



September 2023 Newsletter

By: Ron O’Kray – Secretary / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM Wednesday September 13, 2023.

Minutes from August 2023 Meeting: Motion made by Ron Peters and seconded by Jerry Meid to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray sent a Get-Well card to Katharine Wechorek. She also sent Sympathy cards to Greg Wirtz on the loss of his sister and to Sophie Kubisiak on the loss of her sister. We hope Katharine is feeling better. If you know of a club member that is sick, contact Marion at 715-341-2214 or ron.marion@charter.net.

Membership: We have (74) memberships paid for in 2023. Tom & Rosie Kautz of Milton, WI rejoined the club. Welcome back Tom & Rosie.

Treasurer’s Report:

INCOME AND EXPENSES SINCE LAST NEWLETTER

| EXPENSES | INCOME | DESCRIPTION |
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| \$31.08 | | Printing of August newsletter |
| \$30.00 | | Rent of Lincoln Center August 2023 |
| \$3,240.00 | | John Engler Carving & Painting Seminar |
| \$80.00 | | Rent of Lincoln Center For John Engler seminar |
| \$19.92 | | Cookies & Paper plates for club meeting |
| | \$170.00 | Floyd Rhadigan Class; April 2024 |
| | \$72.00 | Dues 2024 |
| \$3,401.00 | \$242.00 | |
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- A motion was made by Ashten Brown and seconded by Jerry Meid to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- Ashten Brown has been appointed by President Greg Wirtz to fill the remaining term of Missy Wachuta as **Facebook Administer**.
- 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 approved the addition of Class 308 "Treenware" on Sunday September 10, 2023. Ron will send a check to AWC.
- 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 or 715-697-6010.
- The **John Engler seminar** was a success. Pictures of John Engler seminar are on club website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org and Facebook.
- The **Central Wisconsin Fair** was held in Marshfield, WI from August 22 thru August 26, 2023. Greg Wirtz took a 1st Place in all the categories he entered except one where Randy Hartjes took 1st Place. Greg also took "Best of Show". Congratulations to Greg and Randy.
- The **Rock River Woodcarvers** held their 17th Annual Show on Saturday September 9, 2023 in Janesville, WI from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This was their first time at having a carving competition. Greg Wirtz took "Best of Show". Congratulations to Greg. All those that attended had a great time.

Upcoming Seminars

- **3rd Annual Floyd Rhadigan Seminar** will be held at the Lincoln Center is 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 **(9)** carvers already paid.

New Business

- Received an E-mail from Cindy of **Chipping Away** of Kitchener, Ontario; Canada. They will offer a 10% discount to all Wisconsin River Woodcarver members. You just have to mention our club. You must spend \$50.00 before shipping to qualify for the discount. You can contact Chipping Away @ 1-888-682-9801 or www.chippingaway.com.
- Ashten Brown brought up the idea of chartering a Lamers bus to go to **AWC 2024**. The cost would be \$1900.00 for a (36) passenger bus. Cost per person would be about \$53.00 per person. If you wish to discuss pro or con of this idea, contact Ashten @ 715-697-6010.
- Greg Wirtz, Ron Peters, and Randy Hartjes are talking to fair officials at the **Central Wisconsin Fair** about making the carving portion of the fair much larger in 2024. More information as it becomes available.
- If you have pictures of recent seminars or carvings that you have completed, contact Ashten Brown or Kyle Mallek to get them on Facebook or the Webpage. Their contact information is listed below with all the club officials.
- Ashten Brown informed us that **Woodcarving Illustrated** will start their "Great Santa Carve-Off in October. Badger State Blades will be donating some carving knives as prizes. See the upcoming issue of Woodcarving Illustrated for details.
- Ashten Brown informed us that on October 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM EST, she will be featured on You-Tube with the International Association of Woodcarvers. Check them out, they have all their back videos available.
- **Show & Tell**



Badger State Blades is now making gouges.

Future Carving Shows

Eau Claire — Saturday, September 16, 2023

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild's Carve on the Chippewa, see Charlene Lynum, 715-497-6296, thelynums@gmail.com

Deforest — Sunday, October 29, 2023

Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners 32nd Annual Show, Cynthia Potthast, 608-712-2989, www.cacw.clubexpress.com

Waupaca — Sunday, November 5, 2023

Waupaca Area Wood Carvers 2nd Annual Show, Competition, & Sale, Harold Mohr, 715-281-1923 or Kathy Brehm, 920-740-1986

Denmark — Saturday & Sunday, November 11-12, 2023

Northeastern Wisconsin Woodcarvers Guild 40th Annual Show, Randy Hendricks 920-676-6466 or Jim Michels 920-863--8658. newwg.org/annual-show

Westby — Saturday, April 20, 2024

Karve In-7, Steve Michaels, 608-634-0107, steve.michaels@westbynorse.org

Sheboygan — Sunday, April 28, 2024

Kettle Karvers 31st Annual Show, Bob Lawrence, 920-458-49471 www.kettlekarvers.org

Oshkosh - Saturday, May 5, 2024

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Artistry in Wood Show, Paul Walters, 920-727-2139, www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com

Maquoketa, Iowa — Second Week of June, 2024

International Woodcarvers Congress, Marie McDonough, 563-543-4276, www.woodcarverscongress.org

Janesville — Saturday, September 14, 2024

Rock River Valley Carvers of Wis 18th Annual Show & Sale
Brad Crandall, 608-931-0188, bwkicrandall@gmail.com

- More information and forms for registration for upcoming shows are on the club website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Club Meeting Dates:

- **September 19, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **September 20, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **September 27, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **October 3, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **October 4, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **October 11, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 P

- 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:

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| • President | Greg Wirtz | 715-423-0471 | gswirtz@outlook.com |
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| • Hostess | Marion O’Kray | 715-341-2214 | ron.marion@charter.net |
| • Facebook Administrator | Ashten Brown | 715-697-6010 | orders@badgerstateblades.com |

**WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS
3rd 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).

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**