



## August 2023 Newsletter

By: Ron O'Kray - Secretary / Treasurer

**President Greg Wirtz** called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM Wednesday August 9, 2023.

**Minutes from June 2023 Meeting:** Motion made by Chet James and seconded by David King to accept as sent. All in attendance approved. No meeting in July because of club picnic.

**Sunshine Report:** Marion O'Kray sent Get Well cards to Bob Strzelczyk, Ann Carlson, and Mary Willner. We hope that all are feeling better. If you know of a club member that is sick, contact Marion at 715-341-2214 or [ron.marion@charter.net](mailto:ron.marion@charter.net).

**Membership:** We have (73) memberships paid for in 2023. **Bob Strzelczyk** of Cedarburg, WI joined the club. Bob is a retired physician recruiter. He is married to Mary Jo. His hobbies and interests are WWII, Korean, and Vietnam history. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, travel & #1 caving. **Dana Bungaard** of Rice Lake, WI rejoined the club. **Greg Polacheck** of Lake Mills, WI joined the club. *I've only been carving a few years. I am a member of the Capitol Carvers of Wisconsin and have ties to the area as our daughter and grandchildren live in Kronenwetter where we have purchased a retirement home to move into in a few years. I also graduated from UWSP many years ago and we are looking forward to moving back to the area. My work has been in corporate real estate and other hobby is singing with the Madison Symphony chorus and our church choir.* Welcome new and returning members.

**Correspondence:** Received a letter from Barbara Resop.

*Dear Mr. O'Kray and Wisconsin River Woodcarvers*

*I don't know if you remember Tony Resop. He belonged to your club and loved the camaraderie of the club. He loved coming and taking part in the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers show. Tony wasn't able to come the last three years to take part in your carving shows because of his health. Tony died March 30, 2022. I don't think I told you, as I didn't have your address, as he hadn't attended for so many years. Gene Bengal, a club member gave me your address. The reason for this letter is I'm sending you a check for \$100.00 in Tony's name. Please use it where you see fit for your club. Tony really enjoyed your club.*

Received a Thank You card from Randy Hansen. Randy won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Group F, Class 601(waterfowl) at AWC 2023. The Wisconsin River Wood Carvers donated the money for the Class Cash Award.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**INCOME AND EXPENSES SINCE LAST NEWLETTER**

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$37.34		Printing of June Newsletter
\$15.90		Picnic Supplies
\$4.21		Office Supplies
\$200.00		Reimbursement for rent of Shelter @ South Wood County Park for Club Picnic
\$160.29		Chicken for Club Picnic
\$13.49		Reimbursement for pictures of 2023 Club Picnic
\$8.43		Transfer pictures of club picnic to memory stick
\$15.00		Rent of Lincoln Center for July 2023
	\$20.00	Downpayment for Floyd Rhadigan Seminar
	\$72.00	Dues 2023
	\$540.00	John Engler Carving & Painting Seminar
	\$100.00	Donation to club in memory of Tony Resop
	\$61.00	Raffle of Greg Wirtz carving @ Picnic
	\$10.00	Donation to club for Picnic expenses
	\$18.00	Sale of Carving Screws & Cottonwood Bark to offset cost of Picnic
	\$150.00	Floyd Rhadigan Class; April 2024
\$454.66	\$971.00	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>

- A motion was made by Chet James and seconded by Ron Peters to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

## Old Business:

- **Summer Picnic:** The club thanks Marion O’Kray and Delores Zakoski for being in charge of the summer picnic. Even though we had an early rain, the members that attended had great time. Food was delicious. The rummage sale in conjunction with the picnic saw a lot of carving related items changing hands. If we have a rummage sale next year, consensus was to start a little later. Pictures from the club picnic are on the club website [www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org](http://www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org).
- Missy Wachuta (**Facebook Administer**) has left the Central Wisconsin area at the end of June and will be doing service work in Peru and then in Tennessee for the next year or two. We wish her the best in her new endeavors. We are in need of someone to take over the position of Facebook Administer. Contact Greg Wirtz if you are interested. Ashten Brown is trying to get in touch with Jason Alderman who is listed as the Facebook coordinator.
- Greg Wirtz has talked to **Carol Leavy** about doing a class in carving Christmas ornaments. Carol is a member of the Caricature Carvers of America. The cost of the class would be \$50.00 per day per student. Six carvers at the meeting showed interest. It was decided to do either a two- or three-day class. Greg Wirtz will check with Carol as to her schedule and pictures of projects.
- When we were down at **AWC**, one thing that we that we noticed was they had no competition class for carved spoons. A motion was made at the June 2023 business meeting by Clarence Thurber and seconded by Tom Kissner to allocate \$100.00 for a Cash Class Award in Treenware. Definition of Treenware is: household utensils, dishes, etc., made entirely of wood. All in attendance approved. AWC seems interested, am waiting for a definite answer.
- Ashten Brown of **Badger State Blades** was at the June meeting with some of her patriotic knives. The knives sell for \$40.00 each and will be made until Veteran’s Day November 11, 2023. \$5.00 will donated to the VFW for every knife sold. If interested contact her @ [orders@badgerstateblades.com](mailto:orders@badgerstateblades.com) or 715-697-6010.
- No Other Old Business?

## Upcoming Seminars

- **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. Cost of the seminar, Carving only - \$200.00 members and \$215.00 non-members. Cost of Carving & Painting - \$270.00 for members and \$290.00 for non-members. Blanks would cost between \$40.00 and \$45.00. Pay John for blanks at start of class. Check out his website [www.johnenglerwoodcarving.com](http://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 **(12)** carvers already paid. The class is full with **(1)** carver on the waiting list.

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Floyd Rhadigan Seminar** will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI on **Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday April 3, 4, & 5, 2024**. 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 **(7)** carvers already paid.

### **New Business**

- The **Central Wisconsin Fair** will be held in Marshfield, WI from August 22 thru August 26, 2023. They have a woodworking competition with competition Classes: Caricature carving, Animal Carving, Bird Carving, Holiday Carving, Chip Carving, Best Piece of Hand Carving, Pyrography, Decorative Carved Spoons, and Signs. All work must be that of the exhibitor and has not been previously shown at the fair. Entry deadline in August 15, 2023 and must be done online. More information @ 715-387-1261 or [eventmanager.cwsf@gmail.com](mailto:eventmanager.cwsf@gmail.com). Greg Wirtz, Randy Hartjes, and Ron Peters are already registered. Entry fee is \$25.00 and includes shows and admission for all six days.

### **Show & Tell:**

- Mahala Earhart showed a Santa she carved out of Catalpa. There were no other new completed projects at this time.



## Upcoming Shows in 2023:

- The **Rock River Woodcarvers** will be holding their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Show on Saturday September 9, 2023 at the Rock County Fair Grounds, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Free Admission. More information available from Brad Crandall 608-931-0188 [bwkicrandall@gamil.com](mailto:bwkicrandall@gamil.com) or John Raisbeck [jkraisbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jkraisbeck@gmail.com).
- The 2nd Annual **Carve in On the Chippewa** will be held on September 16, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Brickhouse Pub and Banquet Room, 2233 Birch Street, Eau Claire, WI. (This location has 6 stairs to enter the banquet hall). Free Admission, Demonstrations, Door prizes, Used Tools / Books for Sale, Open to the Public. If interested in a table, contact Charlene @ 715-497-6296. Sponsored by the West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild.
- The **Capitol Carver of Wisconsin** & Badger Woodturners will be holding their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show and Sale on Sunday October 29, 2023 at the Deforest Area High School, 815 Jefferson Street, Deforest, WI From 9:00 Am to 4:00 PM. Free Admission. More information @ [www.cacw.clubexpress.com](http://www.cacw.clubexpress.com) or [www.bwt.clubexpress.com](http://www.bwt.clubexpress.com).
- 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.
- The **Northeast Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild** will be holding their 40<sup>th</sup> Artistry in Wood show at the Denmark High School in Denmark, WI on November 11 & 12, 2023. Admission \$5.00, 12 and under Free. For more information contact [www.newwg.org/annual-show](http://www.newwg.org/annual-show), Kristin @920-420-8999, or Randy @ 920-676-6466.

## Club Meeting Dates:

- **August 15, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **August 16 2023** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **August 23, 2023** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **August 30, 2023** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **September 5, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **September 6, 2023** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
  - **September 13, 2023** 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. \_\_\_\_\_ made the motion seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ All approved. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

## CLUB OFFICIERS:

- President Greg Wirtz 715-423-0471 [gswirtz@outlook.com](mailto:gswirtz@outlook.com)
- Vice President Diane Swiggum 715-459-3221 [mrschips48@gmail.com](mailto:mrschips48@gmail.com)
- Secretary Ron O'Kray 715-341-2214 [ron.marion@charter.net](mailto:ron.marion@charter.net)

**WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS  
3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FLOYD RHADIGAN SEMINAR**

**CARVING:** Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, April 3, 4, 5, 2024

**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  
**Non-Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members s: \$160.00** plus roughout(s). Pay Floyd for roughout. Cost of roughout between \$15.00 and \$40.00  
Meals are **not** included.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Quality and sharp hand tools and knives

If there is anything in particular roughout you would like to see Floyd bring to the seminar, contact him @ 734-649-3259.  
The cost of the seminar is same as in 2022 and 2023.

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

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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 54482**