



June 2022 Newsletter

By: Ron O'Kray - Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes from May 2022 Meeting: Motion by Jerry Meid and seconded by Marion O'Kray to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent a sympathy card to Carol Kvatek on the loss of husband Jim Kvatek and a sympathy card to Dorothy Jochims on the loss of husband Jim. She also sent Get Well cards to John Overby, David Kublank, Ron Peters, & Clark Snyder. We hope that John, David, Ron, & Clark are doing better.

Membership: We have (81) memberships paid for in 2022. Alan & Kathrine Wechorek joined the club. They are parents of Youth member Adam Wechorek.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Dues 2022, & Debbe Edwards seminar.
- **Expenses** were for: Additional fee for Non-Stock Corporation report to State of Wisconsin, Ink for computer printer, Carol Kvatek on the loss of husband Jim, Printing of May newsletter, Stamps for mailing of May newsletter, Rent of Lincoln Center for April & May 2022, and to Point Trophy for adding Jim Kvatek's name to memorial plaque.
- A motion was made by Mahala Earnhart and seconded by Jerry Meid to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- 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 9:00 AM to Noon. Sunday hours would be 1:00 to 4:00 PM. **David King volunteered to do the carving demonstration on Saturday.** Thanks David.
- 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).

- **Picnic:** The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will be having our annual picnic at “South Wood County Park” 6411 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI on Wednesday July 6, 2022. The picnic is for members and spouses **only**. The club will again provide the meat. We ask all members to bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. Marion O’Kray volunteered to be the Picnic Chairman. We need to know by July 1st if you will be attending so we can the meat ordered. Contact Marion O’Kray @ 715-341-2214 or ron.marion@charter.net to let her know you will be attending. Becky Engstrand & Bobbi O’Shasky volunteered to help Marion.
- A question was brought up about the pictures that were taken when David King and helpers did the “Kid’s Carving” at the Port Edwards elementary school. David will check into whether he can get those pictures so we could use them in the club scrapbook.

New Business:

- Received a call from Dick Belcher of **Belcher Carving Supply** of Tipp City, OH (937-845-0346) that he has a whole box of back issues “Carving” magazine. This magazine is no longer published. If you are interested contact Dick before he leaves for Maquoketa, IA. , Dick will be in Maquoketa, IA starting Saturday June 11th for AWC.

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 (13) students. (13) carvers have already paid for the seminar. **The class is full.** We will be starting a waiting list. Contact Ron O’Kray if you want to be on the waiting list.
- 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. Forms are on the website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Upcoming Shows in 2022:

- 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 club website.
- **Carve-In on the Chippewa** (Sponsored by the West Wisconsin Wood Carves Guild) will be held on September 10, 2022 from 10:00 Am to 4:00 PM at Post 305 VFW, 1300 Starr Ave, Eau Claire, WI. Free Admission. Contact Rich Thelen @ 715-456-8253 or rlthelen@charter.net for more information.
- "**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 their 39th Annual "Artistry in Wood" show at the Denmark High School, 450 North Hall Street, Denmark, WI on Saturday & Sunday October 8 & 9, 2022. Saturday hours are 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday's hours are 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for those over the age of 12. More information on website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- 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.
- The **Piedmont Wood Carvers Club** invites you to "The best and upcoming woodcarving show in the Southeast" in conjunction with an elite artist fair. The 33rd Annual Woodcarving Competition and Show will be held on November 11 - 13, 2022 at the Simpsonville Activity & Senior Center in Simpsonville, SC. Free Admission and free parking. More information @ www.piedmontwoodcarvers.com.
- **Karve In 7** will be held on April 22, 2023 at Westby Elementary, 122 Nelson Street, Westby, WI. This is a new location. Free admission. Contact Steve Michaels @ stevemicheals@westby-norse.org or John Sutton @ 608-634-4396 or lbarnfarms@gmail.com.

Update on the Website:

- Kyle Mallek reported not a huge number of hits, but they are rising. Kyle stated that if you type in "Woodcarving" on the internet, the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers has risen higher on the list.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

- **Following paragraph appeared in our April newsletter.** *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***
- Ken reported that they shipped (59) blankets and raised \$600.00 in donations. The money was used to pay the shipping and the remainder was used to purchase personal items. Last week they received a thank you letter and a picture of the children who were the recipients of the blankets.

Show and Tell:

- David King showed a carving of an old pilot who now only flies paper airplanes.
 - Echo Keller showed a woodburning in progress of Sandy Hartjes dog.
 - Ron O’Kray showed some “Moravian Stars” that he had completed tonight prior to the meeting.
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- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry Meid made the motion seconded by Marion O’Kray. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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