



February 2023 Newsletter

By: Ron O’Kray – Secretary / Treasurer

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

Minutes from December 2022 Meeting: Motion by Marion O’Kray and seconded by Ron Peters to accept as sent. All in attendance approved. There was no business meeting in January because of Christmas party.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she sent a Get-Well card to Eric Ecklund. Eric fell and broke his ankle in three places. We wish Eric a speedy recovery.

Membership: We have (59) memberships paid for in 2023. The following carvers have not paid for 2023:

Anderson, Darrel	Jim & Elaine Balzer	Barten, Karen
Bengal, Gene	Brinkman, Karen	Bungaard, Dana
Burdick, Robert & Donna	Carlson, Thore	Clauss, Warren & Barbara
Fisher, Thomas & Barbara	Forsythe, Chris & Kari	Hamre, Herb
Hemminger, Dan & Mary	Hoeth, Laurel	Jochims, Dorothy
Johnson, Gary & Kathy	Kautz, Tom & Rosemary	Klement, Joyce & Tom
Korslin, Bobbi	Kvatek, Carol	Longo, Joe
Mallek, Kyle & Kayla	Picardi, Cari Ann	Pilsl, Al & Sue
Pudroski, Steve & Linda	Schultz, Karen & Don	Schwartz, Andrew
Staeben, Mary & Butch	Thompson, Gregg & Becky	Thurber, Clarence & Julie
Van Duser, James & Arlene		

Dues are \$24.00 and payable to Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. If dues are not paid this will be your last newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report:

- **Income:** Dues 2023, Christmas Party 2022, John Engler Carving & Painting Seminar, Floyd Rhadigan Seminar, and John Overby Seminar

- **Expenses:** Rent of Lincoln Center December 2022, AWC Cash Class Award, Printing of December newsletter, Printing of Membership applications, Stamps, Christmas Party 2022, 1 Year renewal of Domain License and Protection to GoDaddy.com, Insurance for 1 year, Rent of Lincoln Center 2023, Reimbursement for supplies for club scrapbook, Coffee Pot, Refund for John Engler Seminar, & Coffee and sweets for club meeting.
- A motion was Dick Fleisner and seconded by Ron Peters to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- **Christmas Party:** Ken Brzezinski reported that (54) members had signed up for the Christmas party, but only (49) attended either due to the weather or health conditions. Ken said that he did not like the beef (it was too dry). One member agreed with Ken, another said the meal was just fine, and the others members had no comment. Usually we had Ham, but Ken decided to have beef instead. Ken said he and Sue will not be in charge of the Christmas party next year, but volunteered Becky Engstrand and Bobbi O'Shasky to be in charge. *History: August 8th, Ken & Sue volunteer to host Christmas party. September 14th, No information available on Christmas party, October 12th, Date set, menu set, Beef not Ham, and no price available. November 9th, Sign-up form available, Cost \$22.50, Menu "Polish Buffet", Includes Dessert, Tax, and Gratuity. January 11th, after the Christmas party, club treasurer goes to pay banquet meal, additional charge for dessert. Club treasurer asks owner of Smiley's what that charge is for: she responds "someone called in this week and ordered dessert". Club treasurer tells her that club is not responsible for the additional charge, and to see the "someone" for payment.* Ken Brzezinski made two motions: (1) That the club treasury be responsible for the cost of dessert if the chairperson or persons of the Christmas party decide to have the venue prepare the desert. Motion was seconded by David King. Motion passed by a slim majority. (2) That the club treasury covers at least one beverage per person, such as soda, beer, glass of wine or cocktail at the Christmas party. Motion was seconded by Diane Swiggum. Motion passed by a slim majority.
- 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. *Denny Neubauer will be in Wisconsin Rapids this Friday and Saturday February 10 & 11, 2023 at Badger State Blades. Badger State Blades is located on Greenfield Ave, east of the Food Tree near the intersection of State Hwy 34 and Country Road HH (the old County Road P). President Greg Wirtz says to stop by and see knife making in progress. If you have a particular carving tool that needs sharpening, Denny can do it for a nominal fee.*
- **Rummage Sale:** An idea was brought up about having a "Carving related rummage sale". The thought was to have the sale in conjunction with Summer Picnic. It was agreed to proceed with rummage sale.

- **Update on the Facebook Page:** Missy Wachuta

1. Log into Facebook
2. Click on the Search Bar in the top left corner of the webpage. Type in Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. It should pop up in the list that shows up.
3. Click the correct link or press “Enter” after spelling it all out.
4. Our club should be at the top of the page that is then shown with a list of relevant searches.
5. Click on the bolded name of our group and it will bring you to our page. Once you are there, you can send the club a message, read a post, or reply to a post.

- **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. A form for the Floyd Rhadigan seminar is attached. We have **(10)** carvers already paid.
- **John Overby** of Fifield, WI is a Wisconsin River Woodcarvers member. John Teaches “Flat Plane carving”. Definition: *The **Scandinavian flat-plane style of woodcarving** is a style of figure carving. The figures are carved in large flat planes, created primarily using a carving knife. Tool marks are left in the carving and very little (if any) rounding or sanding is done.* The seminar will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI on **Friday & Saturday May 19 & 20, 2023**. Cost is \$100.00 plus cutout(s) for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$110.00 plus cutouts(s) for Non-Members. Class size minimum of (8) with a maximum of (12). The projects are band sawed and cost between \$10.00 and \$15.00. Pay John for cutouts at start of class. Tools needed are a 1 ½” to 2” sharp knife. We have **(1)** carvers already paid. See some pictures of John Overby’s carvings. More pictures of Website and Facebook page.



- **John Engler** of Battlefield, MO will be conducting a (3) day woodcarving class (**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday August 22, 23, & 24, 2023**) and a (1) day painting class (**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. A form for the John Engler class is attached. We have **(9)** carvers already paid.

Club Meeting Dates:

- **February 15, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **February 21, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **February 22, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **March 1, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **March 7, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **March 8, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

New Business:

- **Summer Picnic:** President Greg Wirtz asked if there was interest in a picnic. Overwhelming response was yes. Chet James will check the availability of the South Wood County Park shelter for Wednesday July 12, 2023. More information to come.

Show and Tell:

- Greg Wirtz showed some Valentine ornaments that he is working on.
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Ken Brzezinski made the motion seconded by Echo Keller. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

CLUB OFFICIERS:

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| • President | Greg Wirtz | 715-423-0471 | gswirtz@outlook.com |
| • Vice President | Diane Swiggum | 715-459-3221 | mrschips48@gmail.com |
| • Secretary | Ron O'Kray | 715-341-2214 | ron.marion@charter.net |
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| • Historian | Stan Carlson | 715-341-3695 | scarlson@uwsp.edu |
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| • Librarian | Bill Jacobs | 715-421-4962 | |
| • Hostess | Marion O'Kray | 715-341-2214 | ron.marion@charter.net |
| • Facebook Administrator | Missy Wachuta | 608-633-5648 | melissa.wach07@gmail.com |

**WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS
JOHN OVERBY SEMINAR**

CARVING: Friday & Saturday, May 19 & 20, 2023
TIME: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
WHERE: Lincoln Center (Workshop)
1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

COST: **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members: \$100.00** plus bandsaw cutout(s). Pay John for cutout(s). Cost of cutout between \$10.00 and \$15.00
Non-Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members s: \$110.00 plus bandsaw cutout(s). Pay John for cutout(s). Cost of roughout between \$10.00 and \$15.00
Meals are **not** included.

WHAT TO BRING: Quality and sharp knives

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For additional information or questions contact Greg Wirtz (715-423-0471) or Ron O'Kray (715-341-2214).

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you cancel the class more than (30) days prior to the class, your entire registration will be refunded. If you cancel (8) to (30) days from the start of the class, your registration fee minus \$20.00 will be refunded. If you cancel (7) or fewer days prior to the start of the class, no money will be refunded.

Payment due at time of registration.

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Inc.**

Mail completed form to: **Ronald O'Kray - Treasurer**
1449 Sunny Crest Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481

**WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS
FLOYD RHADIGAN SEMINAR**

CARVING: Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, April 6, 7, & 8, 2022
TIME: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
WHERE: Lincoln Center (Rooms A & B)
1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

COST: **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members: \$150.00** plus roughout(s). Pay Floyd for roughout. Cost of roughout between \$15.00 and \$40.00
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Meals are **not** included.

WHAT TO BRING: Quality and sharp hand tools and knives

BIOGRAPHY: I entered the world of woodcarving in 1970, with the help of a family friend, Smokey Joe Briemuiller. He was one of those characters who fascinated me as a child. He carved small animals, Indians and Hill People. He had the aroma of wood and cigar smoke about him.

Wood Carving has opened many doors for me and I have met the greatest people in the world. I had the honor to win Best of Show in the 2005 CCA Carving Competition. The biggest honor in my career was to become a member of the club all my heroes belong to, the Caricature Carvers of America.

I have a lot more to learn on this journey. May we meet and carve together along the way.

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PAINTING: Friday, August 25, 2023

TIME: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: Lincoln Center (Workshop)

1519 Water Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

COST: **CARVING ONLY** - \$200.00 for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$215.00 for Non-Members (Plus roughout)

CARVING & PAINTING - \$270.00 for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$290.00 for Non-Members. (Plus roughout)

Meals are **not** included.

WHAT TO BRING: Hand Tools and Bench Knife. Paint brushes if painting. John will furnish paint. For additional information or questions contact "Seminar Chairman" Chet James 715-347-0234 or E-mail chtbon@solarus.net

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone _____

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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Ronald O'Kray – Treasurer
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Stevens Point, WI 54482-9432

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 **Kettle Karvers Klub** is again Holding its' "Artistry in Wood" carving show on Sunday April 23, 2023 at the Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave. Sheboygan, WI from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information contact Bob Lawrence at 920-458-4947 or Email Bob at bob.kettlekarvers@att.net. You may also visit the club website at www.kettlekarvers.org. Information also available at www.wisconsinriverwoodcarver.org.
- **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). Ron O'Kray has forms if you are interested.
- The **North Arkansas Woodcarvers** will be holding their 43rd Annual Woodcarving Show on Saturday & Sunday May 6 & 7, 2023 at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home Arkansas. Saturday hours are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For information Call Sandy Smith @ 870-431-8070 or Email her @ typesmith@suddenlink.net. Website www.northarkansaswoodcarvers.org or webmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org. Information also available @ www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.
- **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.
- The 40th Annual Northeast **Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild** (NEWWG) show will be held on October 28 & 29, 2023 at the Denmark high School, 450 North Wall Street, Denmark, WI. Hours are 9:30 to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 9:30 to 3;00 PM on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00, 12 and under are free. Free Parking. More information as to follow.
- The Second Annual **Waupaca** Woodcarving Show, Sale, & Competition will be held Sunday November 5, 2023 at 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI. Hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is \$4.00. Ages 6 – 16 \$2.00, and under 2 free. Tool and Wood vendors, Art for Sale, and Demonstrations.