

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

04/12/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), Carol Figi (Secretary), {John Allen (Treasurer), plus ten members. The meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 03/08/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept with modifications to add this sentence – Children currently in the Guild will be grandfathered in.: 1st by Bruce, 2nd by Wayne – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$3694.23 in the checkbook. Current membership = 55 members.

Old Business

- Newsletter editor – We are still looking for a member to take over the newsletter. Contact Charlene, (715) 497-6296, if you are interested.
- 2023 Dues are due. \$20.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family. Please see John Allen.
- John and Rich have volunteered to help organize outside instructors to come in approximately two times a year.
- Char shared a WWWCG brochures example with the group for comment. Corrections are needed regarding new Age of children in the Guild, then will be ready for print.
- Community Service idea to carve comfort hearts for outpatient cancer/hospice patients. Charlene presented the idea and showed small wooden hearts that would require minimal carving at the last meeting. Will need to carve about twelve hearts/month to donate. Motion: Proceed with carving hearts as a community project. Motion to accept: 1st by Carol, 2nd by Jan – accepted and approved.
- Opportunity for community awareness of WWWCG. Let's Paint the Town! Festival in Menomonie, July 22 10:00 to 5:00, set up from 8:00-10:00. Booths are free (10'x10'). Need volunteers! Rich, Jan volunteered tonight, how about others? John is tentative and will check his schedule.

New Business

- Thank you to Dennis for teaching club members to carve a fish. Tonight, he will discuss approaches to painting after the meeting.
- Need to order new materials for "beginner kits." Charlene asked club members to donate any bench knives they may be willing to part with. She will check with a knife maker to see if she can order more, as well as obtain other items needed. Motion made to allow up to \$200 of club funds to purchase items for the beginner kits. Motion to accept: 1st by Bruce, 2nd by Dennis – accepted and approved.
- Carve-In on the Chippewa, September 16th 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Let Charlene know if you want a table. Looking for members who would demonstrate a carving skill. Dennis has volunteered, need others to come forth to demonstrate, let Charlene know.
- Ornaments for Veterans Home in Chippewa. Dell requests ornaments to be completed by Labor Day so he can get those to the Home. This is a great project we have done for years, let's keep it up!

- Chainsaw Carving Event, August 11-13th. Would like to have a “boutique table” for items again this year. Each member is encouraged to donate one item. Get your item to Charlene with your asking price attached.
- **Welcome new member John!** Wayne got him started this evening on learning to carve.

Classes

Internal Classes – 4th Wednesday and Thursday of the month meeting.

- April – Charlene – Learn beginning Traditional Chip Carving! Bring your chip carving knives.
- May – Charlene – Learn to carve comfort hearts for our community project!
- June – Carl McKeeth – Learn to carve a Hollow Spiral ornament!
- July – Jan – Learn to carve a small hummingbird!

External Classes

- Ken Ramler, cut out relief carving. [Ken Ramler facebook picture](#). Two-day class, September 14th & 15th, 2023. Registration form coming out soon.
 - Members \$80
 - Non-members \$100
 - Materials are extra.
- Stenmann Relief Carving, two classes. Tuesday-Thursday October 10-12 and Friday-Sunday October 13-15, 2023.
 - Members \$130, non-members \$150
 - E-mail will go out in April for enrollment. Classes will be filled on first come basis with enrollment form and payment required. John passed out forms to members at the meeting tonight.

Events

- Westby Karve-In 7 – April 22, 2023, 10:00-4:00. Westby Elementary, 122 Nelson Street Westby. Free admission! See Facebook for details.
- Snow Daze Carve In – April 28-30, 2023. New Location Local Order of Moose Lodge, 1300 3rd St. N., Waite Park, MN 56387. Sponsored by [Central Minnesota Woodcarvers Association](#) of St. Cloud, MN. Contact Wayne Nicoloff at 612-750-8716 if you have any questions. Jan Jenson will be an instructor at this event.
- June 11-17, 2023, Maquoketa Iowa, 57th annual International Woodcarvers Congress sponsored by Affiliated Wood Carvers LTD. Jan Jenson and Charlene Lynum will be instructors at this event.
- June 23, 24 & 25, 2023. Wahpeton, North Dakota, Wahpeton Carving Weekend at North Dakota State College of Science. [Wahpeton ND Registration form 2023](#)
- June 3-9th, 2023 – Crete, Nebraska, 47th Doane Experience. <http://www.thedoaneexperience.com/> rs.
- July 22, 2023 – Let’s Paint the Town! Menomonie 10:00 – 5:00.
- August 11-13, 2023 - US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship, Eau Claire Carson Park
- September 16, 2023, WWWCG Carve-In 10:00-4:00. Brickhouse Pub & Banquet Room Eau Claire.
- October 29, 2023, 9:00 to 4:00 – Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin and Badger Westerners 32nd Annual Show and Sale. DeForest Area High School, 815 Jefferson Street DeForest. Free admission. If interested in a table, contact Cindy Potthast at 608-712-2989. [Capital Area Carvers site](#)
- February 24, 2024 – Chippewa Valley Museum Folk Arts Festival, Eau Claire.

Go Around

Charlene – Jan Nyberg’s husband passed away on Monday. Our condolences to her and their family.

John – If you would like a nametag, let me know. Nametags are \$2 each.

Nancy – Looking to give Steve Johnson some information on an upcoming show with the theme of butterflies.

Wayne – Discovered a 1994 Guild newsletter. The title the was Wood Carvers = 2 words. Also contact Wayne as he has someone who has a large Maple stump who is willing to give it to anyone who wants it.

Jan – Willing to teach a class in July – project would be a small hummingbird.

Motion to adjourn, 1st by Wayne, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:15p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary