

## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



On May 15, 2019 at 6:35 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 March Newsletter. Jerry Meid made a motion to accept, seconded by Carl Weinfurter. All in attendance approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. Income came from: Stevens Point & Wisconsin Rapids placemat adds, Sale of Stadlander roughouts & patterns, 2019 Show Banquet meals, Rich Wetherbee seminar, and Tables at 2019 Show, Expenses were for: Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Plastic holders for 2019 Show flyers, Printing of April newsletter, Printing of Revised By-laws, Stamps for mailing of April newsletter, Wisconsin Annual Non-Stock Corporation Report, Refund for Table @ 2019 Show, Cookies for club meeting, Rent of Lincoln Center for April, Radio (Oldies Station) Advertising for 2019 Show, Book “Carving Traditional Fish Decoys” for club library, and “Bark-On-Boards” for relief carving project “Old Truck”. A motion was made by Carl Weinfurter and seconded by Ron Peters to approve the treasurer’s report. All in attendance approved.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Marion O’Kray reported she sent “Get Well” cards to April Bird, Marge Rumble, & Clark Snyder. We hope they are all feeling better.

### 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.
- 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>. 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). David King, Greg Wirtz, and Clark Snyder 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.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have **(127)** memberships paid for in **2019**. Ron Fischer has rejoined the club. Welcome back Ron. Kyle Mallek joined the club. Kyle is married to Kayla Mallek. They have three dogs and spend a lot of time with them. He works as a HVAC Service Tech for Point Heating and Cooling and enjoys what he does. Kyle and Kayla spend a lot of weekends camping. He was a carpenter for many years and has been wood working since he was little. Welcome to the club.

## **2019 SHOW**

1. We have **(151)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(7)** 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. **(61)** Guests have paid for the banquet already.
3. The club is carving a Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle. All pieces are out and **(7)** have been returned.
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 or Delores Zakoski. At the present time we have only (36) ornaments and a Tree Topper and these were donated by (19) members. I have (4) ornaments promised from club members. 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 (12) ads paid for the Stevens Point placemats and (6) for the Wisconsin Rapids placemats.
7. Jerry Uher (Promotion Chairman") informed the club that he contacted WDUX radio in Waupaca to get a date for a live morning broadcast. The club will be on the "air" twice.

Jerry Uher, John Runke, and Rick Pacyna have volunteered to do the August 22<sup>nd</sup> interview while Greg Wirtz and Tina Cooper have volunteered to do that September 19<sup>th</sup> interview.

**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) 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 may be 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 **(7)** carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and **(9)** paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of **(12)** students in each class.

**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 would be \$150.00 plus the cost of Roughouts or Clay. We have (4) paid for at this time. We need minimum of (5) students to hold this class. We need to know **ASAP** if you are going to take this seminar as the date for this class is only (26) days away. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers has never cancelled a class; **don't let this be a first time.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 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 Stadlander Woodcarvings.
- **SUMMER PICNIC** After discussion, it was decided to have a club picnic 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](mailto:bobbioshasky@gmail.com) to let her know you will attending 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. Theses 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.
- **JUNE BUSINESS MEETING** The June business meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> instead of June 12<sup>th</sup>, because a number of our club members will be at AWC in Maquoketa, IA.
- **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.

**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. A registration form is attached.

### ***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.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

Richard Zakoski showed (2) spoons that he carved out of Box Elder.

**DOOR PRIZES:** We had (3) gift bags donated by an anonymous donor and Fred Brinkman donated (4) roughouts. Thank you for the donations.

There being no other business Vice president Clark Snyder asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Day made a motion seconded by David King. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Submitted by: Ronald O'Kray  
Treasurer / Show Chairman

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