

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

08/09/2023

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 07/12/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Wayne, 2nd by Rich – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$6647.25 in the checkbook. Current membership = 64 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Dell, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- 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 November 8th.
- Let's Paint the Town! Festival in Menomonie, July 22. John, Rich, Jan, Joe, Dennis, and Charlene attended to our booth. Thank you! They reported it was a good event!
- US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event in August 11-13th; Friday & Saturday 9:00 – 5:00 and Sunday 9:00-1:00. Event starts at 10:00, we will set up at 9:00. 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. Please sign up to help, thank you! Despite what may have been advertised in the media, the guild will not be offering apple carving 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. Contact Char at 715-497-6296 if you would like a table or to volunteer to demonstrate. PA System from the Brick House reserved for the event.
- 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!
- **October Business meeting will be moved to Wednesday October 24, 6:30pm in Eau Claire** so there is no conflict for members to attend the Old Abes 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.
- Klingspor's Woodworking Shop Club Program. No members objected to sharing the current paid membership list with the company to enroll in the program. John will submit the list to the company. Paid members will enjoy benefits such as 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.

- Carve in on the Chippewa – more information. 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. White tags indicate money made will go to the guild, yellow tags indicate 90% will go to the seller and 10% to the guild.
- Membership list – distribution to members. More work needs to be done first by the officers to make member lists accurate. Our plan is to distribute a list to members after January 2024.
- **Thank you to Jan** for teaching the hummingbird class! There were several finished and unfinished birds in the room tonight!

New Business

- **No carving in Chippewa Falls on August 17th** due to an event at the Senior Center there.
- Carve-In.
 - Sign-up sheets / call for volunteers to help and bring cookies/bars circulated at the meeting. Please let any officer know if you can help.
 - Flexcut will be donating a Spoon Carvin' Jack(knife), Beginner's Palm Set and a 3-Knife Starter Set for door prizes! Very nice!
 - Ashten Brown from Badger State Blades will be at Carve-In and demonstrate. Wonderful!
- Guild volunteers are needed for our September & October. Carl volunteered for September (creating a chain) and Wayne volunteered for October (project to be determined)
- Discussion to start inviting instructors outside of the Guild to come teach. At the meeting, Rich suggested John Overby (Flat Plane carving), Char suggested Greg Wirtz (Intaglio relief), Unknown name tonight "the guy who did Fan Birds" Fan Birds, Carl McKeeth offered himself to teach Ball & Chain carving. Keep the ideas coming! Thoughts were maybe a Spring and Fall offering.

Classes

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

- September – Carl McKeeth – creating a chain
- October – Wayne Dubberke - TBD

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 sent to members via e-mail from John Allen. 7 signed up so far and would like to see more attend!
 - 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
 - Classes will be filled on first come basis with enrollment form and payment required.

Events

- 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 – Will be absent from carving related to her surgery and helping her son with his health needs through end of October.

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. Connect with Mary if you are interested.

Rich – Spoke with Eau Claire Chamber President about trends in community engagement. He offered the fact that the older generation focus in on membership in Service type clubs (Lions, Rotary, WWWCG) and younger generations are more likely to engage in project-oriented events, those that have a beginning and end rather than an ongoing nature. It is important to go to the people to engage them in your club efforts.

Wayne – Offered an e-mail from Earl Holzman, a local that makes instruments. He offers anyone who would like his scrap butternut, figured maple, cherry for small project carving. Also is selling his CNC Shark HD 23x24 work area – CNC + shop vac for \$2000. Contact him at 715-271-5238 if interested in scrap or described equipment.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary