



July-September 2020

WWWCG MEETINGS/CARVE-INS RESUME

Members are back at the LE Phillips Senior Center in Eau Claire. The Chippewa Falls Senior Center is closed indefinitely. Please check their website [here](#) for further information.



The L E Phillips Senior Center REQUIRES ALL participants to wear masks. Please respect the Center's rules, and the health of others, by bringing and wearing, a mask at carving. *We may all be in the same storm, but we're not all in the same boat.* LE Phillips Center re-opening rules can be found [here](#)

Virus updates/information for Chippewa County click [here](#) ,for Eau Claire County click [here](#)

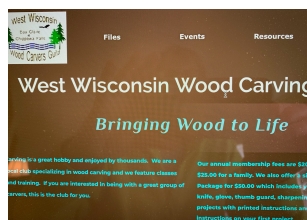
CLASS SCHEDULE

Oct Snowman Toothpick Holder – Ron Mastrobuoni Cost: TBD

*Questions or ideas for other classes? Contact the **Education Team** of John Allen, Del Braunberger, or Rich Thelen. Contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.*

Carv-Fest '20 Due to COVID-19 the Aug 6-8 **Carv-Fest** in Faribault, MN has been cancelled. For further information, go to [Carv-Fest 2020](#)

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

Contact **Rich Thelen** if you'd like brochures to distribute to family and friends.



WWWCG LOGO SHIRTS & NAME BADGES

Long and short sleeved T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps sporting the Guild's logo and wooden name badges for members are now available!

For information on style, color, size and price, go to: [WWWCG Logo Shirts](#)



ANNUAL CARVE-IN, POTLUCK & COMPETITION/SHOW

The **Annual Carve-In & Potluck**, including the 2nd year of a carving competition/show is scheduled to be held at the **Chippewa Falls Senior Center, Saturday, Sept 26**. However, due to the current COVID-19 environment, please watch future emails and Facebook postings for updates on this event. In the meantime, you are encouraged to start or complete projects now to enter in the competition/show.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Char Lynum entered pieces in the Richmond Woodcarvers (*British Columbia, Canada*) virtual wood carving and turning show in May. Entrants submitted photos of their entries in different divisions and categories. She entered three items, in the advanced level, in the traditional chip carving category. Congratulations, Char!!!

Perspective Frame: Best in Show, Advanced; Best in Division; First Place

Chip Carved Plate: Second Place; Tom Parkes Excellence Award

Six-Sided Box: Third Place

The Tom Parkes Award of Excellence is for the entire show. The show attracted over 265 entries from over 120 artists. Check out the list of winners at [here](#)

“HOUSE ARREST” (aka COVID-19 quarantine) CARVINGS

Thanks to **Al Harper, Kathy Follendorf, Mike Tzanakis, Terry Bauer, Char Lynum, Steve Johnson, Dan Goller** and **Del Braunberger** for sharing their following COVID-19 projects!



Al shared these two unique carvings fashioned from Arizona cottonwood bark.

Al says, “Some nice stuff down there if you get out in the desert far enough.”

Kathy used basswood samples to practice various cuts for a chip carved box she was making in a class taught by *Marty Leenhouts*. She used a scroll saw to rough-cut practice pieces into crosses, cutting several at a time. Kathy created some of her own designs, and also used those already marked on samples. She sanded, painted and sealed the bases, attaching the crosses to the base with wood glue. She guesstimates each cross took about an hour to complete.



Kathy also created the piece below for her youngest daughter's family. She said it was "an idea" and the "first time I used my scroll saw to make a name." The color was achieved with acrylic paint washes. Way to go, Kathy!



Mike created this wonderful sea captain! Mike says, "I carved a captain who has a strong resemblance to the captain of the Titanic, Captain Smith*. The carving was done in basswood as was the wheel. The project was carved for the charity ball for St Joseph's hospital. "



Editor's Note: Edward John Smith was a British merchant navy officer. Captain of the RMS Titanic, he perished when the ship sank on its maiden voyage. According to some historians and Robert Ballard's book, *The Discovery of the Titanic*, Captain Smith was on the bridge at 2.13 am, seven minutes before the Titanic disappeared beneath the waves, and he went down with the ship.

Terry shared this perspective regarding COVID-19 and carving:

Hello Rhoda, and all you fellow woodcarvers in the Great Northwoods!

As I write this, I'm sorry to say I am suffering from a serious case of S.W.S. (Stenman Withdrawal Syndrome). It usually flares up in mid to late April and is relieved after 3 days of treatment. Unfortunately, due to Principal Evers statewide class detention, this year the treatment had to be cancelled.

Treatment involves various activities such as using a good sharp #3 gouge, a wood burner, and a little dark forest green, a little burnt umber and lots of water. Camaraderie, good conversation and an abundance of great food also help alleviate the symptoms.

Principal Evers detention has also disrupted our plans to go north to Medford in late May to the High School scholarship award ceremony. We were planning to stop in Chippewa Falls for the club meeting the next day. We hope to make it up north sometime this year, only time will tell.*

Luckily, since Deb and I are considered "essential" employees, we're not totally under house arrest. Not much has changed in our daily routines: get up, go to work, come home, repeat. Less trips to the store, a few trips to pick up food orders.

I've not been extremely active with the tools of our trade. I have completed a few projects that make some small statements about recent events. A little painting and wood-burning on some items also. That helped soothe some of the S.W.S. but only a little. All hope is the treatment next year will be available.

Hoping everyone is doing good in this strange new world we have.

Terry & Deb Bauer

**Editor's note: The Medford High School scholarship Terry mentions above was established in memory of Charles E (Chuck) Jackson, Terry's uncle, a longtime WWWCG member and former president.*

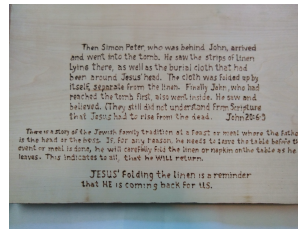


Char produced these unique pieces during “Safer at Home”. The iPad/tablet holder is carved in basswood with a cherry base. Char says, “When Kim first made these I didn't know if they'd be popular. But once the virus hit, I wanted something to hold my iPad while I carved so I could watch Netflix. After reconsidering, I feel this project is not only fun, but very useful.” Char bought the shoe for \$3.00, with the attitude that if it didn't work, she'd add it to the burn box. Looks like it worked well for her, don't you think?

Watch for Char's upcoming article/cell phone holder project in Woodcarving Illustrated's Fall issue!



Steve created this shallow relief carving on basswood during Holy Week. “The carving depicts Jesus' resurrection, looking from the inside of the tomb to the three crosses. Note the face cloth neatly folded in the foreground where Jesus left it”. On the back, Steve wood-burned the story of a Jewish family tradition. If a father has to leave the dinner table, he leaves a folded napkin in his place, indicating he will return.



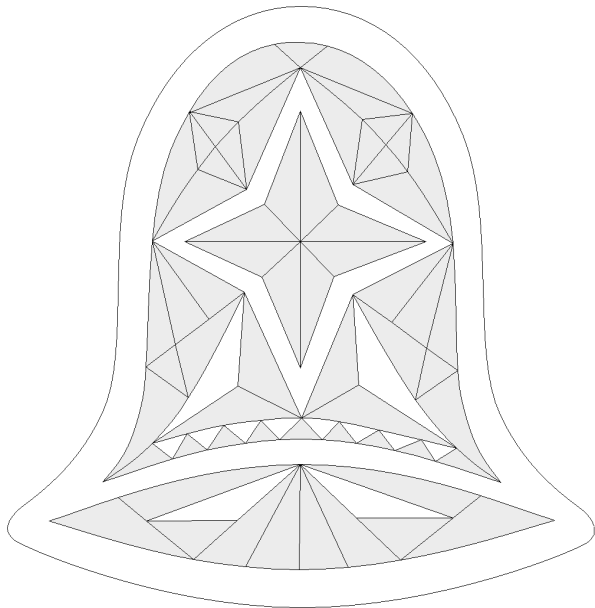
Dan has been carving like crazy during “House Arrest” and has produced the mighty fine items below!

The boxes are all done in basswood and finished “with probably” 3 coats of Minwax Wipe-on poly.

The pens are made from black walnut, a maple burl, and cherry. The cheese tray/cutting board is carved on cherry and finished with a mixture of mineral oil and candle wax provided by woodturner, Mark Palma. Of the tree ornaments Dan says, “ This was my first attempt at this type of carving because the method of painting seemed like something I could do.”



We all know Veterans are near and dear to **Del's** heart. He's been such a busy guy carving Christmas gifts for them we wonder when he finds time to eat and sleep!



Pattern by: Charlene Lynum

Thanks to **Char Lynum** for sharing her original bell-shaped traditional chip carving pattern. If you're looking for an idea to carve Christmas ornaments to donate to Veterans this upcoming holiday season, consider this!

Calendar of Events

WWWCG Happenings

Sept 26 Annual Carve-In/Potluck and Show

Wisconsin Shows

Aug 1 Lake Country Carvers, Oconomowoc. 10 am-4 pm. Free admission. Click [here](#) for COVID-19 updates.

Sep 19-20 WI Rivers Woodcarvers, Stevens Point. [CANCELLED](#)

Sep 26 Annual Rock River Valley Carvers, Janesville. 9 am-4 pm. Free admission. For COVID-19 show update, go to [here](#)

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 - CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

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



Join us at a WWWWCG 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!!

*If you've not yet renewed your **2020 membership**, dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for couples. Please make checks payable to WWWWCG. Submit to John Allen, Treasurer. Dues Thanks!*