

West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Minutes
8/12/2026

Board Members Attending: Rich Thelen (President), Virginia Meyer (Vice President), John Allen (Treasurer), Carol Figi (Secretary). 12 members attending. Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the July 8, 2026 meeting were sent out to members. Motion to accept made by JoAnn, 2nd by Bruce. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Guild has \$3039.31. Motion to accept made by Bruce, 2nd by JoAnn. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Treasurer position is currently open. Will need candidate for Secretary for 2027/28.
- Stenman class August 20-23rd (4-day class only) update; 9 paid slots, 3 vacant slots. Cost is \$175 plus your materials as you select. Please consider coming to Chippewa Falls Senior Center to help unload the class materials trailer on the evening of August 19th (Wednesday) around 4 PM. Thank you!
- Fall Show, Saturday October 3rd. Virginia reports she has sent out a second request to Vendors and Exhibitors. Items for monetary support, such as shop towels, [Klingspore's](#) certificates, General Finishers, and Carving Illustrated, local Kwik Trip and coffee shops were suggested.
 - Committee assignments and volunteers were discussed. Virginia passed around sign-up lists to people at the meeting and an email requesting people to volunteer was sent with the July minutes. Thank you everyone!
 - Contact Virginia at wwwcg.show@gmail.com with your request to volunteer, have a table at the event, and questions.
 - Tell all your friends to come! Details on our website:
<https://wwwcg.org/events/>
- Update for Meetings Locations for 2027. Rich and Sarah are exploring YMCA, Chippewa Valley Museum, The Paint Shack, and Town of Washington town Hall. In September they will give another update.
- Virginia will double check on items needed to create new carver kits for the club.
- Ornaments for Veterans. Del is accepting ornaments to give to the veterans through early November. Please bring your completed ornaments to a Wednesday or Thursday meeting.

New Business

- Old Abe's Annual Winter Bash. Del and Rich invite you to come on Thursday, October 15th at 4pm to Old Abe's Supper Club. Please RSVP to Rich or Del, plus let them know if you would like Prime Rib by Oct 8th. Contact info: Del 715-723-3956, or Rich 715-456-8253.
- Future Class registration non-refundable deposit policy discussed. This is to protect instructors and the Guild from cancellations. Type of class, no refund dates communicated during registration

process, a 50% non-refundable stated during registration process were all considered during the discussion. 2027 classes will have clearer instructions regarding the type of class and refund policy as part of the registration process. Thank you for the suggestions.

- Need guild members to sit at our two tables at the Stevens Point Show. To date, John and Dottie, Carol, Jean and Mary W will sit on Saturday, with John and Dottie, Sarah and Virginia sitting at the tables on Sunday. More volunteers are needed! The Guild has a total of 12 entries eligible for judging.
- Our Guild is signed up to have a table at the Geek Con Event at UWEC on Saturday December 5th, set up is at 9am. This event features a variety of hobbies/interests. Our table is a recruiting opportunity for a younger audience! Sarah will need volunteers for our table at the event. She will have a sign up at the September meeting.

Classes

- Internal Classes – Volunteers always needed.
 - Dennis will lead carved evergreen trees. Various sizes for carving and then next class painting. First class will be laying out of the carving and carving on September 9 and 10th, with the painting class September 23 and 24th.
 - Jan will lead a Clothespin Crocodile project the October 28 and 29th.
- External Classes – New this year: External classes will be marketed to the public. If you want to attend, it will be on a first registration form completion/money paid/sent in to be in the class. No more “save me a spot” as we have historically done. Money and registration are the only way to get into a class.
 - Stenmann relief class, August 20-23 (4-day class only). There will be a limit of 12 people. 3 openings, 9 people have paid. Wood for project is extra cost. Registration details on our website.

Events

- September 11-13, 2026 Fourteenth Annual Driftless Spoon Gathering 2026. La Farge Village Park 729-735 Park Drive La Farge, WI, 54639 More details at [Driftless Art School Spoon Carving Event](#)
- September 12-13, 2026 Minnesota Wood Carvers Association Annual Woodcarving Show. Blaine MN. Northtown Mall, 398 Northtown Drive, Blaine MN.
- September 19-20, 2026- Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Caricature Carvers of America 2026 Caricature Carving Competition. In conjunction with Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Inc. Holiday Inn Steven’s Point- Convention Center. 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482.
- New Location, same events. October 2-4, 2026- Coon Rapids, Minnesota. 23rd Annual MWCA Carving Weekend. Coon Rapids VFW Post #9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW. Sponsored by the Minnesota Wood Carvers Association. Contact Tom Sheldon at 763-213-4178 or tbshel@comcast.net.
- The Capitol Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Wood Turners will be holding their 35th Annual Show & Sale on Sunday October 25, 2026 at the DeForest Area High School, 815 Jefferson Street, DeForest, WI. Show hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Any questions call, April Bird, CACW President, 608-320-9217.
- The Waupaca Area Woodcarvers Club will be holding “Artistry in Wood” Show, Sale, & Competition on Sunday November 1, 2026 at the Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School Street, Waupaca, WI. Show hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission for Adults is \$5.00, Children (Age 1 -16) free. For more information contact Harold Mohr 715-281-4923.

- The Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworker's Guild will be having their 43rd "Artistry in wood" show at the Denmark high School, 450 Wall Street, Denmark, WI 54208 on November 14 & 15, 2026. Setup Friday November 13th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM & Saturday November 14th from 7:00 to 8:45 AM. Show Saturday November 14th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Sunday November 15th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Go Around

- Welcome member Dave Schoff tonight! He lives in the Ripon area, and is here to attend the Stenman class.

**Next Member Business Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 6:30PM
Phillips Senior Center.**

Location: Eau Claire LE

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by 1st by Judy, 2nd by Bruce.

Submitted to membership by Carol Figi – WWWCG Secretary