

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

02/14/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 12/13/2023 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Bruce, 2nd by Wayne – accepted and approved. No meeting in January due to inclement weather.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4334.18 in the checkbook. Current membership = 42 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Bruce, 2nd by Wayne – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- **Time to pay your dues for 2024! Individual is \$20, Family \$25. See John or the website to sign up for 2024.**
- Names have been submitted to Klingspor's Woodworking Shop Club Program. 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 WWWWCG, 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.
- Membership list – distribution to members. Officers will work to make a member list to distribute members as soon as possible in 1st Quarter 2024.
- Keep in mind the Menomonie Library Display in September 2024.
 - Carvings will be picked up August 29th and returned October 3
 - Thanks to Dennis Ciesielski, Joe Forner and Dick Purves for arranging this opportunity!
- Guild patches, iron-on patches for the club are available for a fee. Patches are included in new member kits. 100 patches have been ordered Currently there is a delay in receiving these. Char is in contact with the vendor.
- Opportunity to display at the 14th Annual Folk Arts Festival – Chippewa Valley Museum. Saturday, February 24, 2024, 12 noon to 5pm. Group agreed participation is valuable. Volunteers, Charlene, Rich, Joe, and Dick volunteered, thank you! Contact Charlene if able to help – 715-497-6296.
- Westby Karve-In, April 20, 2024. A club table has been reserved at this event. Contact Charlene if able to help – 715-497-6296. Rich, Charlene, and John will be at the event (thank you), and your attendance is encouraged to come have fun and support this event!

New Business

- L.E. Phillips Senior Center Library area display is available in April. Members are encouraged to display their items at this event.
 - Drop off your items Tuesday, April 1st between 9a.m. to 11a.m. If unable to drop off at this time, get your carvings to a member who can drop off for you.

- Pick up your items Tuesday, April 30th, between 9a.m. to 11 a.m. If unable to pick up, we will bring your item to the May meeting for you to pick up.

Whether you are new to carving or an expert, our public needs to see it all to appreciate the joy and types of carving.

- Let's Paint the Town – Menomonie, July 20th. The question was asked of the group if we want to participate again this year, the answer was yes! No fee for our display space. Please consider participating in our booth this year.
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – 2024 is set for Sept. 28, 10am to 4pm.
 - Flyers are available for this event to hand out, pick one up at a WWWCG meeting.
 - The Brick House was good location. Char has the Sept 28 date booked and will reserve the 4th weekend in September for future years.
 - Committee Volunteers for next year needed!
 - Advertising – Jan volunteered, need more
 - Food – Joanne volunteered, need more
 - Door Prizes – Carl volunteered, need more. Carl requested a list of businesses used in the past to solicit door prizes. Members who have done this work in the past will develop a list for him.
 - Tool Table – Del volunteered, need more
 - We encourage sales of items. Individuals who sell will need a tax ID number.
- More discussion to start inviting instructors outside of the Guild to come teach. Suggestions to date include:
 - John Overby (Flat Plane carving)
 - Greg Wirtz (Intaglio Relief)
 - Unknown instructor (Fan Birds)
 - Carl McKeeth (Ball & Chain carving)
 - John Engler (Deep Relief) – may need to be a 3–5-day class
 - Karen Henderson (green wood spoon carving)
- **Dennis will be offering an internal class in April on Kol rosing. This technique is used as a stand-alone technique or can be used to embellish your carving. A special knife is required for this technique, called a Kol rosing knife. Dennis is willing to order this knife from Pinewood Forge for you. The cost is \$30 plus \$5 for shipping. To place and order, Dennis needs to know who wants to order a knife by Feb 29th so you have it in time for the April class. E-mail Dennis at dermjoh@aol.com by Thursday, Feb 29th. Thankyou Dennis!**
- The Guild will carve ornaments for the Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls again this year, so start carving!
- Our collaboration with Klingspor (wood/tool vendor) gives us eligibility for a \$20 gift certificate or sanding rolls. The group decided to accept the \$20 gift certificate and have it for a door prize at our Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale. Char will contact the company about our decision.
- Octoberfest – Chippewa Falls, September 20-21. We received a request to participate in this event. After discussion, the group felt this commitment was too close to our Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale which is September 29th and would be too much burden in a tight period. Consensus was to decline for this year. We will let them know we are honored to hear of “requests to bring the woodcarvers back” and hope for another invite next year for consideration.
- Our Treasurer, John, brought forward the idea to revise the New Membership form to include a checkbox feature for the member to allow sharing of their name/address/phone/e-mail for internal use and/or

external use to WWWCG sanctioned vendors. The group thought that was a good idea. He will add these to options to select to the form. Thanks John!

Classes

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

- February – Del (Bark carving- fun house)
- March – Wayne (Snowman toothpick holder/ornament)
- April – Dennis (Kol rosing)
- May – Char (Comfort turtle)
- Thank your fellow guild members for sharing their time and teaching!

External Classes – None planned at this time.

Events

- February 24, 12N to 5pm – Chippewa Valley Museum Folk Arts Festival, Eau Claire.
- The Art of Wood-Carving and Turning – March 2-3, 10am -4pm, National Czech and Slovak Museum, 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact Information: Don Lund 319-683-2864
- Westby Karve-In, April 20, 10am-4pm. Westby Elementary – 122 Nelson Street, Westby, WI. Featured carver: Sinta Dix. Contact Information: Steve Michaels 608-769-8498.
- Snow Daze Carve-In, April 26-28, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 1300 3rd Street North, Waite Park, MN. Register for classes. Contact Information: Wayne Nicoloff 612-750-8716.
- Mid Wisconsin Chippers – Artistry in Wood, May 5, 9:00-4:00 pm. Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street in Oshkosh. For information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.
- 56th International Woodcarvers Congress, June 10-15, Maquoketa Iowa. Multiple Instructors offering classes including our own Jan Jenson, and Charlene Lynum. www.woodcarverscongress.org
- Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin – September 14, 9am-4pm. Free admission, Rock County Fairgrounds; Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI. Contact Information: Brad Crandall 608-931-0188.
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – September 28, 10am – 4pm. Free admission, open to all. Brickhouse Pub and Banquet Room, 2233 Birch Street, Eau Claire, WI. Contact Information: Charlene Lynum 715-497-6296.

Go Around

Virginia – I brought some wooden spools today for carving. Feel free to take some. Thanks Virginia!

Bruce – When is the US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event this year? It is August 2-4th.

Wayne – If you have some basswood, we need some for our beginner kits.

Dimensions needed include: 1" x 3" square; 1.5" x 1 "square; and ¾", 3/8" or ½" by 3" square (for carving direction aide).

Char – I will be stepping down after this year for President.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary