy.**
- Catherine MacKay has contacted us about volunteering to do a Folk Fair at Kennedy Elementary School in Junction City, WI on Friday May 24, 2019, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Lunch would be provided to volunteers. There would be (217) students from (K-6). We are looking for (3) carvers to volunteer. We need to get back to her soon. David King, Greg Wirtz, and Clark Snyder volunteered. Clark Snyder said his commitment was tentative because he was not sure if he could get the day off from his bus driving job. If anyone else is interested in helping, contact Ron O’Kray.
- Rich Wetherbee contacted us about the possibility of doing a (2) day class between June 8<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup>. Any two day combination during those dates would work for him. **(If we did the class at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, the class would have to be June 10 & 11 or June 11 & 12).** The cost of the class would be \$150.00 plus the cost of Roughouts or Clay. Karen Barten and Clark Snyder were interested in the class. If anyone is interested please contact Ron O’Kray ASAP.
- Greg Wirtz showed a new roughout from Leah Goddard “Pig in a Pail” that he had carved. He asked if there was any interest in doing this project on Wednesday nights. He asked for a show of hands and it was decided to order (15) of those roughouts.
- Greg Wirtz also asked if anyone was interested in carving a Basswood Turkey Egg that was split into four parts with different faces in the inside of the egg when it was opened up. This project with all hardware can be purchased from Stadlander Woodcarvings. He again asked for a show of hands and it was decided to order (15) of those kits.

- Greg also asked if anyone was interested in the pattern “Old Truck Scene” from Stadlander Woodcarvings. It was decided to purchase (13) of those patterns.

### **UPCOMING CARVING EVENTS**

- The Kettle Karvers Klub is holding its 29<sup>th</sup> annual “Artistry in Wood” carving show on Saturday April 13, 2019 at the Lakers Ice Center, 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan, WI from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Admission is \$2.00 (under 12 are free)
- “Carve In 3” will be held at the Bekkum, 206 North Main Street, Westby, WI on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. John Overby of Fifield, WI will be the featured carver. John is also a member of the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. Free Admission.
- The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers will be holding their 45<sup>th</sup> Annual “Artistry in Wood” Woodcarving Show, Competition, & Sale on Sunday May 5, 2019 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI
- The Affiliated Woodcarvers Congress will be held in Maquoketa, IA from June 8 thru June 16, 2019. More information available either from Greg or on website.
- Madison (CACW) carving show will be held October 20, 2019 at the same place as last year. No details yet.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

- Tina Cooper showed her “Book” that she is carving on Wednesday nights in the Greg Wirtz class. The pattern is from the Spring 2019 issue of Woodcarving Illustrated.
- David King showed a Christmas Tree with a “Spirit Face” carved in the tree. He will provide those cutouts for \$10.00 each. If interested contact David King @ 913-620-7823

**DOOR PRIZES:** We had (3) gift bags donated by an anonymous donor. They were won by Vicki Brandt, Tina Cooper, and Karen Barten.

There being no other business at 8:00 PM Clark Snyder made a motion to adjourn seconded Chet James. All approved.

Submitted by: Ronald O’Kray  
Treasurer / Show Chairman