

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

06/12/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 5/8/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Del, 2nd by Der-Fu – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4615.68 in the checkbook and \$600.00 to deposit. Current membership = 57 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Del, 2nd by Judy – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- Keep in mind the Menomonie Library Display in September 2024.
 - Carvings will be picked up August 22 and returned October 3. Pick-up and return will be at Chippewa Falls Senior Center
 - Thanks to Dennis Ciesielski, Joe Forner and Dick Purves for arranging this opportunity!
- Guild patches update: Char has been in touch with Craig at Point Embroidery, in Stevens Point. Char has provided the information needed for Craig to work up a price. In December 23 we approved \$40 set-up and 100 patches at \$3.75.
- 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. To date, John and Rich have volunteered.
- The US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event, August 2-4th, discussion and agreement not to have a boutique table. It was also discussed and agreed upon not to have apple carving. 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. Wayne and John will take a table for 1 day and determine which day they will each use it.
- 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.
 - Seven tables spoken for at the carving show! Tables are free, let Char know if you want a table. Wayne and Judy will take a table as well as John.
 - Planning meals for 75 people. Need donations of bars/deserts
 - Door prizes-So far have two, 1-year subscriptions from Woodcarving Illustrated, one \$20 gift card from Klingspor. Donated items include 8 boxes of rags from a the Sellars company for door prizes.
 - Tool Table – Del, Dick and Gib have volunteered. As in previous years, any item brought in will be labeled as follows: White ticket=100% goes to the Guild, Yellow ticket=10% goes to the guild. Items at the end of the sale will be tallied accordingly.

- The Guild will carve ornaments for the Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls again this year, so start carving! Bring finished ornaments to a meeting to give to Del. Currently has 47 and needs approximately 30 more.

New Business

- Newsletter – Rich Thelan has volunteered to write a quarterly newsletter for the guild. Thank you Rich. The newsletter can be found on our website at www.cg.org. Please send Rich any carving news you have and or picture of carvings you are working on or completed. You could also send him a helpful carving tip you may have come across or used that you would like to share with everyone.
- Inviting instructors outside of the Guild to come teach. Suggestions from the group leaned toward Intaglio Relief so Char contacted Greg Wirtz (Intaglio Relief) to teach, he agreed!
 - Greg Wirtz will teach an Intaglio Relief class on September 19 & 20 from 9:00am to 5:00pm
 - More information to come, watch your e-mail from John. Only received forms with payment, received on a first served, first come basis will be enrolled in the class. Act soon!
 - Motion made to have the Guild pay for the cost of the location of the class to keep the cost down for participants. Motion to accept 1st by Larry, 2nd by Mary – accepted and approved.
- Char will **not** be running for President next term. We need a volunteer/nomination to fill that position. Talk to Char about any questions you may have about serving as President. She has offered to continue to champion the Carving Show and Comfort Hearts projects. The Secretary position is also up for election at the end of this year.
- Comfort Heart Update: Last donated in September 2023. Char delivered 30 more hearts June 8. We have donated a total of 90 hearts so far. They are going to the cancer center at Mayo in Eau Claire.

Classes

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

- If members willing to teach, please come forward!
- Del possibly in August-golf ball carving. Wayne in October- knife sharpening

External Classes

- Greg Wirtz, Intaglio Relief Carving class – September 19 & 20, 9am-5pm. Contact John Allen for registration. Six members have signed up and paid so far. This is the minimum. Class will be held at the Paint Shack, 2524 Golf Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Events

- 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.
- Mid-Wisconsin Chippers-Artistry in Wood, Sunday May 4, 2025, 9:00am-4pm. Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main Street, Oshkosh Wisconsin. For more information contact Paul Wolters (902) 727-2139.
- Stevens Point is thinking of bringing back their show next year. It will be the 3rd weekend in September.

Go Around

Nothing reported.

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

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by Wayne Dubberke, Vice President