



April 2022 Newsletter

By Ron O'Kray / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Minutes from March 2022 Meeting: Motion by Jerry Meid and seconded by Diane Swiggum to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent Get Well cards to: Jim Van Duser, Ron Peters, and Jerry Uher. We hope that all doing better.

Membership: We have (79) memberships paid for in 2021. Steve Pudroski of Stevens Point and John Overby of Fifiield rejoined the club.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Dues 2022, Floyd Rhadigan seminar, & Debbe Edwards seminar.
- **Expenses** were for: Printing of March newsletter, (Coffemate, Coffee Filters, and cookies for club meeting), Rent of Lincoln Center for March 2022, Memorial Pictures in frame, Get Well cards, and Rent of Lincoln Center for Floyd Rhadigan Seminar, Floyd Rhadigan seminar, and Rent of Central Wisconsin Cultural Center for April, May, & June 2022.
- A motion was made by Mahala Earnhart and seconded by Tom Kissner to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- Thirteen students attended the Floyd Rhadigan seminar and all had a great time.
- David King was contacted by Kristin Winters of the Port Edwards elementary school to see if the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers would be interested in doing a "Kid's Carving" for all (180) students. This would be similar to what we had done at our previous carving show. Kristin had been very impressed how the club had done at our previous shows. The school would provide all necessary materials. The dates will be Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday May 3, 4, & 5, 2022 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM and Friday and Monday May 6 & 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We need (3) volunteers on May 3, 4, & 5. We will need (5) volunteers on May 6 & 9. If you have helped out with Kid's Carving at the shows, you know how well the Kids enjoy this activity. Contact David King @ 715-819-9045 to volunteer.

Upcoming Seminars:

- The club will be holding a seminar with **Debbe Edwards** on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, September 12, 13, & 14, 2022 at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. The cost of the seminar is \$175.00 plus roughout(s) for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members, and \$185.00 plus roughout(s) for non-members. Debbe will take a maximum of (12) students. (8) carvers have already paid for the seminar. Since Debbe will be flying, you **must** have your choice of roughouts(s) determined prior to the seminar as they will be shipped. An attachment with more information is attached.
- The students that were in the Floyd Rhadigan seminar had such a good time that it was agreed to have him back in 2023. The seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday April 5, 6, & 7, 2023. Price is same as in 2022. An attachment with more information is attached to newsletter.

Upcoming Shows in 2022:

- **Carve in 6** will be held @ the **Bekkum**, 206 North Main Street, Westby, WI on April 23, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. April Bird will be the featured carver. For more information contact: John Sutton (608-634-4396) or lbarnfarms@gmail.com. Show flyers are available at tonight's meeting. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (2) club tables at this show. **Greg Wirtz highly recommended that members take a day trip to see the Carve IN.** David & Terry King, Tom & Lynne Kissner, and Ron & Marion O'Kray will be representing the club.
- The **Mid-Wisconsin Chippers** will be holding their 46th Annual Show, Competition, & Sale on Sunday May 1, 2022 at the Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 Main Street, Oshkosh, WI from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more show information contact Paul Wolters (920-727-2139) or www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com.
- The **North Arkansas Woodcarvers** will be holding their 42nd annual Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday May 7 & 8, 2020. More information on club website or contact: Sandy Smith (870-431-8070) or E-mail: websmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org.
- The **International Woodcarvers Congress** will be held from June 11 thru June 19, 2022 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 East Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA. This will be their 54th annual event, the oldest competitively judged woodcarving art show in the USA. More information @ <http://woodcarverscongress.org>. They will have (17) instructors in 2022.
- The **2022 Evart Woodcarvers Roundup** will be held at the Osceola Fair Grounds in Evart, MI from June 15 to 18, 2022. Contact Floyd Rhadigan @ rhads134@comcast.net or (734-649-3259) for more information.
- **Floyd Fest** will be held June 20 – 24, 2022 in Evart, MI. There will be (9) instructors. Contact Floyd Rhadigan @ rhads134@comcast.net or (734-649-3259) for more information.

- The **Creede Woodcarving Rendezvous** will be held from July 9 thru July 15, 2022 in Creede, CO. More information @ www.creedewoodcarvers.com.
- The Mid-America Woodcarvers will hold **Doane Experience 2022** at Doane College in Crete, NE from July 24 to July 30, 2022. More information on website midamericawoodcarvers.com/Doane_Experience.html.
- The **Rock River Valley Woodcarvers of Wisconsin** will be having their annual show on Saturday September 10, 2022 at the Rock County Fairgrounds "Craig Center" 131 Craig Ave. Janesville, WI. Hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More information on website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- "**Carvin The Rockies CCA**" will be held September 24 & 25, 2022 in Colorado Springs, CO. More information @ www.cca-carvers.org.
- The **Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild** will be having a woodcarving show in Denmark, WI on Saturday & Sunday October 8 & 9, 2022. More information as soon as we get it.
- The **Waupaca Area Woodcarvers** will be having their first woodcarving show on November 6, 2022 @ 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI. More information available from Harold Mohr (715-281-4923) or Kathy Brehm (920-740-1986) & website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have (2) club tables at this show.

New Business:

- Mahala Earhart volunteered to be the club secretary, but unfortunately, she is unable to do the job because she is moving to Rice Lake, WI. We are in need of someone to take on the job of Secretary. Contact Greg Wirtz or Ron O'Kray if you can help out in this important position.
- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers has been invited to exhibit at **the "Portage County June Dairy Breakfast"** on Saturday June 4, 2022. Location is 7741 Dairy Lane, Custer, WI. Hours would be from 7:30 AM to Noon. Contact Greg Wirtz if you are interested in helping.
- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers have been invited to exhibit at **"Heritage Days"** in Plover, WI On Saturday & Sunday June 18 & 19, 2022. Location would be Heritage Park. Saturday hours would be from (undetermined at this time) to Noon. Sunday hours would be 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Contact Greg Wirtz if you are interested in helping.
- Jim Balzer informed us that he is getting rid of his (55) year collection of decoys and related books & supplies. If interested contact Jim @ (715-421-4277).
- Greg Wirtz informed the club that the 1st United Church of Christ is now open and asked if the club was interested in moving back to the Church. After much discussion, the majority of those present wanted to stay at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB: Hearing the news from half a world away, Sue and Ken Brzezinski (Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members) put out a flyer to all residents of Pirco Senior Mobile Home Park in Saratoga, asking residents to gather together and make blankets for the babies, toddlers, children, and adults fleeing their homes in Ukraine. Fifteen women came forward immediately to do whatever was needed to bring some comfort to those fleeing their homes, by making hand-made blankets. Not knowing how many residents would come forward, those fifteen women completed over 30 blankets in two days, and are continuing to do so. Thirty blankets were shipped to Poland on March 24th. The second batch of about 20 blankets will be on their way to the Ukrainian refugees in early April. **Good work Sue and Ken.**

Show and Tell:

- Becky Engstrand showed a colored woodburning of a Quilt that had finished.
 - Bobbi O’Shasky showed a relief carving of Sunflowers & Bluebirds that she had done in a class with Greg Wirtz at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point.
 - Jerry Meid showed a Feather that he had carved and woodburned out of a piece of Dogwood.
 - Tom Kissner showed a Civil War Soldier that he carved in the Floyd Rhadigan class.
 - Ron O’Kray showed “Granny” (Popeye’s mother) that he carved in the Floyd Rhadigan class.
 - David King showed “Pool Shark” & “Bar maid” that he carved in the Floyd Rhadigan class.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Kissner made the motion seconded by Jerry Meid. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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