



November 2023 Newsletter

By: Ron O’Kray – Secretary / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM Wednesday November 8, 2023.

Minutes from October 2023 Meeting: Motion made by David King and seconded by Chet James to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she did not send any cards this month. If you know of a club member that is sick, contact Marion at 715-341-2214 or ron.marion@charter.net.

Membership: We have (80) memberships paid for in 2023. Jim & Karen Rooker of Sheboygan Falls, WI, Al & Sue Pils of Hancock, WI, and Harold & Helen Mohr of Waupaca, WI rejoined the club. Harold Jeske of Marathon, WI joined the club as a new member. Welcome to all. We have (9) members who have paid their dues for 2024. Dues are \$24.00 and are due on January 1, 2024. Check for dues should be made out to Wisconsin River Woodcarvers. Dues can be mailed to Ronald O’Kray, Secretary / Treasurer, Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, 1449 Sunny Crest Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54482.

Treasurer’s Report:

INCOME AND EXPENSES SINCE LAST NEWLETTER

EXPENSES	INCOME	DESCRIPTION
\$21.84		Printing of October newsletter
\$30.00		Rent of Lincoln Center October 2023
	\$121.00	Dues 2023 / 2024
	\$370.00	Floyd Rhadigan Seminar April 2024
	\$560.00	John Engler Seminar August 2024
\$51.84	\$1051.00	

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

Old Business:

- 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 be donated to the VFW for every knife sold. If interested contact her @ orders@badgerstateblades.com or 715-697-6010.
- 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.
- 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.
- Greg Wirtz, and Ron Peters talked to fair officials at the **Central Wisconsin Fair** about making the carving portion of the fair much larger in 2024. The Fair Board is eager to have the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers and other carving clubs be a part of the fair. Basically, they will allow us to do what we think is best. The entry fee is \$25.00 per person. This would allow free admission for the length of the fair. This would allow you to enter one piece in any category, not limited to woodcarving, but woodworking, flowers, sewing, knitting, crocheting, vegetables etc. Wisconsin River Woodcarvers would provide the judges for Department 25 which includes woodcarving. Ribbons and nominal prize money are paid for Best of Show, 1st Runner up, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place in all categories. Proposed carving competition categories are:

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| Caricature Human | Caricature Animal |
| Realistic Human | Realistic Animal |
| Game Birds | Waterfowl |
| Song Birds | Birds of Prey |
| Religious | Chip Carving |
| Pyrography – Natural Finish | Pyrography – Colored Finish |
| Fish – Fresh Water | Fish – Salt Water |

Holiday (to include but not limited to: Santas, Snowmen, Easter Bunny, Halloween, Leprechauns, New Year's, and Valentines)

Treenware (to include but not limited to: Utilitarian Spoon, bowls carved by not turned)

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| Spoons – Decorative | Ornaments |
| Relief | Stylized |
| Decoys | Bark Carving |
| Miniature | Miscellaneous |

If you have any comments, questions, or ideas about the **Central Wisconsin Fair**, contact Greg Wirtz @ 715-423-0471 gswirtz@outlook.com or Ron Peters @ 715-435-3162.

- **Christmas Party** will be held on Wednesday January 10, 2024 at Smiley's Banquet Hall, Plover; WI. Bobbi O'Shasky (715-457-5387) and Becky Engstrand (715-457-5024) will be the hosts. A form is attached.
- Those members of the **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers** that attended the carving shows in Deforest and Waupaca, WI all had a good time with fellow carvers.
- Received an E-mail from Connie Henke with revised information concerning the **Alexander House**.

*This is the timeline for your show **Opening January 5, 2024 - February 20, 2024**. By **November 27, 2023** I will need some images that could be used on the cover of the invitation and also for press releases. Please get pictures to Chet James by **November 22, 2023**. Photos should be at least 300 dpi in resolution and typically the larger the file size, 1 mgb or bigger the better. We send out 285 invites from the House. There will be 5 invites for each exhibiting artist that will be available for pick up at the house. In the past we have included the artists exhibiting on the inside front cover of the invite if you could include a list with the photos that would be great. Please let me know if you have a title/name for the show which can be included on the invite.*

*By **December 4, 2023** I will need any bio or information that you would like for me to share in a press release. If this can be written in the third person it makes it easy for me to cut and paste for the release.*

*Also, by **December 4, 2023** I will need an inventory of works for the exhibit. This should be a sequentially numbered list title and price or value if NFS. (An inventory sheet is attached that each artist should fill out). As far as how many works to bring, **we can light up to 60 pieces individually, so what we usually say is 30 two-dimensional and 30 three-dimensional pieces**. If pieces are small and can be grouped for lighting then take that into consideration. We do not take any commission on sales. We will use the inventory sheet when the work is dropped off, and I will also use it to create labels to hang by the work. Please place a small tab of tape or sticker with corresponding numbers on each work for identification purposes. Bottom right corner of frame works best, not on glass please. We take these sticker tags off after we hang the work and get our title/label cards up. Having the stickers on the front of the work allows us to label after the work is hung without taking them down to look for a title. If you create a photo inventory as some artists do, then the stickers are really not needed. You can put stickers on the bottom of three-dimensional pieces.*

*Delivery day will be **Wednesday, January 3, 2024** between 2:00 and 4:00 PM.*

*The opening will be **Friday January 5, 2024 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM**. We like the artists to be there by about 4:30 PM just to walk through and check to see if everything looks right.*

*Pick up of the work will be **Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 4:00 PM**. The house is open that day for visitors from 1:00 to 4:00 PM*

Contact Chet James at (715-347-0234) if you have any questions about the Alexander House.

- No other old Business

Upcoming Seminars

- **3rd 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 **(14)** carvers already paid. There is only **(1)** space available.
- **The 2nd Annual John Engler Seminar** will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI. There will be a (3) day woodcarving class (**Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, August 26, 27, & 28, 2024**) and a (1) day painting class (**Thursday August 29, 2024**). He specializes in medium relief woodcarving finishing them off with watercolors. Cost of the seminar, Carving only - \$210.00 members and \$225.00 non-members. Cost of Carving & Painting - \$280.00 for members and \$300.00 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. 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 **(3)** carvers already paid.

New Business

- Received a message from Karen Brinkman that she has some Basswood and Butternut for sale. She also has some Diamond Willow sticks. If interested contact her @ 715-423-4822.
- A motion was made by Sophie Kubisiak and seconded by Dick Fleisner to not meet on Wednesday November 22, 2023 because of proximity to Thanksgiving. All approved.
- **Election of Officers** A motion was made by Chet James and seconded by David King to keep the same club officers in 2024. All approved unanimously.
- Becky Engstrand purchased a clock for the room that we meet in at the 1st United Church of Christ. Thanks Becky.
- No other new business

Club Meeting Dates:

- **November 15, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **November 21 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **November 22, 2023** No meeting because of proximity to Thanksgiving
- **November 29, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **December 5, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **December 6, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **December 13, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

- There being no other business President Greg Wirtz asked for a motion to adjourn. Ken Brzezinski made the motion seconded by Dave King. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Future Carving Shows

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-8, 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 — June 10 thru June 15, 2024

International Woodcarvers Congress, Diane Coley 630-335-4852 dragonness77@comcast.net

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 OFFICIERS:

• 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
• Treasurer	Ron O’Kray	715-341-2214	ron.marion@charter.net
• Webmaster	Kyle Mallek	715-323-6390	kyle.mallek@gmail.com
• Seminar Chairman	Chet James	715-347-0234	chtbon@solarus.net
• Historian	Stan Carlson	715-341-3695	scarlson@uwsp.edu
• Sunshine Person	Marion O’Kray	715-341-2214	ron.marion@charter.net
• Librarian	Bill Jacobs	715-421-4962	williamjacobs@charter.net
• Hostess	Marion O’Kray	715-341-2214	ron.marion@charter.net
• Facebook Administrator	Ashten Brown	715-697-6010	orders@badgerstateblades.com

SHOW AND TELL



Pyrography by Echo Keller



Bread Bowl by Katharine Wechorek



Apple Shape Dish by Katharine Wechorek



Christ Bust by Dick Fleisner



Pyrography by Echo Keller



Santa by Greg Wirtz

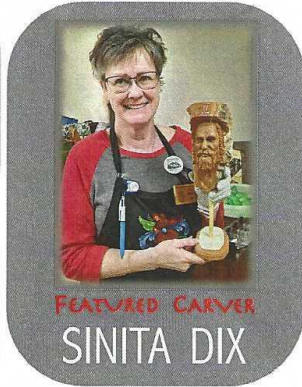
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HELP US CELEBRATE!

This annual event is quite an accomplishment and you have made this possible! Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and carvers who make Karve In great! Come see us in 2024 as we continue to grow and improve!



FEATURED CARVER
SINITA DIX

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2024
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

CARVE. LEARN. BUY. SELL.

ENJOY THE ART, CRAFT AND HOBBY OF WOODCARVING

Come to Westby to connect, show, trade and enjoy time with woodcarvers. Share your skills. Learn new ones. See the beauty brought to life by these craftsmen.



MULTIPLE DRAWINGS FOR CARVERS!
FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS ACCEPTED

For more info, contact: John Sutton at lharnfarms@gmail.com or Steve Michaels at 608.769.8498 and steve.michaels@westby-norse.org



WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS
2024 ARTISTRY IN WOOD
SHOW, COMPETITION AND SALE
Sunday, November 3, 2024
9 am – 4 pm

WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER
407 SCHOOL STREET
WAUPACA, WI

Demonstrations throughout the day!
Admission is \$4.00 Adults
Ages 6-16 \$2.00
(5 and under are free)

For more information contact:
HAROLD MOHR 715-281-4923
KATHY BREHM 920-740-1986
OR VISIT THE WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS FACEBOOK PAGE

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS Presents



Artistry In Wood

Sunday, May 5, 2024
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wood Sculptures for Sale!
Blue Ribbon Competition
70+ Woodcarvers & Pyrographers

Basswood, Bark, Tupelo,
Tools, Books, Supplies & more

Wisconsin Carving Clubs
Carving Demos & More!
Chainsaw Carver!



Bucket Raffle! Food Concession! Free Parking!

Everything you need to get started in Woodcarving!

Open to Public Admission: \$5 Ages 12 & Under free

The Oshkosh Convention Center
2 North Main Street, Oshkosh, WI

For more show info: www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com
or contact Paul Wolters (920) 727-2139

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

- WHEN:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- TIME:** Happy Hour at 5:00 PM (Tips Welcome); Supper at 6:00 PM
- WHERE:** Smiley's Banquet Hall; 4020 County R; Plover, WI
- WHOS INVITED:** All club members and spouses
- MENU:** Family Style (Consisting of)
- Oven Roasted Chicken
 - Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
 - Homemade Stuffing
 - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 - Relish (Radish, Carrots, & Celery)
 - Chicken Soup with Kluski Noodles
 - Coffee, Milk, & Dinner Roll with Butter are also included
 - Dessert: Cake and Bars

COST \$26.00 Per Person (Includes tax and gratuity & one drink coupon)

GIFT EXCHANGE We will be having an ornament & gift exchange. If you bring an ornament, you will get an ornament. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift. We ask that you put your name on ornament and gift so the person receiving can say Thank You.

YOUR HOSTS Bobbi O'Shasky (715-457-5387) and Becky Engstrand (715-457-5024)

DEADLINE We have to give Smiley's a final count for party on **January 2, 2024**

NO PETS ALLOWED Per Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 6-501.115; live animals may not be allowed on the PREMISES of a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.

NAME(S) _____

Make Check Payable to: Wisconsin River Woodcarvers

Ronald O'Kray – Treasurer
1449 Sunny Crest Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482-9431

**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**

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS 2nd ANNUAL JOHN ENGLER SEMINAR 2024

John Engler of Battlefield, MO will be conducting a (3) day woodcarving class and a (1) day painting class. 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.

CARVING: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday August 26, 27, & 28, 2024

PAINTING: Thursday August 29, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

WHERE: Lincoln Center (Room A & B)
1519 Water Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

COST: **CARVING ONLY** - \$210.00 for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$225.00 for Non-Members (Plus roughout)

CARVING & PAINTING - \$280.00 for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$300.00 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 _____

E-mail _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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.
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