

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

06/14/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 05/10/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Del, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$6243.45 in the checkbook. Current membership = 62 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Del, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- Community Service to carve comfort hearts for outpatient cancer/hospice patients. Small wooden hearts offered members to grab and carve. Completed hearts are to be placed in a small plastic bag with a nice, printed message of comfort from the WWWCG. Rich turned a nice bowl to place the hearts in. Thank you, Rich!! Approx 30 hearts carved to date and offered to Dunlap Cancer Center, soon to other area outpatient cancer/hospice patient centers.
- 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? Jan will check with her son to get a tent. John will bring a cement block to secure the tent. Rich will bring a rope to use to secure the tent to the block. BYO chair. Questions remain re: table availability and tent placement in the park.
- US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event in August 11-13th; Friday & Saturday 9:00 – 5:00 and Sunday 9:00-1:00. We will have a Boutique Table this year and appreciate people to donate carved/turned items as this is a fundraiser for our Guild. Bring your priced carvings and give to Char. Let Char know if you would like a table at the event. Will need a cash box if anyone has one to lend. Please sign up to help, thank you!
 - Members at the meeting discussed whether we should offer apple carving this year. After discussion of low turnout (kids) last 2 years we decided to not offer it this year.
- 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. Will need PA System, Jan will check with her son to see if he can help.

New Business

Sell the sharpening unit located at the Eau Claire Senior Center? Motion: Sell the sharpening unit. Motion to accept 1st by Del, 2nd by Wayne – accepted and approved. See picture at end of minutes.

- **Contact Char by July 12th with your bid.**

- 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.
- Old Abes Supper Club get together will be **Wednesday October 11th at 5 PM. Please let Dell know – RSVP at 715-723-3946.** If you want Prime Rib, let him know that as well in your RSVP message. Thank you to Dell for organizing this every year, it is so fun and important to get-together!
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop is giving us catalogs and samples for Carve-In. This company also offers a Shop Club Program. Should we join? It is of benefit to the club and members. Examples include Chipping Away (their supplier) will offer club program members 10 % discount on most non-powered merchandise if you indicate you are a member of WWWCG, Bi-Monthly newsletter via e-mail. Discounts do not apply to certain items such as Festool, Saw Stop, Wood Items, Clearance or Sale and our Guild receives samples of products twice a year.

Of note, this is a Canadian company, so you should select U.S. prices when shopping to receive the excellent U.S. prices. The company does request a WWWCG membership list to provide the discount and names are not sold, distributed, or sent outside the program.

Motion made for the club to move forward in becoming a Klingspor's Woodworking Shop Club Program member. WWWCG members will have the option to have your name removed from the member list provided to the Klingspor's Company by contacting Char by July 12th to have name removed from that list. Motion to accept 1st by Wayne, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved. **Please contact Char by July 12th if you want your name removed from the list given to the Klingspor's Woodworking Shop for the Club program.**

Classes

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

- 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. Classes may have openings at this point, so contact John Allen for registration opportunity.
 - 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.

Events

- 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.
- April 20, 2024 – Westby Karve-In ~ 10-4pm. Location to be announced.
- May 5, 2024 – Mid Wisconsin Chippers – Artistry in Wood, 9:00-4:00 pm. Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street in Oshkosh. For information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.

Go Around

Dennis – Should we consider providing a mailing list to WWWCG members? Will place this on July 12th agenda for discussion.

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

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:25p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary

