



January-March 2020

CLASS SCHEDULE

Weds, Jan 22 & Thurs, Jan 23	<i>Spool Carving</i> – Del Braunberger	Cost: Donation
Weds, Feb 19 & Thurs, Feb 20	<i>Comfort Birds</i> – Wayne Dubberke	Cost: \$1.00-2.00
Weds, Apr 22	<i>Easter Carving</i> – Curtis Brooks	Cost: TBD Project TBD
Looking ahead:		
May	<i>Power Carving</i> – Del Braunberger	Cost: TBD
Oct	<i>Snowman Toothpick Holder</i> – Ron Masterbuoni	Cost: TBD

NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to **Wayne Dubberke** and **John Allen**, who will serve WWWCG for the next two years as *Vice President* and *Treasurer*, respectively! Many thanks to **Bruce Saatela** for serving as *Vice President* for two terms and to **Wayne Dubberke** for serving as WWWCG *Treasurer* for more years than we can count!

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual Membership: \$20.00 **Family Membership:** \$25.00

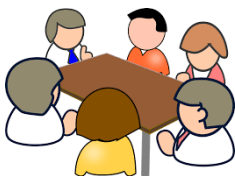
Dues are payable on or before January 1, 2020. If you've already paid your 2020 dues, **thank you!** If you haven't, please send checks *payable to WWWCG*, to John Allen, 5952 163rd St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 or hand to John at an upcoming meeting.



WWWCG BACK ON THE INTERNET SOON!

For the past few years, WWWCG has been without a website. Thanks to **John Allen** and **Rich Thelen**, a new website is in the works! Stay tune for email and Facebook announcements for more information. In the meantime follow WWWCG on Facebook at [West Wisconsin Woodcarvers Guild](#) Note: You must have a Facebook account in order to access the page.

NEW THURSDAY MEETING LOCATION IN CHIPPEWA FALLS



WWWCG members have been meeting at the Masonic Lodge in Chippewa Falls every Thursday for a number of years. The Masonic Lodge building is being sold and WWWCG has a new home! **Beginning Jan 9, 2020**, WWWCG members will meet at the **Chippewa Falls Senior Center, 1000 E Grand Ave, Chippewa Falls.**

Members will meet in the Senior Center's dining hall from 1:00-4:00 pm every Thursday. Space is large and well equipped for carving, classes, potlucks and shows/competitions.

Thanks to the **Chippewa Falls Masons** for its partnership these many years. Thanks, also, to **Ron Mastrobuoni** for making the initial contact with the Chippewa Falls Senior Center to secure a new meeting space.

WWWCG's LENDING LIBRARY

Did you know WWWCG has a great selection of instructional books and videos that can be borrowed by any member? A complete list of items is available at both meeting locations: the LE Phillips Senior Center in Eau Claire, and at the Chippewa Falls Senior Center. However, *only instructional books and magazines* are located at the Chippewa Falls location.

The procedure for borrowing a **video** is as follows.

1. Select a Title
2. Select a card from back of file
3. Fill in name, phone, date
4. Remove DVD; place completed card *in same slot* as DVD

Return Procedure:

1. Find Title slot with card in it; place DVD back into slot
2. Fill in return date, place card back in back part of DVD file holder

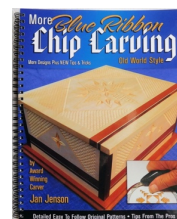
*To borrow a **book**, contact an officer or a member who regularly attends Thursday carving in Chippewa Falls to obtaining the copies desired*

While there is no specific return date in which to return borrowed items, please be responsible and return them in a timely manner so other members might use and enjoy them as well.

Thanks!

Congratulations to **Jan Jensen** on the publication of "*More Blue Ribbon Chip Carving*", her second Old World Style chip carving book!

Filled with new patterns and snazzy pictures, its surely a book you want to add to your library. For more information and/or purchase options, contact Jan directly at jojensen@gmail.com



WHITTLE WHILE YOU WORK

What the heck IS whittling? *Webster* defines it as:

- *To pare or cut off chips from the surface of wood with a knife*
- *To shape or form by so paring or cutting*
- *To reduce, remove, or destroy gradually as if by cutting bits with a knife*



Whittling can also be defined as carving wood only with a knife. Whittlers don't use chisels, gouges or power tools. When most folks think of whittling, they see someone sitting around a campfire with a sharp-edged pocketknife, making pointed sticks, wood chains or a ball-in-a-box.

Whittling doesn't require a large investment of tools, wood, or even time. You can take whittling anywhere! A sharp pocketknife, a small hunk of soft wood, a strop and you're in business!

Buying a pocketknife to use solely for whittling is a matter of personal preference. The size of your grip compared to the size of the handle will determine its comfort. Pick one with a stainless steel blade. Stainless holds an edge for a long time and doesn't corrode if the knife is closed with a wet blade. Stainless dulls slowly but also takes time to sharpen. If you were lucky enough to get cash for Christmas, you might consider buying one with a high-carbon steel blade. They're more expensive than stainless but easier to sharpen.

You might also opt for a sheep's foot shaped blade, one in which the knife's tip is closely aligned to the cutting edge (similar to a utility knife). Drop-point shaped blades are great for general cutting purposes, but difficult to use when carving small details. While a locking blade isn't required and doesn't define a good pocketknife, it does keep the knife from accidentally closing on your fingers - a mighty good safety feature to have!

So, the next time your hands are idle, pull out a pocketknife, put on a glove, lay your strop next to you, find a piece of basswood (or other soft wood) and get whittlin'!

The **Northeast WI Woodworkers Guild** will hold its "Artistry in Wood" annual show **March 21-22** in Green Bay. *It's not too late* to start thinking about entering a piece(s) in that show! For those interested, *print this page* and **submit the registration below by January 15, 2020**. For further information go to newwg.org

NEWWG, "Artistry in Wood" 2020 SPRING SHOW **SIGN-UP FORM** March 21st, & 22nd / Green Bay, WI- Southwest High School

***Please **complete and return this form postmarked by January 15th, 2020**

Member Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Guest Exhibitor _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
Guest Club _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____
Vendor _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

**** Filled on first come basis ***No reservations for table/booth space after January 25, 2020**

*Member =1 free table or equivalent space = if reserved by January 15th. Extra tables \$20.00 _____ ea.
of Chairs _____

*Guest Exhibitor- fee for 1 table/space=\$25.00, by January 15th. Late fee \$5.00. # chairs _____

*Guest Club- fee for 1 table/space= \$35.00, by January 15th. Late fee \$5.00. # Chairs _____

*Vendor - Fee for space= \$40.00 by January 15th. Late fee \$10.00. #chairs _____

Floor space request: (be specific): size _____ **Electricity is limited** _____ **PLEASE remember the following**: Note; Friday & Saturday set up times may vary, ck web site.

Set up time Friday, March 20th, 5:00-7:00pm Show time Saturday, March 21st, 9:30am-4:00pm Sunday- raffle/scholarships at 3:00pm.

Set up time Saturday, March 21st, 7:00am-9:00am

Show time Sunday, March 22nd, 9:30am 4:00pm Take down time Sunday, March 22nd, 4:00pm until done.

Total fees on this sheet: *Table/Booth fees \$ _____ * extra tables fees \$ _____

****Total enclosed \$ _____ Make ck out to : **NEWWG****

Address for: *Southwest High School 1331 Packerland Drive, Green Bay, WI 54304

*Note: free parking at school

SHOW SPONSORED BY: **NORTHEAST WISCONSIN WOODWORKERS GUILD*** newwg.org/annual-show

*Signature _____ Phone _____ Zip _____

Address _____ Club/Vendor Name _____

Calendar of Events

WWWCG Happenings

On-going: Raffle sales, golf ball and Christmas ornament carving
In-Guild classes See page 1 for further details

Wisconsin

Mar 21-22 "Artistry in Wood" Spring Show, Green Bay (*see registration form in this newsletter*)

Apr 25 Carve In 4, Westby. Contact John Sutton, 608-634-4396 or bekkum@wrlsweb.org

Meeting/Carve-in Schedule

EAU CLAIRE

2nd & 4th Weds each month, 6:00-9:00 pm (*late arrivals/early departures welcomed!*) **Business Meetings held 2nd Weds of each month.**

LE Phillips Senior Center, 1616 Bellinger St, Eau Claire

CHIPPEWA FALLS

Every **Thurs** afternoon, 1:00-4:00 pm

Chippewa Falls Senior Center, 1000 E Grand Ave, Chippewa Falls



**Join us at a
WWWCG
meeting or carve-
in soon** (*see
Meeting/Carving
Schedule below left!*)
You are **always
welcomed** to come
as you are, when
you can, stay as long
as you want or just
stop by to *Shoot the
Breeze!*

**When attending
meetings/carve-ins
at the LE Phillips
Center**, park on the
west side of the
building (near the
parking lot entrance)
and come in the side
door. Thanks!

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Thank you!!

To adjust the operating budget for meeting room costs and decreased raffle sale income, dues are \$20.00 for individuals, \$25.00 for couples. If you've not yet renewed, please make checks payable to WWWCG. Submit to John Allen, Treasurer. Dues Thanks!