



October 2022 Newsletter

By: Ron O'Kray - Treasurer

Vice President Diane Swiggum called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM in the absence of the president

Minutes from September 2022 Meeting: Motion by Ron Peters and seconded by Chet James to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O'Kray reported that she sent Get-Well cards to Dana Bungaard and Marge Gehrman. We hope that they both are doing better.

Membership: We have (85) memberships paid for in 2022. Ashten & Dan Brown rejoined the club. Ashten is the granddaughter of club President Greg Wirtz and is the founder of Badger State Blades. Badger State Blades is making high quality carving knives. Welcome back Ashten & Dan and the best of luck in your new business venture.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Income:** John Engler Carving & painting seminar, and Debbe Edwards seminar.
- **Expenses** were for: Printing of September newsletter, reimbursement for Debbe Edwards seminar for those who could not make the new dates, one year Website license, and rent of Lincoln Center September 2022.
- A motion was made by David King and seconded by Echo Keller to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- The **Debbe Edwards** seminar that was scheduled for September 12, 13, & 14, 2022 has been re-scheduled for October 31, November 1 & 2, 2022. Class is full. Location and times for seminar have not changed.
- **Christmas Party:** Ken Brzezinski said the party will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2023 at Smiley's in Plover, WI. Happy hour will be at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. Menu will be the same at last year except we will have beef instead of ham. Price is not determined at this time.

- Those members of the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers that attended the Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild carving show in Denmark, WI had a great time.
- Have you ever wondered what it would be like make your own knife? Now you can! Experience a mini version of “Forged in Fire”. We will make knives out of Allen wrenches, drill bits, garage door springs, car coil springs, etc. Contact Denny at **Forest City Forging** neubauer.dennis@yahoo.com to make arrangements. This is a one-day experience for the low cost of \$55, plus a propane and materials fee of \$10. Class size from 1 to 6 persons at the same low price per person. The class will be held at Denny’s home in Rockford, IL.

Upcoming Seminars:

- **Floyd Rhadigan Seminar** The seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday April 5, 6, & 7, 2023. Cost is \$150.00 plus roughout(s) for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$160.00 plus roughouts(s) for Non-Members. Cost of roughouts is between \$15.00 and \$40.00. Pay Floyd for roughouts at start of class. Forms are available from Ron O’Kray or on the website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. We have (2) carvers already paid.
- **John Engler** of Battlefield, MO will be conducting a (3) day woodcarving class and a (1) day painting class. Carving will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday August 22, 23, & 24, 2023 and Painting will be on Friday August 25, 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. Blanks would cost between \$40.00 and \$45.00. Pay John for blanks at start of class. Check out his website www.johnenglerwoodcarving.com. John needs minimum of (9) students and maximum of (13) students for carving and (10) students’ maximum for painting. Forms are available from Ron O’Kray or on the website: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org. We have (6) carvers already paid

Upcoming Shows in 2022:

- The **Waupaca Area Woodcarvers** will be having their first woodcarving show on November 6, 2022 @ 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI. Hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. 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. Let Ron O’Kray know if you will be participating on the club tables.
- 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.

Upcoming Shows in 2023:

- **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.
- **The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers** will be holding their 47th Annual Show, Competition, and Sale on Sunday May 7, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the "Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI. Admission in \$5.00, Ages 12 & under are free. More show information is available @ www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com or from Paul Wolters (920-727-2139).
- **AWC Congress** will be held in Maquoketa, IA from June 10 to 17, 2023. Competition, Seminars, and Show. More information from Ron O'Kray, the website www.woodcarverscongress.org, or Facebook: Affiliated Wood Carvers
- The **Rock River Woodcarvers** will be holding their show on September 9, 2023.
- The first **Carve in On the Chippewa** was a success. They are planning next year's show for September 16, 2023.

New Business:

- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers has supplied judges for the **Mid-Wisconsin Chippers** show for many years. Most clubs that have judging have carvers who are not part of the sponsoring club do the judging. In a conversation with Cedric Richeson, he asked if we had someone in our club that would be willing to mentor or intern with the judges so that they would have some new judges. If interested contact Cedric @ 920-420-1225 or richeson@thechieftain.us.
- We will be **voting** on November 9, 2022 for the club officers for 2023. If you are interested in an office, contact Greg Wirtz. If you are an officer and do not wish to be one in 2023, contact Greg Wirtz

Show and Tell:

- Becky Engstrand showed a woodburned and painted plate of Chickadees.
- Adam Wechorek showed a spoon of his own design.
- Tom Kissner showed the Seven Dwarfs that he carved.
- David King showed his "Mr. Potato Head" that he carved.

- There being no other business Vice President Diane Swiggum asked for a motion to adjourn. Echo Keller made the motion seconded by Jerry Meid. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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