

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

07/10/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 6/12/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Jan, 2nd by JoAnn – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Current membership = 58 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Judy, 2nd by JoAnn – 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 as well as at a WWWCG meeting at Chippewa Falls (those members can then bring to the EC meetings for return).
 - 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. Craig is creating the artwork, then will send a copy for our approval.
- Let's Paint the Town – Menomonie, July 20th. The group will participate again this year and are hoping for good weather. John, Rich, and Char.
- The US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event, August 2-4th, Dustin Dubuque from the Chippewa Valley Museum will be working with us this year to plan the event. Want a table at the event? Contact Char if you are interested, there is no charge. Jan, Char, have a table so far. John, Jan, Judy & Wayne will take a table for 1 day. Jan has a sign-up sheet for the event to coordinate.
- 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. Publicity opportunities include Community Calendar at WEAU and WQOW, Char will follow up and place info to these 2 stations. Woodcarving Illustrated, Volume One, Chip Chats, Visit EC and WWWCG Facebook pages have the info in these publications.
 - WEAU Judy Clark has a segment featuring events in the Chippewa Valley. Jan has volunteered to contact Judy for the opportunity to feature our event.
 - Other ideas included using our flyer, creating a 8.5 x 11 poster on nice photo paper, to post in area restaurants.
 - Sara will share flyers at the upcoming Chalk Fest event in EC.
 - 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.
 - Planning meals for 75 people. Need donations of bars/deserts. JoAnn indicated the club will need to purchase 10 pounds hamburger for BBQ along with some other ingredients.

- 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. Del has stickers for you to place on your items.
- 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.
- Officer positions for President and Secretary are open. Char shared she will not be accepting a President position for upcoming election cycle.

New Business

- Chippewa Valley Carving Show and Sale. We are looking for demonstrators. Char will ask Karl and Dennis if they are interested.
- Carving competitions, members you should enter! We have good carvers in our guild! You are encouraged to submit your work in a competition, such as woodcarving events, or county fairs.

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. Five (5) slots are available. 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 Convengion 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

All – We are thinking of you, Joe Fornier, as you are challenged by health issues.
 Ed – new to our guild and is still unpacking from his move here, so not carving yet.
 Jan – I am starting a class in August, every Wednesday from

1PM to 5PM. Cost is \$40 members, \$50 non-members plus cost of your project. Location at Jan's home – 1908 Mitchell Ave, Eau Claire. Contact her if interested or to enroll, 715-559-4163.

Wayne – Curtis Brooks messaged me to share he had a lot of fun at the last carving event. Unfortunately, he also shared he has recently received a diagnosis of cancer. Nancy Bove is looking for someone to help her with a project she has to repair a homemade wooden car she has. If you are interested in helping contact Wayne Dubberke at 715-271-2869.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, WWWCG Secretary