

Parkers Prairie Woodcarving APRIL NEWSLETTER

2017

Another great carving class was held on Feb. 25 & 26th. Our instructor was Dick Skauge and he instructed us on how to carve a “stylized goose”. Pictures are at the bottom of this Newsletter. We had 6 member carvers plus a visitor (Chuck Rose) who became a member that day. Chuck had never carved before, but under Dick’s guiding hands, he stayed right with the class. We have had Dick before, great instructor and we always have a good time carving with him.

Upcoming Events

April 7—9 is the Red River Valley International Wood Arts Festival in Fargo, ND. Marty Dolphen is the Featured Carver. He discovered woodcarving 30 years ago and is still amazed every time he creates a piece of art from a block of wood. Marty specializes in realistic human carvings and Santa’s and enjoys carving in basswood, butternut and cottonwood bark. Marty presently serves on the Mid-America Woodcarvers board. This club hosts the Doane Experience held the last part of July at Doane University campus in Crete, NE. If you are interested in the Fargo event, visit the website at www.rrvwoodcarvers.wordpress.com for more information.

Still time to sign up for our Apr. 21-23 carving class with Marty Dolphen. Contact Sonya Anderson if you are interested.



Calendar

Mar. 18 & 19

Potluck at noon on the 18th followed by Club meeting
Instructor: Richard Spagenske
Project: Iris flower -cost \$80

Apr. 7-9

Red River Valley International Wood Arts Festival
Baymont Inn
3333 13th Ave So. Fargo, ND 58103

Apr. 21, 22 & 23

Potluck at noon on the 22nd followed by Club meeting
Instructor-Marty Dolphen
Project: Carving faces in cottonwood bark -\$90 plus bark

Aug 10, 11 & 12

Carvfest
Faribault, MN

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Website you might find interesting

www.carverscompanion.com

Tip of the Day

Try to buy wood that has not been sanded. Sanding leaves little particles of sanding material that is hard on those tools you have just sharpened.

Woodcarvers

Club dues are due at the first of the year. Adult or Family membership is \$15 and Junior membership is \$5

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FOX HUNT

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Jim Bridenstine and Jerry & Edith Siegel were the first people to notify that they found the fox in last months issue.



If you subscribe to Woodcarving Illustrated, then you are familiar with this. It's called "Fox Hunt". Somewhere in this photo is an outline of a fox running with the tail sticking straight out. See if you can find it and be the first to let me know.

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PARKERS PRAIRIE WOODCARVING CLUB

MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2017

The club meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, David Refsal approximately 1:00 PM. The meeting was held at Ollie's Service, 1213 Broadway, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308. Those present were, Steve Demuth, Roger Thalman, Sonya Anderson, Don Fischer, Ursula Sanchez, Phyllis Rieppel, Phil Scheevel, Jim Brooks, Dave Refsal and nonmembers attending, Les & Linda Tucker and Margaret Jones.

The Secretary & Treasurer report was read by Secretary/Treasurer Roger Thalman. The reports were read and approved with the Treasurer report showing a checking balance of \$1,236.92 and Cash On Hand of \$20. We transferred our Checking account from Parkers Prairie bank to Bremer bank in Alexandria with Sonya Anderson and Roger Thalman given check writing privileges. This is the bank that our Treasurer uses. We needed to order new Checks at a cost of \$23. We found that our Club Name was not registered with the state of Minnesota. Although we had a tax ID number, banks now require that your business name be registered. Roger Thalman did this on line at a cost of \$50. The name needs to be registered again each year at no additional cost. We took in \$65 in dues this month.

Club drawing was won by Phyllis and she decided to invest her money by buying a raffle ticket from Sonya. This idea of investing got several other people thinking so they also bought tickets.

Schedule of upcoming Carving Sessions:

Feb 25 & 26. Dick Skaug (Butternut Stylized Goose) \$80

Mar 18 & 19 Richard Spadgenske (Iris) \$80

Apr 21,22 & 23 Marty Dolphen (Bark carving but NO whimsical houses)

New Business. Sonya commented how happy she was that Roger Thalman took the Secretary/Treasurer job. She offered executive lifetime parking privileges for taking the job. What this means is that the Secretary/Treasurer has first choice for a parking spot, as long as he/she is the first one there. Also looking at an antler carving class in early May with Nancy Sager. Sonya mentioned that she still had several Barflys for sale yet. Roger started a monthly newsletter. It is still a work in progress but a "find the fox" will be included in each newsletter this year. Roger had an email from Don Kanten. Don said that last Spring he had another stroke and cancer surgery for throat cancer on his voice box. Roger emailed him back and said we would keep him in our prayers.

Show and Tell: Sonya brought in a Tiger face she had done with wood burning. Roger showed a drill bit he had glued into a wood dowel. You can use this to help put a hole in a carving you are working on. This idea was in Woodcarving Illustrated.

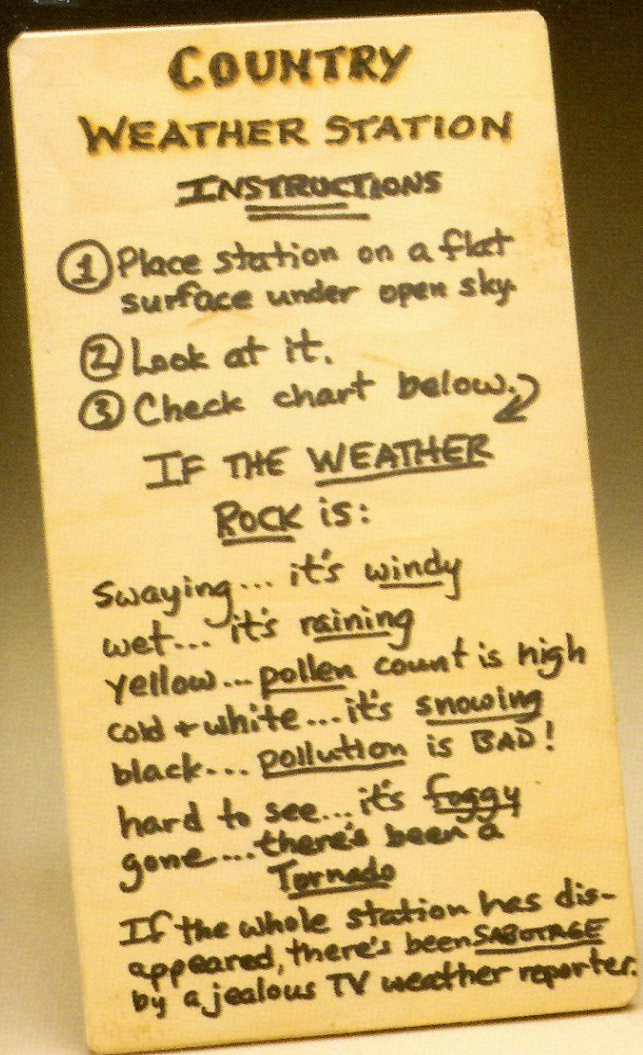
A Big thank you to Don Fischer for instructing us on carving a "Tiger", even though we had to put up with his jokes, when his wife wasn't around.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried at 1:20 PM.

Back to carving.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Thalman - Secretary/Treasurer



Country Weather Station

This is a great project for any camper who needs a weather forecast while out on a trip, and it works great in your home, too. Put it on your porch or an exterior windowsill and check it before you leave the house and you'll always know how to dress. Actually, if you make one of these weather stations, you'll be able to tell the weather much more accurately than the average television weather reporter!

Depending on where you live, you might want to add an entry to the weather chart for conditions specific to your area.

MATERIALS LIST

- Knife
- Two Y-shaped branches
- One straight branch
- A slice of wood
- A small board
- String
- A small rock
- Drill and bits
- Handsaw or pull saw
- Permanent marker

