



June 2024 Newsletter

By: Diane Swiggum – Vice President

Ron O’Kray – Secretary / Treasurer

President Greg Wirtz called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM June 19, 2024.

Minutes from May 2024 Meeting:

Sunshine Report: Marion O’Kray reported that she sent a “Get Well” card to Katherine Wechorek of Auburndale, WI. We hope that Katherine 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 2024.

INCOME AND EXPENSES SINCE LAST NEWLETTER

EXPENSES	INCOME	DESCRIPTION
\$54.85		Ink for computer printer
\$48.01		Printing of May Newsletter
\$12.88		Mailing of May Newsletter
\$30.00		Rent of Lincoln Center May 2024
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\$331.38		Storage cabinet for club materials at church
\$507.12		TOTAL

Treasurer Ron O’Kray was not at meeting.

Old Business:

- If you have pictures of recent seminars or carvings that you have completed, contact Ashten Brown to get them on Facebook, Kyle Mallek to get them on the Webpage, or Stan Carlson to get them in the Club Scrapbook. Their contact information is listed below with all the club officials.
- The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers has reserved the shelter at South Wood County Park in Kellner for the **Club Picnic** on Wednesday July 10, 2024. We have the shelter for the entire day. **Marion O’Kray, Bonnie James, and Delores Zakoski volunteered to be in charge of the picnic.** It was agreed to have a Rummage Sale again this year starting at 3:00 PM. Happy Hour will be from 3:00 PM to start of meal at 6:00 PM. The club will provide the meat, paper plates, plastic flatware, and coffee. Bring a dish to pass and beverage of your choice. The picnic is for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers **members, spouses, or significant others** only. We need an accurate count of those attending in order to have the proper amount of meat. **Contact Marion O’Kray @ 715-341-2214 or ron.marion@charter.net to let her know who will be attending and what you plan on bringing.** The location of the picnic is in the shelter at South Wood County Park, 6411 South Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.
- Ron Peters, Greg Wirtz, Diane Swiggum, Tom Kissner and Ron & Marion O’Kray met with Dale Christiansen, Executive Director of the **Central Wisconsin Fair** at 10:30 AM on Wednesday April 10th 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. 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. Greg Wirtz will judge Department 22 which includes woodcarving. Ron O’Kray will judge Department 25 which is the Senior Woodworking/ Woodcarving area. Competition rules for the Central Wisconsin Fair has no timeline on when the carving was completed but only that the carving was never entered into competition at the fair previously. The woodcarvings will be displayed in the Hockey rink building. 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. Carvings can be delivered to the Fairgrounds anytime on Monday August 19th with judging on Tuesday August 20th. The address of the Fairgrounds is 513 East 17th Street; Marshfield, WI. Wednesday August 21st will be Senior Day with only \$5.00 admission. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will provide demonstrations at times to be determined. The Wisconsin River Woodcarvers will have a area in the same building that we can display other carvings, show and club information, carve and meet with friends and prospective new members. Electricity will be provided for power carving, pyrography, and additional lighting if needed. Any questions contact: Ron Peters @ 715-435-3162. A copy of a page from the show booklet is included so you can see what the competition categories will be.

- Received an E-mail from Gregg Hansel who is on the steering committee of **Empty Bowls of Portage County**. The following information is from their website. *Empty Bowls is a community project to raise money for local hunger prevention efforts. For \$11.00 (payable at the door) you get to choose a bowl created by local potters, community members, and students. These bowls are unique and a great keepsake. After choosing your bowl, you get to choose from a variety of soups donated by 40 local restaurants, served in disposable bowls. The meal includes bread, beverage, and dessert. The event features a raffle, marketplace, and entertainment. Funds raised at this event go to support the Hunger and Poverty Prevention Partnership, Giving Gardens, Mobile Pantry, and Rent Ready programs as well as education and advocacy initiatives. This is their 24th year. The event will be in late October. Last year's event was held at SPASH in Stevens Point. Gregg is asking if any of our members would be interested in making and donating bowls. He would be glad to come and meet with us or send any additional information. Ron O'Kray will meet with Gregg Hansel on April 16th for more information. Greg Wirtz, Ron O'Kray, Katharine Wechorek, Tom Kissner, and Ken Brzezinski volunteered to donate a bowl. If you are interested in donating a bowl, contact Ron O'Kray for more information. Ken Brzezinski has already donated a bowl.*

Upcoming Seminars

- **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. We have **(13)** carvers already paid. The class is full with one carver on the waiting list.
- The carvers that attended the 3rd Annual Floyd Rhadigan seminar had so much fun that they decided to have another seminar in 2025. The **4th Annual Floyd Rhadigan Seminar** will be held at the Lincoln Center in Stevens Point, WI on **Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, April 28, 29, & 30, 2025**. Cost is \$150.00 plus roughout(s) for Wisconsin River Woodcarvers members and \$160.00 plus roughouts(s) for Non-Members. The cost for the seminar has stayed the same from 2022 to 2025. Cost of roughouts is between \$15.00 and \$40.00. Pay Floyd for roughouts at start of class. **Registration form is attached to this newsletter or on the club website www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.** We have **(8)** carvers already paid.
- **Sad News:** Wisconsin River Woodcarvers member **Terry King** passed away on June 15, 2024. She was the wife of Dave King. Her funeral will be on Tuesday July 2, 2024 at the **Herman Taylor Funeral Home**, 2201 Chestnut Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM with service at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. A **POT LUCK** lunch will follow the service @ **The Pour House**, 3140 Lake Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI. Meat will be provided, please bring a pot luck item if you are planning on attending.

If you are unable to attend and would like to send Dave a sympathy card, his address is: David King, 1420 4th Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469.

2025 Show

- While at Congress in Maquoketa, IA Greg Wirtz and Ron O’Kray, kept carvers updated about our show. There was a lot of interest shown.
- Moore Wood & Roughouts has agreed to be one of the vendors at our show.
- Show committee is working on finding a tool vendor for the show.

New Business

- Ron Fischer wants to sell all his carving tools in a package deal for \$250.00. If interested, contact him at 715-325-3753 or bafrrf@gmail.com.
- Charlie Arnold and Gay Greer of Anderson, SC were guest carvers at the meeting.

Club Meeting Dates:

- **June 26, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 2, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 3, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 10, 2024** Summer Picnic @ South Wood County Park
 - **July 16, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 17, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 24, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **July 31, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **August 6, 2024** Lincoln Center, Stevens Point, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **August 7, 2024** 1st Congregational Church, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 to 8:30 PM
 - **August 14, 2024** 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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| • Show Chairman | Jerry Trzebiatowski | 715-310-9900 | Jerald6@gmail.com |

Future Carving Shows in 2024

Janesville — Saturday, September 14, 2024
Rock River Valley Carvers of Wis 18th Annual Show & Sale
Brad Crandall, 608-931-0188, bwkicrandall@gmail.com

Eau Claire, WI—Saturday, September 28, 2024
3rd Annual Carve-In on the Chippewa hosted by West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
Charlene Lynum 715-497-6296 or thelynums@gmail.com

DeForest – Sunday October 27, 2024
Capitol Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners – 33rd Annual Show and Sale
Cindy Potthast, 608-712-2989, cynthia.potthast@gmail.com

Waupaca – Sunday November 3, 2024
Waupaca Area Woodcarvers
Harold Mohr 715-281-4923 or Kathy Brehm 920-740-1986

Denmark, WI Saturday and Sunday November 9 & 10, 2024
Northeast Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild 41st Annual Artistry in Wood" Show
Randy Hendricks 920-676-6466 or show@newwg.org

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

Future Carving Shows in 2025

Westby — Saturday, April 19, 2025
Karve In-9, Steve Michaels, 608-634-0107, steve.michaels@westbynorse.org

Oshkosh - Sunday, May 4, 2025
Mid-Wisconsin Chippers 49th Annual "Artistry in Wood" Show
Paul Wolters, 920-903-4215, www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com

Stevens Point – Saturday and Sunday September 20 & 21, 2025
Wisconsin River Wood Carvers 21st Annual show
Jerry Trzebiatowski 715-310-9900 jerald6@gmail.com.

WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

4th ANNUAL SPRING FLOYD RHADIGAN SEMINAR

CARVING: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 28, 29, & 30, 2025

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

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