

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



On October 9, 2019 at 6:40 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 September Newsletter. Jeff Enerson made a motion to accept, seconded by Ron Peters. All in attendance approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ron O’Kray gave the financial report. **Expenses** were for rent of Lincoln Center August 2019, Printing of “People’s Choice” ballots, Printing of (200) small 2019 Show flyers, Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, plastic totes, Printing of 2019 Judging Registration and Critique forms, Printing of 2019 Show booklets, Bob Travis seminar, Rental of Lincoln Center for Bob Travis seminar, “Security” T-shirt, Printing of September newsletter, Sandy Smith seminar, Rent of Lincoln Center for Sandy Smith seminar, Rental of Lincoln Center for September 2019, Sandy Smith CD for club library, (Reimbursement for Avery labels, ink for computer printer, & Tent cards for 2019 Show raffle), (Reimbursement for Exhibitor ribbons & Name tags), 2019 Show judges, Book “Thinking inside the Roughout” for club library, Security, Book “More Blue Ribbon Chip Carving” for club library, Reimbursement for \$20.00 Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Gift certificates for 2019 Show banquet, Rental of U-Haul truck to transport 2019 Show supplies, 2019 Show photographer, Printing of checks, Postcard stamps, Shipping of 20lb box of basswood to raffle winner, Reimbursement for “thumb Drives for 2019 Show pictures, Printing of “thank You” card to raffle prize donors, roll of 1st class stamps, City Times / Buyers Guide adds, and Holiday Inn. **Income** came from: 2019 Show banquet, Sandy Smith seminar, Tables @ 2019 show, Stevens Point Buyer’s Guide add sponsor, Sale of club patch, Bob Travis seminar, Dues 2019 / 2020, CCA / WRW knives, Saturday raffle, Saturday admission, Sunday raffle, Sunday admission, Sales of 2020 car magnets, Additional pieces in competition, Anonymous donation for (10) \$20.00 gift certificates for 2019 show banquet, Dues 2020, Tables @ 2020 show, Electricity @ 2020 show, and Vic Hood seminar. . A motion was made by Jerry Meid to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Dick Fleisner. All in attendance approved.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Marion O’Kray reported she sent a “Get Well” card to Ron Fischer. We hope he is doing much better.

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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.
- Jerry Uher informed us 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 or Ron O'Kray.
- 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
- **Article VI Section 2:** An annual meeting of the membership for the purpose of election of officers will be held at the meeting in November.
- We have approached by Catherine MacKay to see if the club would be interested in demonstrating woodcarving at the RSVP Folk Fairs. Two are scheduled already: McDill Elementary 2nd grade on Tuesday October 22nd from 9:15 to 11:15 AM and Roosevelt Elementary School 2nd graders on Friday November 15th from 9:15 to 11:15:00 AM. Setup time would be 8:15 AM on both of these events. Catharine spoke with Greg Wirtz last school year about the possibility of having some sort of foam board and safe cutting tool for the kids to use at the demonstrations so they could try wood carving. Is that a possibility for this school year? RSVP may be able to pay for the supplies; we would just need to know the cost ahead of time. A motion was made by Greg Wirtz and seconded by Clark Snyder to do the Folk Fairs with more discussion on doing "Hands on Carving". All in attendance approved. Clark Snyder and David King volunteered to do October 22nd, and David King, Sandy Hartjes, and Debbie Schenk volunteered to do November 15th. Greg Wirtz and Ron O'Kray had a meeting with Catherine MacKay and Barb Evans on Tuesday October 15, 2019 to discuss the possibility of having the kid's do some carving. Catherine will check with the schools on doing "Hands On" in spring 2020.

VIC HOOD SEMINAR

Vic will be teaching, "Carving a realistic human bust in Butternut". The project will be smaller than life-size. Vic has been carving and teaching for over 25 years. In that time he has won over 100 awards for his work. In addition to winning awards, Vic has been asked to do a piece for the White House and in 2011 was the Woodcarving Illustrated Carver of the Year. He also had a 30 minute woodcarving show on the DIY network and published two books on carving. The first book "Carving Found Wood" won the Independent Book Publisher's "Book of the Year" award. His commitment to teaching woodcarving is illustrated by his students winning more first place and "Best of Group" in the International Woodcarver's Congress "Instructor Assisted" category than any other instructor ever at this show. Many of his students have gone on to win "Best of Show" awards all over the country. The class will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday September 15, 16, & 17, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Lincoln Center (Room A & B), 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class will be \$225.00 **plus** blank (Blank will run between \$40.00 & \$45.00) Pay Vic for blank. Maximum number of students is (12). We have (3) already paid. Registration forms are on the website.

GREGG THOMPSON SEMINAR

Gregg has been a woodcarver for over 25 years. His lovely wife Becky got him started. Gregg has been a guest carver at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri for 16 seasons. He has been teaching woodcarving classes for 15 years. He is primarily a caricature carver but has also done realistic and other styles of carving. He also teaches advanced beginner too, as he has seen a niche that was not being offered and wanted to fill it. Gregg has felt for a long time that beginner classes were few and far between and, as his mentor Ron Wells gave ample opportunity to many, many beginners, he wanted to honor his legacy and follow in his footsteps and teach the way he remembers being taught. In Gregg's class there is a bunch of fun to be had. He encourages students to ask all the crazy questions they can as he is there for them to learn and have a great time. If students have never carved before, he recommends the bear first as it is designed for the true beginner and can be completed in the 3 day time frame. If you are more experienced, he has other caricatures. With this being a 3 day class, he will guarantee to complete at least one carving. He will supply paint and finish for the carvings. Additional blanks are \$5.00. Gregg will have tools and safety gloves for sale. He does not permit X-acto style or box cutter knives. All students are required to wear a safety glove. The class will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday September 15, 16, & 17, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Lincoln Center (Room A & B), 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the class will be \$125.00 with 1st blank provided for caricature class. Registration forms are on the website.

2019 SHOW

- Saturday paid admission was 916.
- Sunday paid admission was 492.
- Total paid admission for both days 1408.
- If we add the children under age 12 & carvers and spouses, attendance was over 2,000.
- We had 132 items of raffle.
- 192 people attended the Saturday night banquet.

- We printed (10,000) raffle tickets and sold (9, 342).
- Carvings entered into competition were 380.

COMMENTS ABOUT 2019 SHOW

- Pictures of the 2019 show are on the website. www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- Roger Bean of Iowa called and said he had been attending carving shows for 40 years and the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2019 show was the best he ever attended.
- Sandy Smith of Lakeview, AR said the show “was a first class event”.
- Mary Travis of Davis, CA wrote “What a great show, we sure enjoyed it”.
- Cheryl Ruplinger of the Wausau Area Woodcarvers wrote to let us know we had a super show that they were proud to be a part of the show, and would be back next year.
- John Marion of Cedar Rapids, IA sent a n E-mail to thank all club members for doing a fantastic job. He said “I know what it takes to do what you need to put on a show like that but to be honest I have no idea how you do it. Super job. Had a great time and very impressed”.
- Parking seemed to be an issue. Will discuss at Show Committee meeting what can be done.
- Jerry Meid stated that he thought wristbands were a great idea.
- Greg Wirtz thanked everyone that helped at the show.

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NEW BUSINESS

- Sophie Kubisiak informed us that she would not be charge of the raffle and admission in 2020. We thank her for her many years of service. Delores Zakoski volunteered to be in charge of the raffle in 2020. Marion O’Kray volunteered to be in charge of admission in 2020.
- Ron O’Kray informed President Greg Wirtz that 2020 would be his last year as show chairman.
- Klaus Zunker informed us that he would not be doing the “Best of Group” plates next year. He said it was time to turn that job over to a younger chip carver. We thank Klaus for doing the plates for so many years. We need a volunteer to take on that show responsibility.
- Greg Wirtz said that starting next month and thru the winter the business meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

- We have (49) tables paid for the 2020 show. Starting in November we will have a “Show Committee” meeting after the regular business meeting.
- Bill Day made a motion that the clubs do a Nativity set for the 2020 show with a 2nd by Jeff Enerson, all in attendance approved.
- Chet James made a motion that the club do a Christmas Tree with ornaments for 2020 show with a 2nd by Echo Keller, all in attendance approved.
- Chet James made a motion that the club has its annual Christmas party on January 8, 2020 at Smiley’s in Plover, WI with a 2nd by Clark Snyder. All in attendance approved. Jeff and Pam Enerson again volunteered to be the hosts of the Christmas party. Jeff will check on the date, menu and cost.
- Sophie Kubisiak made a motion and seconded by Bill Day that the featured carver should be club member. This motion was **rejected** by those in attendance.
- Tina Cooper said that more information should be made available to show volunteers. This will be discussed at the Show Committee meeting.
- Clark Snyder suggested that club officers and directors write a description of their duties.

UPCOMING CARVING EVENTS

- 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 Vice President Clark Snyder asked for a motion to adjourn. Marion O’Kray made a motion seconded by Echo Keller. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by: Ronald O’Kray
Treasurer / Show Chairman

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