

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
10/08/2025

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Wayne Dubberke (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary). 11 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the September 10, 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 \$4,406.43 in the checkbook. 62 members for 2025. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2nd by Wayne. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Chippewa Valley Wood Carving Show and Sale – September 27, 2025.
 - Overall, another success! Reviews by participants were overall positive. Attendance was down a little. Net profit \$186.40. Our objective of promoting woodcarving to the public was achieved.
 - 19 were tables reserved
 - JoAnn and crew served ~70 meals.
 - Dell and crew organized the Used Tool/Carving Supply Table and sold out.
 - Demonstrators scheduled had good participation, Thank you!
 - 11:00 Carl McKeeth – Spiral crosses
 - 1:00 Kit Brower – Sharpening
 - 2:00 Dave Tomten – How to make your wood project look like leather
 - 3:00 Jan Jenson – Finishing, how to make your chip carving pop!
 - Thank you Char for your encouragement and leadership of our event!
 - Donations from vendors were terrific!
 - Thank you to all our volunteers!
- WWWCG funded a table at Steven's Point event – a 2-day event on Sat. September 20 & 21.
 - Carol, John, and Rich along with Jean, Kit, and Sarah were ambassadors of our table.
 - We submitted 28 items which resulted in 22 ribbons!
 - Woodcarvers at the show noticed our club presence at the show
 - We received a nice letter of thanks for participating in the show.
- Social Media Update:
 - Feature: Four Cuts you Need to Learn to Carve.
 - 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 many more by November 11th. Officers will get those to Dell for distribution.

New Business

- Holiday Meeting Schedule: No meetings on 4th Wednesday or Thursday of November and December.
- Officer Nominations: Open positions include Vice President and Treasurer. Virginia self-nominated for the Vice President position. Thank you, Virginia! Nominations needed for Treasurer. Speak with John if you have questions about what you need to do to be our treasurer!
- Club has enlisted Karen Hendersen to come to Eau Claire! She will teach a treenware class (carving spoons, spatulas, knives for spreads out of beautiful green woods) on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. Class will be one day (Saturday) from approximately 8:30/9 am to 4/4:30 pm at the Paint Shack. More details to come closer to the class. There will be a limit of 12 people. Cost will be approx. \$50. All the final details and cost will be confirmed closer to the date. Please mark your calendars, let us fill the class!
- Next year, our 2026 WWWCG Show & Sale has a new chairperson, Virginia. Char was able to secure Saturday October 3, 2026, at the Brickhouse. Mark your calendars! Ideas for next year show is to consider an opportunity for attendees to carve something simple to engage them as to whether they are interested in picking up carving as a hobby.
- Next year, discussion for us to participate in the Stevens Point Show by the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers on September 19 & 20, 2026 brought about the following motion: Motion made for WWWCG to submit application for two tables at the 2026 Steven's Point Show. Motion to accept made by Carol, 2nd by Virginia. Motion passed.
- We have noticed a trend. People come to a meeting, sign up to be a member, and do not return. How do we keep new members coming? We need to do a better job of following up with the person if they do not come back to find out why, give encouragement, and learn how come this is a trend.

Classes

- Internal Classes –
 - Dennis – Spirals, October 22 & 23
 - Wayne – Marvin Kaisesatt Caricature techniques book review, January 28 & 29, 2026
- External Classes –
 - Karen Henderson, Treenware (spoons, items carved from green/fresh wood), Saturday May 2, 2026
 - Discussion of a relief class, more to come.

Events

- 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

- Dennis – Point of Interest. A local glass blowing shop was promoting this art, offering these handmade items, many starting at ~ \$80. Many people attended and walked out with items. So, people are willing to pay for handmade items.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 6:30PM

Motion to Adjourn at 7:24 pm by Bruce, 2nd by Char.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary