



August 2022 Newsletter

By: Ron O'Kray - Treasurer

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

Minutes from July 2022 Meeting: Motion by Jerry Meid and seconded by Adam Wechorek to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent a Get-Well card to Ron Fischer. We hope that Ron is doing better.

Membership: We have (83) memberships paid for in 2022. Dorothy Jochims of Friendship, WI rejoined the club. Welcome back Dorothy.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** none.
- **Expenses** were for: Rent of Central Wisconsin Cultural Center on July 13, 2022; Donation to first Congregational Church for 1 year rent, Rent of Lincoln Center for July 2022, Printing of July newsletter, Boxed Greeting cards, and Cookies for club meeting.
- A motion was made by Jerry Meid and seconded by Mahala Earnhart to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- **We still need someone to host Debby Edwards for her stay in Stevens Point during upcoming seminar.**
- **John Engler** contacted the club about doing a seminar in 2023. John has been carving full time since 1983 when he graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a BFA degree. He is very active in teaching relief carving and watercolor painting throughout the U.S., as well as operating the John Lee Engler and Associate design studio. He specializes in medium relief woodcarving finishing them off with watercolors. The carving would be (3) days with painting on the 4th day. The cost of a three-day carving class would be \$200.00 and \$70.00 for the painting class. Blanks would cost between \$40.00 and \$45.00. John will take a minimum of (9) students with a maximum of (13). We have (11) carvers that have shown interest.
- If interested, contact Greg Wirtz. Chet James has been in contact with John Engler about the dates in 2023. We should know soon.

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 Driftless Folk School will be holding their **10th Annual Spoon Gathering @ La Farge Village Park** on September 9 to 11, 2022. More information on website www.facebook.com/DriftlessSpoons.
- 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.
- **Gathering of Woodcarvers** will be held at the fairgrounds in Sandwich, IL on September 30 thru October 2, 2022. Vic Hood, Roger Stegall, Linda Langenburg Curtiss, Dylan Goodson, Susan Hendrix, and Steve Rogers will be the instructors. More information on the club website or www.Gatheringofwoodcarvers.com.
- 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.

New Business:

- **Update on Club Library** – All the club books are now in the cabinets at the First Congregation Church in Wisconsin Rapids, WI and available to sign out on Wednesday night when the club meets.
- **Christmas Party** – Greg Wirtz asked if there was any interest in a Christmas Party. Everyone in attendance was in favor. Ken & Sue Brzezinski volunteered to host the Christmas party. Ken will report back at the September meeting about dates available, location and menu.

Show and Tell:

- Greg Wirtz showed a miniature Canadian Goose that he did in a class at Doane College in Crete, NE.
 - Richard Zakoski showed a Snowman that he carved from a “Moore” roughout. He also had a “Happy – Go – Lucky” turtle from Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine that he is working on.
 - David King showed a woodburned Bear and Cub that he completed. He also had a bust of Jesus out of catalpa that he finished.
 - Tom Kissner showed a “Toy Soldier” that he completed.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Jerry Meid made the motion seconded by Ken Brzezinski. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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