

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

04/10/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary), plus nine members. The meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 3/12/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Jan, 2nd by Bruce – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4502.19 in the checkbook. Current membership = 48 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Wayne, 2nd by Judy – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- 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 who indicated the patches will be shipped this month.
- 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.
 - 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 volunteer in our booth this year. Set up and details to be determined.
- 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 to help. This will be the priority area of focus this time of year to get cued up for the event.
 - 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.
- The Guild will carve ornaments for the Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls again this year, so start carving!

New Business

- 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! Dustin Dubuque from the Chippewa Valley Museum will be working with us this year to plan the event. He will be in touch with us.
- Steve Johnson, a member of our Guild and the Senior Center, is usually found carving at the Senior Center for an hour or two. Many walk up and watch, inquire about carving. He has brochures there with him for taking along if they are interested. If you would like to carve with Steve or set up yourself, connect with him to join in! His phone number is 715-514-9709.
- 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)

Tonight, a straw poll was taken between intaglio or carving a rooster. Intaglio won! Char will contact Greg Wirtz to see if he is willing to teach. Ideally, we would have him come the Thursday and Friday before our Guild Show & Sale.

Classes

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

- April – Dennis (Kol rosing) – **This class will be held at both the 2nd and 4th Wed & Thurs meetings.**
- May – Open
- Thank your fellow guild members for sharing their time and teaching!
- If members willing to teach, please come forward!

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.

John – If you see anyone who was a previous member, or previously attended a meeting, please encourage them to come back. Many people have signed up and I have name tags for them to pick up as well.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, Secretary