

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER



On June 5, 2019 at 7:02 PM, club President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

MINUTES: No corrections were made to the May Newsletter. Jerry Meid made a motion to accept, seconded by Bill Day. All in attendance approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. Income came from: Dues 2019, “Bark on boards”, Show Banquet, Return of unused ink cartridges, Rich Wetherbee seminar, Wisconsin Rapids placemat adds, Basswood for book project, “Quartered basswood Turkey egg”, Denny Neubauer sharpening class, and Table & electricity at 2019 show. Expenses were for: Paper coffee cups, printing of Treasurer’s report to membership & notes for club meeting, Printing of May newsletter, Stamps for mailing of May newsletter, Printing of 1,000 each Coral, Orange, & Green wristbands for 2019 show, Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Printing of (1,000) small show flyers & (100) large show flyers, Purchase of (5) “Pig in a Pail” roughouts & (2) “Old Truck patterns”, and cookies for club meeting. Motion by Clark Snyder to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by David King. All in attendance approved.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Marion O’Kray reported everyone healthy.

OLD BUSINESS

- 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.
- **WEBSITE** Bill Day (webmaster) said that he will be retiring from the position of webmaster spring of 2020 when our website licenses come due. We are in need of a person who would like to apprentice with Bill on this position and then take over webmaster in spring of 2020. If interested contact Bill Day or 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 volunteered.
- 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 primarily carvings of dairy cows or farm scenes. (Also woodburnings or paintings). If you can carve a cow for the display contact Jerry Uher. Vicki Brandt volunteered to do a drawing. Candy Prahl-Tell is working on a woodburning. Stu & Bernice Kepler and Ron Peters have volunteered to help Jerry.
- Greg Wirtz will be starting a class on Wednesday nights on carving the “Pig in a Pail” roughout by Leah Goddard that the club purchased from Stadtländer Woodcarvings.
- **SUMMER PICNIC** The club picnic will be on Tuesday July 9, 2019 at the South Wood County Park in Kellner, WI. The picnic is for all members and spouses. The club will again provide the meat. We ask all members to bring a dish to pass. Bobbi O’Shasky has volunteered to be in charge of the picnic. Sandy Hartjes, Becky Engstrand, Joann Jepson, and Sue Brzezinski have volunteered to help Bobbi. Contact Bobbi O’Shasky @ 715-457-5387 or E-mail bobbioshasky@gmail.com to let her know you will attend and what you will be bringing as your dish to pass.
- Carley Lee, the Dementia Care Specialist at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, would like the club to participate in one of her monthly Memory Cafes, which is for people suffering from dementia and their caregivers. Participants have shown they love learning new things and Carley thinks their being able to admire the trade of woodcarving would go over well. The idea would be to have probably 3 people working on their project, whatever they do is fine, and able to answer questions and perhaps tell some about their particular craft if no questions are forthcoming. Of course the people attending would not be using or even touching tools. These cafes are from 10:30 Am – noon on the second Wednesday of the month. The club decided to do the Memory Café on Wednesday July 10, 2019. Karen Barten, Diane Swiggum, and Bill Day volunteered. Bill Day will get in touch with Carley.

MEMBERSHIP: We have **(127)** memberships paid for in **2019**.

2019 SHOW

1. We have **(153)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(4)** 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. **(64)** Guests have paid for the banquet already.
3. The club is carving a Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle. We had asked for all Nativity pieces to be turned in by June 1st. We are waiting for (3) pieces and the Sheep. **PLEASE GET THEM TO Ron O’Kray ASAP.**
4. 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 (127) 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. Harold Mohr and the Waupaca Area Woodcarvers have promised to donate (25) ornaments. **PLEASE HELP US OUT WITH THIS PROJECT.**

5. Show flyers are available from Ron O’Kray
6. We have (14) ads paid for the Stevens Point placemats. We have received payment for (12) adds in the Wisconsin Rapids placemats. We are waiting on “Major Auto” & “Freedom Pest Control” for the Wisconsin Rapids placemats.
7. It is not too early to start thing about a donation for the show raffle. We have had some donations already but need many more. Donations for the raffle can be given to Ron O’Kray.

RICH WETHERBEE SEMINAR: Rich will be holding a (2) day seminar on June 10 & 11, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class will be \$150.00 plus the cost of Roughouts or Clay. We have (4) students at this time. We need minimum of (5) students to hold this class.

DENNY NEUBAUER SHARPENING SEMINAR Denny will be holding a one day Sharpening seminar on Wednesday July10, 2019 at the Lincoln Center in Stevens point from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM. Cost of the seminar will be \$55.00. Registration forms are available on the website or from Ron O’Kray. We have (7) students paid already.

TIPS & TRICKS OF SHARPENING

How many sharpening machines do you own? Are you having trouble using them? Are you new to sharpening and would like to learn more from a pro? Come and join Denny Neubauer the founder of the Denny knife and learn his techniques, tips and tricks for sharpening. Are you afraid of ruining your tools? Denny is supplying some beater tools to practice on, taking away the fear of ruining yours. Bring your sharpening units, stones, or whatever you use, and he will help you with them.

SANDY SMITH SEMINAR: Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR will be doing two (1) day 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 September19, 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 (7) carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and (9) paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of (12) students in each class.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **JULY BUSINESS MEETING:** The July business meeting will be held on July 3rd instead of July 10th, because of the club picnic and the Denny Neubauer class.
- **CCA Tee-shirts:** Carol Leavy (CCA & Wisconsin River Woodcarver member) informed us the CCA will have commemorative T-shirts available for their gathering in Converse, IN. Information is available on the website or from Ron O’Kray
- **CCA / Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Tee-shirts and Sweatshirts:** If you have not purchased a tee shirt or sweatshirt to commemorate the CCA being at our show in 2019, you must do so before July. Order forms are attached.
- Greg Wirtz informed the club that the \$100.00 the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers donated in 2018 for AWC 2019 will be used as a “Cash Class Award” For “Miniatures – Human”.

UPCOMING CARVING EVENTS

- 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. **If you have a competition piece and not going to Congress, contact either Ron O’Kray or Greg Wirtz.**
- The **Doane Experience** will be in Crete, NE from Sunday July 21 to Friday July 26, 2019. More information on website.
- **Lake County Carvers** will be holding their Woodcarving Show on Saturday August 2, 2019 at the “Life Enrichment Center” 1306 West Wisconsin Ave. Oconomowoc, WI from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More information on the website.
- The **Musky Area Woodcarvers Workshop** will be held from August 13 to 16, 2019 at the Community Center in Boulder Junction, WI. More information on the website.
- **Rock River Woodcarvers of Wisconsin** in will be holding their 14th annual show on Saturday September 14, 2019 at the Rock County Fairgrounds; 1301 Craig Ave.; Janesville, WI. More information on the website.

- The **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers** will be holding their 19th annual show, sale, & competition at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, WI on Saturday & Sunday September 21 & 22, 2019. More information on website or from Ron O’Kray or Greg Wirtz.
- **Artistry in Wood** will be holding their last show on Saturday and Sunday October 12 & 13, 2019 at the Roberts Centre; 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH. More information on website.
- **Capitol Carvers of Wisconsin** will be holding their 31st annual show & sale at the Abundant Life Christian School; 4901 East Buckeye Road; Madison , WI on Sunday October 20, 2019. More information on website.

SHOW AND TELL

Bill Day showed a cowboy carrying a shotgun that he carved, David King showed a Santa face he is working on, and Greg Wirtz showed two Flower relief carvings. Thank you for showing those carving with us.

There being no other business Vice president Clark Snyder asked for a motion to adjourn. Marion O’Kray made a motion seconded by Jerry Meid. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Submitted by: Ronald O’Kray
Treasurer / Show Chairman

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