

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

05/10/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President) - absent, Carol Figi (Secretary), {John Allen (Treasurer), plus nine members. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 04/12/2023 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 Jan – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$5193.45 in the checkbook. Current membership = 59 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Dennis, 2nd by Jackie – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- 2023 Dues are due. \$20.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for a family. Please see John Allen.
- Community Service to carve comfort hearts for outpatient cancer/hospice patients. Char showed small wooden hearts and offered members to grab a handful to carve up. Hearts will be placed in a small plastic bag with a nice, printed message of comfort from the WWWCG. Rich is turning a nice bowl to place the hearts in. Approx 50 hearts carved to date. Will offer to area outpatient cancer/hospice patient centers. Inpatient centers are not able to offer for clinical reasons.
- Community Service to carve ornaments for the veterans at the Veterans Home, CF. Approx 25 carved to date. Keep carving! We have more to give! Dell is collecting these from our group and needs by Labor Day.
- 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! John, Rich, Jan, and Charlene will attend, how about you?
- Thank you to members who donated knives for our beginner kits. We are stocked again with kits and ready to provide, thanks!
- Boutique table at the Chainsaw event in August 11-13th. We would appreciate people to donate carved/turned items as this is a fundraiser for our Guild. Please consider your donation.

New Business

- Carve-In on the Chippewa, September 16th 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Let Charlene know if you want a table, we have room for 2 more. Looking for members who would demonstrate a carving skill. Dennis and Ken Ramler have volunteered, need others to come forth to demonstrate a simple demo, let Charlene know.
- Should we sell the sharpening unit located at the Eau Claire Senior Center? Please come forward with your wishes on this with an officer or at a meeting.
- Would members want to have an ornament exchange at the December meeting? Members interested could bring an ornament and participate in an exchange if you want to. Please come forward with your wishes on this with an officer or at a meeting.
- We need a PA system for the Carve-in. Jan will check with her son to see if we could borrow his.
- Rudy Nigel will be coming to our Wednesday May 23rd meeting with basswood, butternut, cherry and walnut for sale. See Price List below at end of meeting minutes.

Classes

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

- 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 – See John Allen for registration

- Ken Ramler, cut out relief carving. [Ken Ramler facebook picture](#). Two-day class, September 14th & 15th, 2023. Registration form coming out soon via e-mail.
 - 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 went out to those members who expressed interest 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. See John for registration information.

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

John – I will send out the Ken Ramler registration information. I have nametags for some members who have requested and need to pick up. If you want a nametag, let me know. Nametags are \$2 each.

Jan and Jackie – The Snowdaze Event was very nice, I recommend attending it if you can next year!

Mary Johnson donated a box of cut outs along with Dick Kemp offering some carving magazines at the meeting.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary

WOOD for SALE at Wednesday May 23rd meeting. Please come to shop!

More options, but this gives you a rough estimate of what will be available for purchase.

	Basswood	Butternut
2"x4"x12"	\$1.75	\$2.50
2"x8"x12"	\$3.50	\$4.75
3"x4"x12"	\$2.75	\$3.50
3"x8"x12"	\$5.50	\$7.00
4"x4"x12"	\$4.00	\$6.00
4"x8"x12"	\$9.50	\$12.00
5"x5"x12"	\$8.00	\$9.50
5"x7"x12"	\$11.00	\$13.25
6"x6"x12"	\$12.00	
6"x8"x12"	\$16.00	