

NEWSLETTER

January 2022

Happy New Year

Year in Review

2021 was another great year for the organization. Financially we are in great shape. Thanks to a final payment from our LRAC grant of \$421, local business donations of \$1930 and membership dues. We started the year at \$1011.36. We had revenue of \$4036 and expenses of \$3389.06, leaving us with \$1658.30 at the end of the year.

We moved outside of our club with activities this year. We did a carving class for 4H students, we did carving demonstrations at the Douglas County Fair, we did cottonwood bark feathers at Forade days, we did a Community Ed carving class and we participated in the Youth Outdoor event which saw about 3300 people attend.

We came a 401c3 in 2019 and as part of that have switched our emphasis from internal to external. We are looking to be more educational in the community and working at attracting youth. This is necessary to apply for grants but also to help build our club. This has been successful with the notoriety we are getting in the community and the addition of new members, including youth.

For classes this year we have had Jim Brooks instruct us on carving lighthouses in the round out of cottonwood bark, we have had David Refsal instruct us in carving ale bowls, Marty Dolphens carving an angel, Don Fischer carving gnomes and Troy Helget carving a walleye.

For next year we will have Marty Dolphens, Troy Helget and Don Fischer back. We are also looking into some other new instructors. We are always open for any new projects that anyone would be interested in working on.

We will be applying for two grants in 2022. One is an operational grant which we will use to compensate Sonya for the use of her studio. It will be good for 2022 AND 2023. We are also looking for a grant, for the fall of 2022, for carving an Indian bust with Marty Dolphens. This will be a Heritage grant from LRAC.

With the grants and donations we have received, our organization has roughouts available for purchase, we have 10 complete set of palm carving tools and two different knives to use with the set. These will be available free of use for young and new carvers who do not have tools yet. They will remain the property of the club and remain in the carving studio for use. We stock a supply of carving gloves for new carvers also. We also have some t shirts, caps and sweat shirts available.

Our newsletter goes out to 85 people each month. I hope everyone enjoys seeing it and that it helps keep you informed on what is happening in the club.

Our organization needs membership participation for us to exist. We hope that our board of directors, which if Ursula Sanchez, Sonya Anderson, Jim Bridenstine and Roger Thalman are keeping things interesting for you.

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Accepting 2022 Membership Dues



Dues are Adult or family = \$30
Junior members = \$5



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Coming Events

Jan 9th All day Troy Helget Painting

Jan 19th 6:30pm - 9:00pm Community Ed Crappie

Jan 26th 6:30pm - 9:00pm Community Ed Crappie

Feb 18,19,20 All day Don Fischer Flower



Mar 4,5,6 All day Troy Helget Sunfish



Apr 1,2,3 All day Marty Dolphens Cowboy

May 21,22,23 All day Troy Helget Hognose
sucker



Sept All day Marty Dolphens Indian