

May Newsletter

By Karen Barten - Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hope this finds all well and happy. Like me I hope everyone is cleaning up some of those UFO's, which have been lying around. I do have a number of painting projects created now. I was thinking that with the April meeting cancelled, I've come up with what I call the President's Challenge". Here's how it works. When we finally meet again, enter the piece or pieces you completed during stay at home time. As President I will be the Judge and the winner gets their dues paid for next year. Of course, being President and Judge, I'm not eligible to win. I'm looking for some fine pieces. Until we meet again, stay safe and carve lots. *Greg Wintz* – President. Greg's challenge continues so you can add those special touches to your carvings.

FINANCIAL REPORT: By Treasurer Ron O'Kray

Expenses were for: 2020 Show Competition Ribbons, Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Cookies for club meeting, Paper plates for club meeting, and Refunds for Floyd Rhadigan seminar.

Income came from:, Show banquet meals, Gregg Thompson seminar, Tables @ 2020 Show, and Stevens Point placemat adds.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported she sent a Get Well card to Al Krueger. We hope he is feeling better.

Special Note: Keep working on your ornaments for our tree op the raffle.

Membership: We have (123) memberships paid for in (2020).

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Floyd Rhadigan Seminar:** Was cancelled due to Corona Virus. All those who paid for seminar were reimbursed. We will try to reschedule at a later date.
- **Gregg Thompson Seminar:** The class is scheduled for 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. We have (4) already paid. Forms and more information are available on the website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- **Vic Hood Seminar:** The class is scheduled for 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 (10) already paid. Forms and more information are available on the website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have received an E-mail from Catherine MacKay that all Spring Folk Fairs are cancelled for the rest of the school year.

Heritage Days – Plover – at Heritage Park – Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st. You name the timeframe and date(s) when you would like to be there.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Ozark Woodcarving Seminar Cancelled**
- **Northeast Wisconsin Wood Workers Guild show is postponed.** When the Corona Virus is over, they will try to reschedule.
- **Carve in 4 at the Bekkum** has been rescheduled to Saturday June 27, 2020 in Westby, WI. Hours 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Contact John Sutton (608-634-4396 for more information. This year they have cancelling but **will be back in 2021**. They also will in the future, have Carve 4 & 5 with two instructors in a one day event in 2021.
- **Kettle Karvers Klub Show Cancelled**
- **Mid Wisconsin Chippers** will be holding their 46th Annual “Artistry in Wood” at the Convention Center 2 Main Street, Oshkosh, WI. the show has been rescheduled to Sunday July 12, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 pm. More information on the club website.
- **Floyd Fest** will be held in Ewart, MI from June 8th to 12th, 2020. More information from Floyd Rhadigan at 734-649-3259 or rhads@comcast.net Cancelled.
- **International Woodcarvers Congress** show dates are from June 13th to 21st, 2020. Check out their website www.awclktd.org for more information. Cancelled.
- **2020 U.S. Bodgers Ball and Green Wood Festival** will be held on Friday June 26th thru Sunday June 28, 2020 at Grundal Park in Mount Horeb, WI (*A Bodger is a craftsman who turns into chairs, bowls, cups, and spoons, traditionally doing all their work in the woods with hand tools*). More information on Facebook: US Bodgers Ball and Green Wood Festival.

- **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association** will be holding their 4th annual Wisconsin Decoy Carving Contest and Exhibition on July 31st & August 1st at the Mead Wildlife Education Center near Milladore, WI. More information @ burben@netnet.net
- **Lake Country Carvers** will be holding their show on Saturday August 1, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Life Enrichment Center, 1306 West Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, WI. More information on the club website.
- **Carv-Fest** will be held August 6, 7, & 8, 2020 in Fairbault, MN. More information on the club website.
- **Musky Area WoodCarvers Workshop** will be held in Boulder Junction, WI from August 11th to 14th, 2020. More information at the website. www.MuskyAreaWoodcarvers.org
- **Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers** will hold their 30th Annual Woodcarvers Show September 5 & 6, 2020 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Illinois Bldg., 11th & Sangamon, Springfield, IL. More information on the website www.svwoodcarvers.org.
- **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers** will be holding their 20th Annual Show on September 19 & 20, 2020 at the Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI. More information on the club website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- **Rock River Valley Carvers** will be holding their 15th Annual carving show on Saturday September 26, 2020 at the Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave., Janesville, WI. More information on club website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

2020 SHOW REPORT:

- We have (120) tables sold for the 2020 Show. Of those (8) have requested electricity.
- We have (42) people who have paid for the Show Banquet. The cost of the banquet is \$24.00 per person. More information about the banquet is on club website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- Vic Hood & Gregg Thompson will be the Show Judges.
- Jeff Enerson has volunteered to do an "Overall Best of Show" plate. In 2020 we will be using ribbons for the "Overall Best of Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced".
- We have started solicitation for the Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids area placemats. We have (9) of the Stevens Point placemats adds already paid for.
- We have had a meeting about advertising with Multi Media Channels LLC who is the publisher of the local Buyer's Guides
- David King is in charge of getting demonstrators for the show.
- We will use wristbands as we did in 2020.
- Holiday Inn will be providing "Express Lunch" on both Saturday and Sunday.
- Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express room reservation information is on the website. The Holiday Inn has laid off (143) employees because of the Corona Virus. If you have problems with reservations, contact Michelle Sedlak @ Michelle.Sedlak@holidayinnsp.com.
- We will be having a carving contest on Sunday September 20th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. David King will be in charge of the contest. He will provide the blank and do the judging. Only hand tools may be used (No Power). Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place. Maximum number of contestants will be (12). He already has (2) signed up. If interested contact David @ kingcarving@gmail.com.

- Marion O’Kray is in charge of admission this year. She plans to implement 1 ½ shifts. Contact Marion @ 715-341-2214 if there is a specific time you wish to volunteer.
- Larry Shepard will be in charge of “Kid’s Carving”. He has a new product to replace “Balsa Foam” which is no longer manufactured.
- Show Ribbons have been received.
- The club will be doing a Nativity set and Christmas Tree with ornaments for the raffle. All Nativity pieces are out with the exception of a “Kneeling Shepard” and some Sheep. If you can help with the Nativity pieces contact Ron O’Kray @ ron.marion@charter.net. While you are at home during the Corona Virus “Stay at Home”, consider carving a Christmas ornament or two for the tree. At the present time we have (7) ornaments and a Christmas Tree Topper. Last year we had in excess of (140) ornaments on the tree.
- Jason & Deb Alderman and Kyle Mallek have volunteered to promote the show on Facebook.
- At the present time we have (10) items for the raffle and (1) promised. Last year we had in excess of (125) items on the raffle. Please help us out. Delores Zakoski has agreed to be in charge of the raffle this year. If you have something for the raffle contact Delores @ zakoskir@live.com.
- Ron O’Kray has been working on the Holiday Inn layout drawings. In the past we have numerous requests from paying spectators where a certain carver’s table was located. This year we are planning on giving out a sheet with all exhibitor’s names and table numbers on one side and a map of the EXPO Center on the reverse side. This would replace the booklet we had given to exhibitors in past years. We would also be giving this map to all paying spectators.
- Received a call from Jim Vannoy. He said he wasn’t going anywhere during this Corona Virus “Stay at Home”, so he stopped shaving. He said he wasn’t going to shave until the show. He challenged other club members to a beard growing contest. If interested contact Jim Vannoy @ 715-204-5711.

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