

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
08/13/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary). 11 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 09, 2025 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept made by Wayne, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Membership

Currently the Guild has \$4,410.26 in the checkbook. 60 members for 2025. Motion to accept made by Sue, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Paint The Town in Menomonie, July 19th, 10am to 4pm – John, Rich, Carol, and Virginia had a good showing of the club. It was an eventful and all OK day!
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – September 27, 2025.
 - 8 tables reserved, JoAnn with Kitchen 11-1ish. Plans of BBQs and Turkey and bars/cookies/chips for ~75 meals are being made.
 - Dell is organizing the Used Tool/Carving Supply Table. Any items you have to put on or donate to the table, let Dell know at 715-723-3946. Dell said he will need 4 tables.
 - Demonstrators schedule for the event include:
 - 11:00 Carl McKeeth – Spiral crosses or similar project
 - 1:00 Kit Brower – Sharpening
 - 2:00 Dave Tomten – TBD
 - 3:00 Jan Jenson – Finishing, how to make your chip carving pop!
 - All tables are spoken for! Thank you Char for your encouragement of people to have a table at our event!
 - A broadcast of the show has been placed in magazines, bulletins, key locations, TV WEAU -13 at Noon with Judy Clark on Sept 25. – Jan and Char will speak/answer questions about our event, plus various publications.
 - Donations from vendors are coming in.
- WWWCG is funding a table at Steven's Point event – It is a 2-day event on Sat. September 20, 9am to 5pm, and Sun. Sept 21, 9am to 4pm, at the Holiday Inn.
 - Carol & John and Rich have volunteered.
 - Rich created a new WWWCG brochure to bring to this event.
 - Char will have a table at the event.
 - Club can enter 6 entries into the show.
- Social Media Update:
 - Chippewa Carving Show Campaign to begin in parts. August will focus on advertisement and a “get your gifts” theme for our carving show, as well as learning to carve, focus on community,

tools, and books to discover carving. September will include a countdown to the show, top 5 things at the show, bring a friend to the show.

- Community Awareness Campaign to feature daily aspects of being in the club.
- We have committed to carving hearts and ornaments for our community.
 - Bring carved and finished hearts to any meeting and officers will get those to Char for distribution. Need 30 hearts every 3 months.
 - Bring carved and finished ornaments for Vets to any meeting – need 55 more by November 11th. Officers will get those to Dell for distribution.
- Thank you letter from Karen Jacobson of the Chippewa Valley Museum for our club participation in their annual Folk Arts event. Included were 5 Annual memberships! Inquire with Rich if any are left, yet several were given out at the meeting.

New Business

- Virginia brought the new table covers for the club to the meeting. These are of good quality, dark in color to show off the carvings! We will try these new garments out at the Steven's Point Show. Thank you to Virginia and Sarah for their work in research and purchase of these table covers!
- Club interested in pursuing Karen Hendersen again to come to our area to teach a treenware class (carving spoons, spatulas, knives for spreads out of beautiful green woods) again on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. At the meeting, 7 people raised their hand in interest. Motion made to pursue planning for Karen to come to the Eau Claire area May 2nd, 2026. Motion to accept made by Rich, 2nd by Virginia. Motion passed. Carol will reach out to Karen to find out her availability.
- Anyone want to carve a Krampus? Club received an email request to commission a carver. No one was interested at the Wednesday Member meeting. Rich will inquire at the Thursday meeting, yet let him know if you are interested.
- Next year, our 2026 WWWCG Show & Sale will need a new chairperson and group to plan and organize. We cannot use the Brickhouse Club on the date planned for next year, as our standing date was not on their books correctly and was given to another party. The new committee chair and group will need to plan for new dates/venue. Char has left detailed notes for the new committee to follow, so most of that work is done. Please consider and step up to help lead this event.

Classes

- Internal Classes – Wayne volunteered to teach on the 4th Wed/Thurs in October. See below in Go-Around section. Thanks Wayne!

Events

- Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 21 Annual Show, September 20-21, 2025, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point
- Chippewa Valley Wood Carvers Show and Sale - September 27, 2025. 10am to 4pm. Brickhouse Pub and Banquet Room, 2233 Birch Street, Eau Claire, WI. Free admission.
- 22nd Annual Minnesota Wood Carvers Association Carving Weekend – October 4-5, 2025, Coon Rapids MN. VFW Post #9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. N.W. 8am to 5pm Saturday, 8am to 3pm Sunday. Lunch included both days. Cost is \$125 per person. Instructor, Materials, supplies are extra and paid to instructor at class time. Contact Tom Sheldon at 763-213-4178 or tbshel@comcast.net
- Knotty Carvers of the North – 12th Annual Show. October 25th, Saturday, 10:00am to 3:00pm. St Luke's Sports & Event Center, Proctor, MN. Contact Barb Hokanson at 218-206-3419 for details.

- Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners Annual Show, October 26th, 2025 – 9am to 4pm. DeForest Area High School, 825 Jefferson Street, DeForest WI. Free admission. Judged Competition, contact April Bird at abird153@gmail.com
- Waupaca Area Woodcarvers – Artistry in Wood, November 2nd, 9am to 4pm. Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca WI. Judged Competition, contact Harold Mohr 715-281-4923.

Go Around

- Del – Old Abes Supper Club gathering is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at 4PM. If you have not signed up yet with Del, call him at 715-723-3946. If you want Prime Rib, you need to let Dell know in your conversation/message.
- Wayne – I will lead a mini class for the 4th week meetings in October, a review of a Marvin Kaisersatt book and his techniques.
- Mike – looking for a pattern for a roughout he brought tonight. Members explained he will need to be creative and follow the outline, then carve in the details from there.
- Jan – planning an October Reunion of her chip carving classes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 6:30PM

Motion to Adjourn at 7:27 pm by Jan, 2nd by Allyson.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary