

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER



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August 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM, club President Greg Wirtz meeting to order at the 1st Congregational United Church Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

MINUTES: No corrections were made to the July Newsletter. Ken Brzezinski made a motion to accept, seconded by Ron Peters. All in attendance approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. **Income** came from: Tables at 2019 Show, Denny Neubauer Sharpening class, Wisconsin Rapids placemat add, CCA / WRW shirts & sweatshirts, Electricity @ 2019 Show, “Old Truck Relief Patterns, Stevens Point Buyer’s Guide Sponsor add, “Pig in a Pail Roughout, and Sandy Smith seminar. **Expenses** were for: Mailing of small Show flyers, Reimbursement for 1st & 2nd solicitation mailing, Rent of Lincoln Center for May & June 2019, Rent of Lincoln Center for Denny Neubauer Sharpening class, Printing of July newsletter, Mailing of July newsletter, Gift bags for 2019 Show Banquet, Cookies for club meeting, Denny Neubauer Sharpening class, 2019 Show Table Refund, WRW / CCA Commemorative Knives, Chicken for club picnic, Reimbursement for double order of CCA / WRW shirts, Plastic storage containers for 2019 Show Banquet, Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Building materials for additional Raffle tiers and T-shirt rack, CCA / WRW Polo Shirts and sweatshirts, Rent of Lincoln Center for July 2019, Postcard stamps for 2019 Show mailing, Printing of Thank You cards to placemat advertisers & Buyers Guide Sponsor, Thank You cards for show exhibitors, Judging Registration forms, Critique forms, Show signs, Paper plates and plastic cutlery for club meetings, and 25,000 each Stevens Point & Wisconsin Rapids placemats, Motion by Clark Snyder to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Jerry Meid. All in attendance approved.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Marion O’Kray reported she sent a “Get Well” card to Gerri Taylor. We hope that her broken foot is better. She also sent a sympathy card to Ron Cody on the loss of his mother and a “Thinking of You” card to Charlie Arnold who will be unable to attend the show this year.

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. Greg said if no one comes forward to fill this position, he will appointment someone.
- Greg Wirtz will be continuing a class on Wednesday nights on carving the "Pig in a Pail" roughout by Leah Goddard that the club purchased from Stadlander Woodcarvings. The club purchased additional roughouts and they have arrived. See Ron O'Kray if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$15.00

MEMBERSHIP: We have **(129)** memberships paid for in **2019**. Mahala Earnhart of Hewitt, WI joined the club. She found out about the club from Cheryl Marx. She is a registered nurse at the Marshfield Clinic. Her interests are clay building, fused glass, stained glass, and quilting. Welcome Mahala.

2019 SHOW

1. We have **(156)** tables for the 2019 show sold already. We have **(6)** Tables left. We had (4) table cancellations last week, but picked up (1) table from a carver in Pennsylvania.
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. **(140)** Guests are already signed up for the banquet.
3. The Nativity set for the 2019 Show Raffle is complete.
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 (129) 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. Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids placemats will be delivered next week.
7. is not too early to start thinking 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.

8. CCA / Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Tee-shirts and Sweatshirts: If you ordered a shirt or sweatshirt, they have arrived. See Ron O’Kray.
9. Sophie Kubisiak will be in charge of the raffle. We are looking for a person to help her with the raffle setup starting at 1:00 PM on Friday September 20th. Diane Swiggum volunteered.
- 10. SHARPENING SERVICE:** Denny Neubauer will again be at our show offering his sharpening services. If you have a tool that you can’t get sharpened just right, or you want your whole roll of tools touched up, Denny can do it for a nominal fee.
11. Jerry Uher informed me that he will not be the “**Show Promotion Chairman**” next year (2020) due to personal reasons. We thank Jerry for his years of service in this valuable position. We need someone to take over this position. If interested either contact Jerry Uher, Greg Wirtz, or Ron O’Kray.
12. The CCA will have their latest book “Thinking Inside the Roughout” for sale at our show. The Retail price for the book (\$25.00) and roughout \$32.00) + \$57.00

SHOW SPECIAL

Book Only \$23.00 (\$2.00 discount)

Roughout Only \$30.00 (\$2.00 discount)

Combo, book and roughout \$46.00 (\$11.00 discount)

13. The following CCA members are committed to being at our show: Wayne Laramore, Dale Green, David Boone, Floyd Rhadigan, Bob Hershey, Jim Hiser, Bruce Henn, Joe You, Sandy Smith, Mitch Cartledge, Steve Brown, PJ Driscoll, Randy Landen, Dennis Thornton, Ron Dowdy, Bob Travis, Rich Wetherbee, Joe Schumacher, Ryan Olsen, Carol Leavy, and Dave Stetson.
14. Sophie Kubisiak will be in charge of volunteers for admission and raffle sales. Volunteers would work (2) hour shifts unless you wanted to volunteer for more. **Remember this is your show. We cannot put this show on without your help.** Please call Sophie @ 715-340-4045 or E-mail her @ ckuby@charter.net.

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 **(7)** already paid.

ALEXANDER HOUSE: The Alexander House can light up to 60 pieces individually. The Alexander House does not take a commission on sales. Delivery day is Wednesday **August 28th** between 4:00 and 6:00 PM. Opening night will be on Friday **August 30th** from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. They would like all artists to be there by 4:30 PM just to walk thru and check that everything is correct. Pick up will be on Tuesday **October 15th** at 4:00 PM. (22) Members of the club will be exhibiting. Chet James is the coordinator of this project.

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 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 **(8)** carvers paid for the Wednesday seminar and **(10)** paid for the Thursday class. She will take maximum of **(12)** students in each class.

NEW BUSINESS

- Marty Leenhouts will be holding a Chip Carving class in at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point on Thursday and Friday September 19 & 20, 2019. A flyer with all information is attached.
- Ken Brzezinski said that we should do something that spectators at the show would be able to identify club members. A number of ideas were discussed and it was decided to further explore a different colored nametag.
- There will be no carving next Wednesday August 14, 2019 because a number of club members will be at the Musky Area Woodcarvers Workshop in Boulder Junction, WI.

- Ron O’Kray had a copy of the new CCA Book that will be released at our show. All members who looked at the book agreed it is awesome.

UPCOMING CARVING EVENTS

- 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.
- The **West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild** will be holding a Wood Carving Competition on September 7, 2019 at the Mason Hall, 650 Bridgewater Ave, Chippewa Falls, WI. The show is open to the public from 1:00 to 3:45 PM. More info 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.
- The **Capitol Area Carvers of Wisconsin** will be holding their 31st Annual Show & Sale on Sunday October 20, 2019 at the Abundant Life Christian School, 4901 East Buckeye Road, Madison, WI from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More information on website.

There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Ken Brzezinski made a motion seconded by Ron Peters. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by: Ronald O'Kray
Treasurer / Show Chairman

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