

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

07/12/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 06/14/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Joanne, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$6307.25 in the checkbook. Current membership = 63 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Wayne, 2nd by Joanne – 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? John will bring some cement blocks to secure the tent. Rich will bring a rope to use to secure the tent to the block. Char will bring our club banner and her canopy. BYO chair.
- 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. John has a cash box, thanks John!. 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 17 spoken for at this time. Looking for one more member who would demonstrate a carving skill to join Dennis, Carl, and Ken Ramler. Contact Char at 715-497-6296 if you would like a table or to volunteer to demonstrate. Motion made to rent the PA System from the Brick House (venue) for \$50. Motion to accept, 1st by Wayne, second by Bruce – accepted and approved.
- The winning bid (the only bid) for the sharpening unit located at the Eau Claire Senior Center went to Bruce. Thanks Bruce!
- 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!

- Members indicated interest to have an ornament exchange at the December meeting. Members interested could bring an ornament and participate in an exchange if you want to. Carol volunteered to collect the ornaments for Wednesday night meeting and will have a plan for the exchange. Need volunteer for the Chippewa meeting to collect ornaments and plan for the exchange.

New Business

- Thank you to Carl McKeeth for teaching us how to carve a spiral ornament! We all enjoyed this challenge and appreciate you showing us how to approach this type of carving!
- 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 August 9th if you want your name removed from the list given to the Klingspor's Woodworking Shop for the Club program.**

- Carve in on the Chippewa. We will be having a used tool/book/magazine table again. Contact Del at 715-723-3946 if you have items you want to sell. Plan is to have two color price tags. Whit tags indicate money made will go to the guild, yellow tags indicate 90% will go to the seller and 10% to the guild.
- If you did not receive your minutes, check the trash in your email account.
- Because of the Old Abe Get Together on October 11th, the business meeting/carving scheduled for that evening will be cancelled. The business meeting for October will be moved to Wednesday, October 24 on Eau Claire.
- Decision was made to table the discussion for a mailing list to be distributed to WWWCG members. More work needs to be done first by the officers to make member lists accurate. This will be part of the new 2024 member sign up process.

Classes

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

- 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. To date, there are 3 openings in the Fri-Sun classes, 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

- 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

Jan – On July 31st -August 2nd at Vesterheim, Kaare Loftheim will be teaching Fundamental Hand Woodworking. I found this to be very interesting, so check it out if you would like!

John – Mary Johnson has wood for sale including cottonwood bark and white cedar. Group shared idea that she may want to offer these items at the Carve In in September too.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:32p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary