



April-June 2020

**WWWCG MEETINGS/CARVE-INS SUSPENDED
COVID-19 (Corona) VIRUS**

Due to the COVID-10 (corona virus) outbreak, all current WWWCG meetings and carve-ins have been suspended. *Its possible future classes listed below may also be cancelled. Please watch email, website and Facebook posts for updates.*

For virus updates and information in Eau Claire County, please consult its website at [Eau Claire County Health](#)

CLASS SCHEDULE

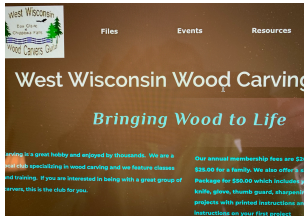
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| Apr 4 | Gourd Carving – Dorothy Huse & Sylvia Kendzior
CANCELLED | Cost: \$40.00 |
| Apr 22 | Carve a Rabbit – Curtis
6:30-8:30, LE Phillips Senior Center, Eau Claire | Cost: TBD |
| June 13 | Power Carving – Del Braunberger
Click Here for Info, Fees and Registration form | Cost: \$20-45 |



If anyone has their own equipment but needs a dust collector, contact Sylvia. Del will be using a 20" box fan with a furnace filter.

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| Oct | Snowman Toothpick Holder – Ron Mastrobuoni | Cost: TBD |
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*Questions or ideas for other classes? Contact the **Education Team** of John Allen, Del Braunberger, or Rich Thelen. Contact information for each is on Pg 4 of this newsletter.*



WWWCG IS BACK ON THE INTERNET!

For the past few years, WWWCG has been without a website. Thanks to **John Allen** and **Rich Thelen**, a new website has been created! Check the site often for guild updates at <https://wwwcg.org/>. If you've missed any minutes and/or newsletters, find them on the website under *Files*. You can also follow WWWCG on Facebook at [West Wisconsin Woodcarvers Guild](#) *Note: You must have a Facebook account in order to access the page.*

WWWCG BROCHURES

A brand, new tri-fold information and membership recruitment brochure has been created by **Ron Mastrobuoni**. *Thank you, Ron!* The new WWWCG brochure will be displayed and available at all future events.

*If you'd like some brochures to hand out to family and friends to encourage them to join WWWCG, please contact **Rich Thelen**.*



WWWCG LOGO SHIRTS & NAME BADGES

WWWCG is exploring the possibilities and pricing from local merchants for clothing sporting the Guild's logo and wooden name badges for members.

Watch future emails, newsletters, website and Facebook postings for further details.

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.

JAN JENSON DOES IT AGAIN!

Congrats to Jan Jenson, who took Best of Show at the Chip-O-Tex Show in Harlingen, TX! Jan says someone told her years ago, that “chip carvers never get Best of Show”. Obviously, that silly person didn’t know what talent Jan possesses. ☺

Not only did Jan take Best of Show, she also got herself featured in the Monitor Winter Texan Weekly paper. Jan began carving in 2002, after attending a woodcarving show in Pharr, Tx. A retired home economics teacher, Jan is also an accomplished sewer and quilter. She was the artist for her high school newspaper and says, “I was always doodling.”

Jan specializes in old-world chip carving, popular in Scandinavian countries, but also known as ‘kerbschnitt’ in German. She creates her own designs with the help of computer software and has published two books on the subject, “Blue Ribbon Chip Carving: Old World Style with Patterns” and “More Blue Ribbon Chip Carving-Old World Style”. Both books may be purchased directly from Jan.



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 John Allen, Wayne Dubberke, Rich Thelen or a member you know 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!

ANNUAL CARVE-IN, POTLUCK & COMPETITION/SHOW

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Carve-In & Potluck, including the 2nd year of a carving competition/show to be held at the Senior Center in Chippewa Falls on **Saturday, Sept 26!**

Members are encouraged to start or complete projects now to enter in the competition/show. The public will be invited to attend in the afternoon.

Watch future emails, newsletters, website and Facebook postings for further details.



Are your paintbrushes stiff with dried on, gunky paint? If so, and you use acrylic paints on your carvings, try a quick soak in a tablespoon of hair conditioner mixed with a pint of warm water.

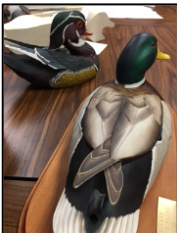
FAREWELL, BOB PECHA



WWWCG member and former Vice President, **Bob Pecha**, passed away in Eau Claire on March 5. Bob served in the military for 21 years, supervising the building and maintaining of missiles in various parts of the US and around the world. He later earned accounting and data processing degrees, working for Abbott Laboratories in northern Chicago until retirement.

Bob's last name was pronounced "peh-SHAY". During a presentation he made to the Guild a few years ago about his life size duck carvings, he said very few people pronounced it right "the first time". With a shy grin and a twinkle in his eye he went on to say, "Even my own mother forgot how to say it sometimes!"

Always ready with a smile and a willingness to share his skills, Bob was a positive, gentle, funny guy. He'll be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him.



To Bob's carving friends,

Thank you for your sympathy and well wishes. Yes, Bob was a good carver, especially doing the ducks, which he turned to after the death of our 17 yr old son. He will be sadly missed. He carved many mice and crosses for the people here in our building. Left a lot of good memories, but now he is in a better place.

Dorothy Pecha

Calendar of Events

WWWCG Happenings

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

Looking Ahead
Sept 26 Annual Carve-In/Potluck and Show

Wisconsin

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



**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!

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

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*consideration of copyright
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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!