



January - March 2021

New 2021-22 Officers

Congratulations to **Rich Thelen** and **Char Lynum**, who were elected as President and Secretary, respectively, in the online election in December via Survey Monkey. Each of the officers will serve a two (2) year term. **Thank you, Rich and Char**, for your willingness to provide leadership to the Guild!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

After 5 years serving as WWWCG's quarterly newsletter editor, Rhoda Saatela, stepped down from that role. Because we haven't had meetings to discuss this and recruit an editor, I (John Allen) am doing this issue until we get someone, but am not assuming the role going forward.

If you're interested in assuming the position of newsletter editor, and producing the next edition due out April 1, 2021, please contact one of the following officers:

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Meeting/Carve-in Schedule

ALL MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

When we get back to meeting, our meetings will be:

EAU CLAIRE

2nd & 4th Weds each month, except Nov & Dec (*2nd Weds only*)
Business Meetings held only in Eau Claire 2nd Weds of each month.
6:00-9:00 pm (*late arrivals and early departures welcomed!*)
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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REMINDER: Annual dues are payable on or before January 1 of each calendar year. Dues are \$20.00 for individuals, \$25.00 for couples. Make checks payable to WWWCG and submit to John Allen, Treasurer. Dues can be mailed to 5952 163rd Street, Chippewa falls, WI 54729. Thanks!

NOTES from our President:

Happy New Year from the Wood Carvers club. I hope 2021 is a better year than 2020 for you all. COVID-19 is a horrible disease and no one should get it. We are hopeful that the new year will see our carving meetings start back up, but with new cases increasing as they are, it is doubtful it will happen soon. When we ceased having meetings after the June meeting it was because the new cases were increasing. At that time new cases were much lower than now. Hopefully a vaccine will help reduce these numbers and make life safe for all of us.

So, what of 2021? We have had an election by Survey Monkey and the club will continue to stagger forward. The officers starting new two-year terms are Rich Thelen as president and Charlene Lynum as secretary.

So far, we have had a few people pay their 2021 dues and we encourage you to send in a check to John Allen with your dues. Membership information is on the website at www.wcg.org. New members can fill out a membership information form. If you have changed your phone or email or physical addresses, please advise us.

In January of 2020, we paid the senior centers for our rent for the year, so we can't reduce the membership fees for 2021 because none of our expenses will have been reduced. Right now, The L.E. Phillips center is open. Its new addition is under construction and the side door is not available to us. Entry is thru the main doors. The Chippewa Falls center is not open at all. When these things change you will be advised by email.

Will we be able to have relief carving classes? We made some contact with the teachers regarding that idea, but it won't happen until August at the earliest. Checking with Lafayette Town Hall, they are not renting that space until 2022. It is not air conditioned. Depending on COVID, we may be able to find other space.

What of Chainsaw Carving in 2021? We haven't heard anything of that, so no information is available. That event is held at the end of July in Carson Park. It is a good event for the club as it always raises money and helps us through the year. It also exposes us to potential wood carvers from the community.

We have received a Thank You card from the VA for the many, many carved ornaments we provided for their Christmas display.

APPLAUSE!! Special thanks to out-going Secretary, Carol Figi.

If you haven't already done so, please thank her for her years of service when next you see her.

ORNAMENTS FOR OUR VETERANS

Once again this year, our club members contributed some of our carved Christmas ornaments so that our veterans could have a little brighter Holiday Season. Dell collected the ornaments (pictures below) and took them out to the Wisconsin Veterans Home of Chippewa Falls. We received the letter below from the Director of Activities there. Thank you to everyone for donating to this cause.



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Nolan, Secretary

November 19, 2020

Western Wisconsin Woodcarvers Guild
c/o Dell Braunberger
581 Maitland Drive #9
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Dear Dell:

On behalf of the staff and members of the Wisconsin Veterans Home of Chippewa Falls, I wish to thank you for your generous donation of beautiful carved decorations and gifts for our members.

We appreciate your support of the Wisconsin veterans and their families. It is through contributions such as yours that we are able to provide an enriched quality of life for the members.

Again, thank you for your donation to help to serve the veterans.

Sincerely,

Jane Lindblad
Director of Activities

UPCOMING CLASS WITH JAN JENSEN

Starting in January, Jan Jensen says: I will be having two Old World Chip Carving Classes at my home. Only 4 students with masks per class at my extended dining room table. Please contact Jan directly at 715-559-4163

- On Tuesdays for more advanced students. The newest pattern is a cross between the Mariner's star (on the cover on my 2nd book) and my "best of show" box with a ribbed border on a treasure box. That class starts on Jan. 12, 1-4:30 pm for 4 weeks. Cost \$40.00.



- On Thursdays, starting January 14, another class will be offered for others, beginners welcome. Any project of your choice, such as an iPad holder, phone holder, a trivet, a smaller box, or the Christmas ornaments or cross shown below. Classes will be from 1-4:30 pm for 4 weeks - cost \$40.00.



New cross pattern started from Char's necklace pattern



New round Christmas ornament patterns

FROM OUR MEMBERS



NANCY OLSON

This is a Christmas project my husband, a wood turner, and I did together for our Grandkids. Our Granddaughter has a collection of nutcrackers and ask me to carve her one. We then had to come up with something for our Grandson. It was challenging project and fun working together with my husband on it.

MY CHRISTMAS STORY



Twas the week before Christmas
And what to my surprise not a carving was started
And the knives were not sharpened
So off to the carving shop I sprang to get started
I started with the folding whittler
Since I had used it to cut branches while deer hunting
Thru the progression of the grits of sandpaper
Just like I teach the carving club members
Then to the strop for the finishing touches
Now it was time to test the blade on wood
A sweater ornament cutout was used for the test
And what to my surprise, the wood broke and the blade sliced
A Grand Canyon Valley in the palm of my hand
Off to the emergency room we flew
Two hours later with 10 stitches we were back home
Orders from the doctors about 4 weeks with no carving
I have 3 words of wisdom to share with you all: WEAR SAFETY
GLOVE

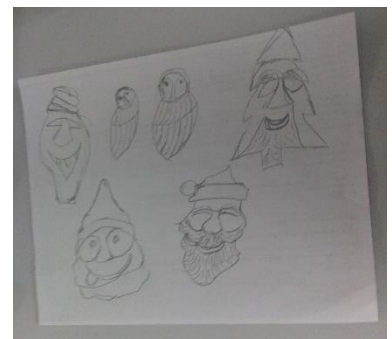
Submitted by Wayne Dubberke

The Newsletter is published Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1 & Oct 1. Please send content, topic ideas, photos or anything else (with consideration of copyright law) you might like to see to John Allen at allen54729@charter.net I will pass everything on to the new editor. Thank you!!

FROM OUR MEMBERS (Continued)

DELL BRAUNBERGER

The 2 with the hand holding the cross are finished ,the other 4 are in the works ,1 is a gift. The loon heads are mounted on red cedar , 1 of them is a gift , the other one is for my night stand. The patterns that I have scribbled, could be next year's ornaments. The walking sticks are gifts for people that I meet walking , one goes to Senator Dave Zien , plus I have six more in the making.



JOHN ALLEN

2020 has been a time to do a variety of carving projects and complete some that were sitting waiting for attention. Watched some YouTube videos to get some inspiration.



FROM OUR MEMBERS (Continued)

KATHY FOLLENDORF



The wood looked like a stream where crappies should live. Acrylic wash for color and sealed with acrylic poly. My own design. Took 3 months to carve.

Carved a northern pike for my son Todd. Used acrylic wash for color. My own design from my son's idea of what he wanted carved. It took 3 months to carve. Sealed with acrylic poly.



Christmas ornaments for my grandchildren.

Santa and penguins from wood carving illustrated. Acrylic paints.

