

# West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

08/14/2024

## LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

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

## Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 7/10/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> by Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn – accepted and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Currently \$5,248.18 in the checkbook. Current membership = 60 members. Motion to accept, 1<sup>st</sup> by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn – accepted and approved.

## Old Business

- Keep in mind the Menomonie Library Display in September 2024.
  - Carvings will be picked up August 28 at the Eau Claire meeting and August 29 at the Chippewa Falls meeting, then returned at the Chippewa Falls meeting October 3 and Eau Claire meeting October 9th. Dennis will coordinate.
  - 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, and sent 4 mock-up copies for our approval. The patches will cost \$4 each. The mock art was reviewed with feedback from members attending.
- WWWCG was represented at the Let's Paint the Town event in Menomonie on July 20<sup>th</sup>. John, Rich, and Char said many attended the booth and the event grows larger every year!
- WWWCG was represented at The US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship event, August 2-4<sup>th</sup>. Jan, Char, Carl, John, Steve, Judy & Wayne had tables to show their artworks, with many people engaged and interested.
- 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 includes Community Calendar at WEAU and WQOW, 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 feature our event on the Judy Clark show at 12 Noon on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - 8.5 x 11 posters were placed in area restaurants, Altoona Family Restaurant, Chippewa Family Restaurant, Sammy's Pizza, Eau Claire Library, The Brick House and Randy's.
    - Sara shared flyers at the Chalk Fest event in EC.
  - The Brick House was good location. Char has the Sept 28 date booked and will reserve the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Del will need he ornaments by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Officer positions for President and Secretary are open. Char shared she will not be accepting a President position for upcoming election cycle.
- 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.

### **New Business**

- Chippewa Valley Carving Show and Sale.
  - Demonstrators include Carl (chains/knots), Dennis (Kolrosing), Dale (Cottonwood Bark) and Larry (cross carving).
  - Sign-up sheet for Lunch/Registration Table and Cookies/Bars passed around at the meeting. Char will send out to membership as well.
- Char will not be attending the October Business meeting.

### **Classes**

Internal Classes – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Thursday of the month meeting.

- Del - August-golf ball carving. Need to bring
  - Ball Point Pen
  - Sharp knife
  - Carving glove
  - V-gouge
- Wayne - 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. Cost: \$100 for members, \$120 for non-members.

### **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.

- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers 2024 Artistry in Wood Show, Competition and Sale, Sunday, November 3, 2024, 9:00 to 4:00, Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI. For more Information contact Harold Mohr at 715-281-4923.
- Karve-In, 206 West Avenue S, Westby W, April 26, 2025, 10:00 to 4:00. Judy Gates will be the featured carver.
- 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.
- International Woodcarvers Congress, Maquoketa, Iowa. June 7-14, 2025.
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025. Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

### **Go Around**

Ed – He shared he keeps a teabag in his carving kit for when there is a cut. Hold it on the cut to absorb the blood/stop bleeding.

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

Next membership meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 6:51 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Brower, standing in for Carol Figi, WWWCG Secretary. Thank you so much Sarah!