



June 2021 Newsletter

By Ronald O'Kray / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Minutes from May Meeting: Motion by Jerry Meid and seconded by Ron Peters to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported she sent a sympathy card to the family of Barb Schenk on the passing of club member Barb Schenk. We received a Thank You card.

Membership: We have (100) memberships paid for in 2021. Ron & Barb Fischer rejoined the club. Karen Schultz rejoined the club. Welcome back.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Dues 2021, Tables @ 2021 Show, Electricity @ 2021 Show, Show Banquet meals, Stevens Point placemat adds, Vic Hood Seminar, and Gregg Thompson Seminar, .
- **Expenses** were for: Ink for computer printer for club treasurer, Printing of May newsletter, \$50.00 check to Estate of Barb Schenk on death of member, 1st Class stamps for club treasurer, Rental of "Create Portage County" for May 2021, (2) Tables @ North East Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild Show in October 2021, Mailing of (300) small Show Flyers to Helvie Knives, Foam plates and plastic spoons & forks for club picnic, Coffee and cookies for club meetings, and Refund of (2) tables at 2021 show..
- A motion was made by Ken Brzezinski and seconded by Karen Barten to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- A summer picnic will be held at the Lake Wazeecha shelter on Wednesday July 7th. Happy Hour will be at 4:00 PM with Supper @ 5:00 PM. Bobbi O'Shasky volunteered to be the picnic chairman. Becky Engstrand, Diane Swiggum, and Sandy Hartjes volunteered to help out at the picnic. Club will provide the meat. You are asked to bring a dish to pass and the beverage of your choice. Contact Bobbi @ 715-457-5387 or 715-424-3078 to let her know what you will be bringing. This picnic is for members and spouses only and you must be pre-registered.
- Greg Wirtz - "Relief Carving" project. Ongoing
- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will meet on Monday mornings at "Create Portage County" from 9:00 AM to Noon. Contact Stan Carlson @ 715-341-3695 for more information.

- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (2) tables at “**Carve In 4 & 5**” at the Bekkum, 206 North Main Street in Westby, WI on Saturday August 21, 2021. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Free admission. Diane Swiggum and David & Terry King volunteered to help man the tables.
- In a conversation with Vic Hood, he stated that he is in the final stages of getting his latest book published. The title of the book will be “**Good to Grand in Woodcarving**”. The plans right now are the book will debut at our show. More information to follow.
- **The Central Wisconsin Cultural Center** will have a “Celebration of Trees, Wood County Style”, a juried art exhibit. Entry dates are June 15, 16, & 17, 2021. Exhibit dates are July 1 thru August 26, 2021. Pickup art on September 1 & 2, 2021. More information on website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2021 Show:

- David King has volunteered to be in charge of the Kid’s Carving for the show. Ken Brzezinski, Randy Hartjes, Bob Kosmoski, and Clark Snyder volunteered to help. We need more helpers. Contact David King (715-819-9045) if you wish to help.
- All Raffle donations made for 2020 will be used for the 2021 show. At the present time we have (48) items for the raffle, we need many more raffle prizes. The Nativity pieces carved for the 2020 show will be used for the 2021 show. When you are carving Christmas ornaments, carve an extra one for the Christmas tree that we will give away at the 2021 show. At this time we have (53) ornaments donated.
- Hummul Carving Co. and Moore Wood & Roughouts will be our show vendors. Denny Neubauer will be sharpening tools. Don Butler (The Carving Glove Guy) and Helvie Knives will also be at the show.
- (120) Tables have been paid for, (6) carvers have requested Electricity and (77) carvers have paid for the Show banquet. We have (7) tables left to sell.
- Prior to the show Vic Hood & Gregg Thompson will be holding (3) day seminars on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, September 14, 15, & 16, 2021. (8) Carvers have paid for the Vic Hood seminar and (7) carvers have paid for the Gregg Thompson seminar. After the show Rich Wetherbee will be holding a (2) day seminar on September 21 & 22, 2021. (1) Carver has paid for the Rich Wetherbee seminar.
- 2021 Show flyers are available. Contact Ron O’Kray if you cannot pick them up at the Wednesday night meetings.
- Vendor solicitation letters have been sent. We have received gifts from Proxxon and Fan carving World.
- At the present time we have exhibitors from not just Wisconsin but also from Minnesota, Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Kansas, Ohio, South Dakota, Michigan, Colorado, and Indiana.
- For the past few years, we have been reusing the “Yard Signs” by installing a weatherproof sticker over the dates on the Yard Signs. This has worked out good and been a cost saving to the club. In the past Kathy Krueger has put out all of the signs in the Stevens Point area. She has a list of where we had placed signs in 2019 and is asking for help to put up signs in the Stevens Point area this year. If you can help call her @ 262-818-9702. Clark Snyder will take care of signs in Wisconsin Rapids area, and Randy Hartjes & Ron Peters will take care of Rudolph and Junction City areas. Lee Halverson will take care of the Iola area.
- David King will be in charge of the “Carving Contest’.

- Marion O’Kray will be in charge of admissions. She has some volunteers already. If there is a specific time that you want to volunteer, contact her @ 715-341-2214. We have reduced the amount of time volunteers will work so we need more volunteers. **PLEASE HELP.**
- Delores Zakoski will be in charge of the Raffle. Contact her @ 715-344-3878 or zakoskir@live.com if you have a raffle donation or wish to help selling raffle tickets. We have reduced the amount of time volunteers will work so we need more volunteers. **PLEASE HELP.**
- Kyle Mallek (webmaster) has been keeping the show information on the website current.
- We are planning on using placemats in the Stevens Point area for advertising the show. Jerry Uher is doing a fine job in getting sponsors.
- Greg Wirtz will be in charge of the demonstrations at the show. The following carvers have volunteered to do a demonstration:

SATURDAY September 18, 2021

- **10:00 AM** Charlene Lynum of Eau Claire, WI will give a demonstration on “Chip Carving”.
- **11:15 AM** Karen Henderson of St. Francis, MN will give a demonstration on “Carving a Spoon using Green Wood”.
- **12:30 PM** Rich Wetherbee of Colorado Springs, CO will give a demonstration on “Carving a Face in Cottonwood Bark”
- **1:45 PM** Jan Jenson of Eau Claire, WI will give a demonstration on “Old World Style Chip Carving”.
- **3:00 PM** Kid’s Carving

SUNDAY September 19, 2021

- **10:00 AM** Vic Hood of Franklin, TN will give a demonstration on “Common errors in carving a bust”.
- **11:15 AM** Denny Neubauer of Rockford, IL will give a demonstration on sharpening carving tools.
- **12:30 PM** Gregg Thompson of Wichita, KS will give a demonstration on “Beginning Design and Layout”.
- **1:45 PM** Kid’s Carving
- If you have any questions about the show, contact Greg Wirtz, Ron O’Kray, or checkout the website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 2022 Show:

- Ideas on 2022 show? Sophie Kubisiak said she wants the Featured Carver to be a member of the club. Greg Wirtz said that the club has two months to decide on the future of the 2022 show. If you have any ideas contact either Greg Wirtz or Ron O’Kray.

Upcoming Shows:

- The **Doane Experience 2021** (sponsored by the Mid-America Woodcarving Assn.) will be held at Doane College in Crete, NE from Sunday July 18 thru Friday July 23, 2021. For more information checkout “Doane Experience 2021” on the web.
- John Sutton has informed us that “**Carve In 4 & 5**” at the Bekkum, 206 North Main Street in Westby, WI on Saturday August 21, 2021. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Free admission. Becky Lusk will be their featured carver.

- The **Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin** will be holding their 15th Annual Show and Sale on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Rock County Fair Grounds, 1301 Craig Ave. in Janesville, WI.
- **The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers** Show, Sale & Competition will be held on September 18 & 19, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- The **Great Plains Woodcarvers** will be holding their 54th Annual Show & Sale on Saturday October 2nd and Sunday October 3, 2021 at the Cessna Activity Center, 2744 South George Washington Blvd, Wichita Kansas. More information on our website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- The **North East Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild** will be having a show in Denmark, WI on Saturday and Sunday October 16 & 17, 2021. Setup will be on Friday October 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (3) tables at that show. More information as soon as available.

New Business: None

Show & Tell:

- Ron O’Kray showed an “Ice Cream” bar, a Butternut “Scraper spoon and a beginner spoon with a Wheat decoration that was finished with “Milk Paint”.
 - Fred Brinkman showed a “Blue Wing Teal” decoy created using wire and canvas along with carving. He then donated the decoy to the club for the show raffle. Thank you Fred.
 - Ron Fischer showed his Cowgirl caricature.
 - Greg Wirtz showed a number of different “Santa” ornaments.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Marion O’Kray made the motion seconded by Ken Brzezinski. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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