

West Wisconsin Wood Carving Guild Meeting

09/11/2024

LE Phillips Senior Center Eau Claire

Board Members Attending: Charlene Lynum (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary) absent, plus 9 members. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 8/14/2024 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept 1st by Jan, 2nd by JoAnn – accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Currently \$4,928.18 in the checkbook. Current membership = 61 members. Motion to accept, 1st by Judy, 2nd by JoAnn – accepted and approved.

Old Business

- Menomonie Library Display in September 2024 looks great!
 - Carvings will be 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: Craig at Point Embroidery, in Stevens Point has created the artwork, and it has met our approval. The patches will cost ~ \$4 each. Patches have been ordered, no definite date for arrival.
- 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 and Char will feature our event on the Judy Clark show at 12 Noon on September 25th.
 - 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.
 - 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, with one more available. Let Char know if you want a table.
 - Planning meals for 75 people. People signed up for donations of bars/deserts, all set.
 - Door prizes-coming in. Include, 1-year subscriptions from Woodcarving Illustrated, one \$20 gift card from Klingspor, various blanks. Etc. 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 67 and needs approximately 10 more. Del will need the ornaments by November 1st.
- Officer positions for President and Secretary are open. Char shared she will not be accepting a President position for upcoming election cycle.
- We will hold an ornament exchange again this December at our 12/11 and 12/12 meetings. Please bring an ornament for exchange if you wish to participate.

New Business

- Chippewa Valley Carving Show and Sale.
 - Demonstrators include
 - 11:00 Carl (spiral cross)
 - 1:00 Dennis (Kolrosing)
 - 2:00 Dale (Cottonwood Bark)
 - 3:00 Wayne (sharpening).
- The October Business meeting will be held at the second meeting (10/23/2024) in Eau Claire.
- Do we want to continue the Chippewa Valley Carving Show next year? Members present agreed we should continue. Char noted the Brick House has made some improvements in the venue area. Motion made to pay \$200 to Brick House for 2025 reservation. Motion to accept 1st by Larry, 2nd by Virginia – accepted and approved.
- A senior resident of the Milestone Senior Living, Emilita, has a request for someone to come carve with her. She currently does not have tools, yet will get some. She plans to attend our carving show. She has carved figures in the past. Her contact info is Emilita at 715-456-7583.

Classes

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

- 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. Jan will have the key to the building.

Events

- Metro Chapter MWCA's Annual Woodcarving Show. Saturday September 14th. Northtown Mall, 398 Northtown Drive, Blaine MN.
- 12th Annual Driftless Folk School Spoon Gathering (carving event) – September 13-15. LaFarge Village Park, 729 Park Drive, LaFarge WI. \$15 individual/\$25 family. Beginners welcome!
- 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.
- 21st Annual Metro Carving Weekend. October 5-6, 2024 at Coon Rapids VFW Post #9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW.
- Knotty Caver’s of the North Annual Woodcarving Show. October 26, 2024 in Proctor MN at St. Lukes Sport and Event Center, 704 Kirkus Street, Proctor MN.
- 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.
- Central Minnesota Woodcarvers 25th Annual Snow Daze Carve-In. St. Cloud MN. April 25-27th, 2025. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, 1300 3rd Street Drive, Waite Park, MN.
- 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 6-14, 2025. Jackson County Fairgrounds 1212 E Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA. More at Woodcarverscongress.org
- Wahpeton Carving Weekend, June 28-30, 2025. Wahpeton, ND. North Dakota State College of Science Technical Center. For info <https://wahpetoncarving.wordpress.com/>
- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21st Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025. Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Go Around

Del – Want to get together at the Old Abes Supper Club again this year? Del contacted manager to arrange for us to come and meet for food and good company on **Thursday, November 7 at 4:30PM. PLEASE BE AT OLD ABES AT 4:30PM, ready to order. RSVP to Del at 715-723-3946 – let him know if you want to order Prime Rib to eat that night, or you are welcome to order off the menu.**

Jan – Classes going well at my home, we are having a nice time.

Virginia - The 12th Annual Driftless Spoon Gathering, in LaFarge WI, will be held this weekend, Sept 13-15. At LaFarge Village Park 729 Park Drive. Beginners are welcome, live music. \$15/individual and \$25/family. I went last year and it was a fun event! More at driftlessfolkschool.org

Dave – Ski jumping event this weekend – Mt Washington complex.

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

Change Next membership meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by Carol Figi, WWWCG Secretary.