



December 2023 Newsletter

By: Ron O’Kray - Secretary / Treasurer

In the absence of the President, **Vice President Diane Swiggum** called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM December 13, 2023.

Minutes from November 2023 Meeting: Motion made by Ron Peters and seconded by Sophie Kubisiak to accept as sent. All in attendance approved.

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she sent “Get Well” cards to Greg Wirtz, Richard Zakoski, Becky Engstrand, Sophie Kubisiak, and Diane Swiggum. We hope they are all 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 (81) memberships paid for in 2023. Jerry & Karen Trzebiatowski rejoined the club. Jerry just retired from teaching high school tech ed. Jerry’s interests are Scandinavian figures, acanthus, dragon and chip carving. We have (26) 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.

INCOME AND EXPENSES SINCE LAST NEWLETTER

EXPENSES	INCOME	DESCRIPTION
\$12.60		Stamps
\$30.00		Rent of Lincoln Center November 2023
\$4.62		Mailing of Alexander House invitations to club members
\$12.42		Paper plates, paper napkins, & Coffeemate for meeting
	\$384.00	Dues 2024
	\$260.00	Floyd Rhadigan Seminar April 2024
	\$442.00	Christmas Party
\$59.64	\$1086.00	

- A motion was made by Echo Keller and seconded by Dick Fleisner to approve the treasurer's report. All in attendance agreed.

Old Business:

- 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. The fair will run from August 20th thru August 25, 2024. Pickup of carvings will be on Monday August 26, 2024. A Golf Cart may be used on the Fair property if the cart is insured.

Proposed carving competition categories are:

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)

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. (28) members are already signed up. Deadline is January 2, 2024.

Alexander House:

The following Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members will be exhibiting:

Stan Carlson	Becky Engstrand	Dick Fleisner
Chet James	Echo Keller	Tom Kissner
Gerald Lesch	Ron O'Kray	Bobbi O'Shasky
Ron Peters	Diane Swiggum	Katharine Wechorek
Greg Wirtz		

*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 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 **(14)** carvers already paid. There is only **(1)** space available.
- **The 2nd Annual John Engler Seminar** will be held at the Lincoln Center is 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 **(4)** carvers already paid.

New Business

- There will **not** be a business meeting in January because of the Christmas party.

Club Meeting Dates:

- **December 19, 2023** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **December 20, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **December 27, 2023** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 2, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 3, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 10, 2024** Christmas Party @ Smiley's in Plover, WI
- **January 16, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 17, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 24, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **January 31, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **February 6, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **February 7, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
- **February 14, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM

Show and Tell

Ken Brzezinski showed some beautiful pens that he turned on his lathe. Pictures unavailable.

- There being no other business Vice President Diane Swiggum asked for a motion to adjourn. Marion O'Kray made the motion seconded by Tom Kissner. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Future Carving Shows

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

North Arkansas Woodcarver's 44th Annual Woodcarving show will be Saturday & Sunday May 4 & 5, 2024. Contact Sandy Smith @ 870-431-8070 or webmaster@northarkansaswoodcarvers.org for more information.

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

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Westby High School 205 West Avenue S Westby, WI 54687

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 lbarnfarms@gmail.com or Steve Michaels at 608.769.8498 and steve.michaels@westby-norse.org

KETTLE KARVERS

31st Annual
Wood Carving Show
Sunday April 28, 2024
10 am to 4 pm

Emil Mazey Hall 5425 Superior Ave.
Sheboygan, WI

Free Admission - Donations Appreciated

New carvers welcome. Tables \$25.00
See original wood carvings and visit with carvers.
Wood Carving Tool Vendor
Chain Saw Carver
Featured Carver: Stuart Thiel
Food and Beverage Sale on-site



MID-WIS. CHIPPERS Presents

Artistry In Wood

48th
Annual

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



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

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.
Payment due at time of registration.

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

Mail completed form to:
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Ronald O'Kray – Treasurer
1449 Sunny Crest Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482-9432