

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

03/15/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer is absent, no report tonight.

Old Business

- **Time to pay your dues for 2024! Individual is \$20, Family \$25. See John or the website to sign up for 2024.**
- Membership list – distribution to members happened in February via e-mail list.
- 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.
- 14th Annual Folk Arts Festival – Chippewa Valley Museum happened on February 24, 2024. Charlene, Rich, Joe, and Dick volunteered, thank you! There was a bit of interest at our table, and they were on WEAU-TV for 5 seconds!
- 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!
- 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 group has decided to participate again this year. Please consider volunteering 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)
- The Guild will carve ornaments for the Veteran’s Home in Chippewa Falls again this year, so start carving!

New Business

- Kolrosing class update by Dennis. Knives have arrived, if you ordered, see Dennis to receive your knife. This class will be meeting two times in April, the 2nd and 4th Wed/Thurs. Dennis will send out more information via e-mail, prior to class.
- Question posed to the group: During the US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event, August 2-4th, is there interest in having a boutique table? Think about it, let us know your interest!
- Recently, at the Eau Claire LE Phillips Senior Center, the display case was moved to a low traffic location. This raised a discussion as to continue participating in the display plans for April. Members agreed to continue with our commitment to display in April as planned.

Classes

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

- March – Wayne (Snowman toothpick holder/ornament)
- April – Dennis (Kolrosing) – **This class will be held at both the 2nd and 4th Wed & Thurs meetings.**
- May – Char (Comfort turtle)
- Thank your fellow guild members for sharing their time and teaching!

External Classes – None planned at this time.

Events

- 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

Wayne – If you have any extra knives, we need some for our beginner kits.

Knives needed are rough out knives or detail knives with blade lengths from 1 1/4 inches to 1 3/4 inches. You can bring them to any of the meeting and give to me or any of the other officers if I am not at a meeting, I can collect them later.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary