



July 2022 Newsletter

By: Ron O'Kray - Treasurer

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

Minutes from June 2022 Meeting: Motion by Marion O'Kray and seconded by David King to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent a sympathy card to Lynn Kublank on the loss of husband Dave Kublank. She also sent Get Well cards to Art Uher and Sophie Kubisiak, We hope that Art & Sophie are doing better.

Membership: We have (82) memberships paid for in 2022.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income** came from: Debbe Edwards seminar.
- **Expenses** were for: Printing of June newsletter, Cookies for club meeting, Foam plates & plastic cutlery for picnic, Rental of Lincoln Center for June 2022, Chicken for club picnic, Rental of South Wood county Park shelter for picnic, and paper for computer printer.
- A motion was made by Marion O'Kray and seconded by Tom Kissner to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- We had (40) members attend the club picnic. The food and camaraderie were great. Thanks to Marion O'Kray and crew for doing an excellent job on the picnic.

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. We still need someone to host Debbe Edwards during her stay in Stevens Point.

- 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 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 Carvers 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, 12, & 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:

- **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. Paint is included. Blanks would cost between \$40.00 and \$45.00. John will take a minimum of (9) students with a maximum of (13). (10) carvers are interested in taking the class at this time. If interested, contact Greg Wirtz or Ron O'Kray. Chet James (Seminar Director) will contact John Engler to determine a date in 2023.
- A discussion was held on continuing to carve at the Central Wisconsin Cultural Center. Every week, it seems the staff at the Cultural Center moves something into our carving area making it more and more difficult to enjoy our carving session. The Cultural Center is ideal for carving with the exception of the director. A motion was made by David King and seconded by Tom Kissner to see if we can move our Wisconsin Rapids carving back to the First Congregational Church. A vote was taken and it was unanimous to leave the Cultural Center. Greg Wirtz will check with the church if and when we can start carving there. We started carving at the Church on Wednesday July 20th. The address is:

First Congregational Church
311 2nd Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Show and Tell: Jim Van Duser showed a reduced size Blue Wing Teal hen that he carved, Greg Wirtz showed a Santa that he just finished, and Ken Brzezinski showed a woodburned plate that he completed.

- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Echo Keller made the motion seconded by Ken Brzezinski. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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