

Parkers Prairie Woodcarving

MARCH NEWSLETTER

2017

A great time was had by all at our last carving class with Don Fischer carving a "Tiger". We had 10 carvers carving, laughing, telling jokes and just enjoying each others company.

Don Fischer: (Minnesota) Don Fischer grew up in rural Southwestern Minnesota, and now resides in Cottonwood, MN. He started woodcarving just over 20 years ago, carving mostly human figures and whimsicals. One of his specialties is carving caricatures of real people on a commission basis. Don has been instructing woodcarving to classes and individuals in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota during the past 12 years. Recently retired he now has more time for carving and instructing.

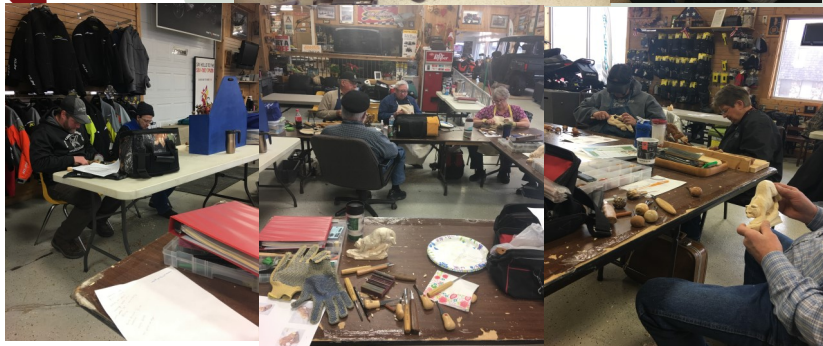
Phyllis Rieppel was the lucky winner of our \$5 club drawing at the club meeting on Saturday. She promptly reinvested her winnings on the chance of a bigger prize by purchasing a Fundraiser & Banquet ticket from Sonya for Vikingland Muskie drawing.

Margarett Joness joined us for lunch and our meeting on Saturday.

We had the husband and wife team of Les and Linda Tucker from Boyd, MN join us for carving.

Woodcarvers

**CLUB DUES ARE DUE AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
ADULT OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS \$15 AND
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP IS \$5.**



Calendar

Feb. 25 & 26

Potluck at noon on 25 followed by club meeting

Instructor: Dick Skauge

Project: The Stylized Goose—\$80

Mar 18 & 19

Potluck at noon on 18 followed by club meeting

Instructor: Richard Spagenske

Project: Iris Flower—\$80

Apr 21, 22 & 23

Potluck at noon on 22 followed by club meeting

Instructor: Marty Dolphen

Project: Carving face in Bark

CARVFEST 2017

**August 10,11 & 12 - Thur, Fri, Sat
Faribault, Minnesota**

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FOX HUNT

Dick Skauge, Joy Meissner & Jim Bridenstine were the first three that contacted me with the location of the Fox in last month's Newsletter.



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Low-Relief Animal Scenes

Use these designs to carve gunstocks—or anything else!

By Lora S. Irish

Carving the stock can add personal value and beauty to a gun. No matter your skill level, Lora S. Irish's new book, *135 Gunstock Carving Patterns*, will help you embellish your gunstock and make it a family heirloom that will be treasured for years.

Not a hunter? These patterns aren't limited to gunstocks—you can carve (or paint, or woodburn) them on anything!

Carving the Gunstock

To begin, assess the state of the gunstock. If it needs to be replaced, you can begin with a standard blank stock, a roughed-out stock, or a kit. Choose a hardwood such as walnut, cherry, maple, or myrtle for durability.

Carefully fit the pattern to the length, the width, and the curve of your gunstock. Use a photocopier to enlarge or reduce the pattern. Make tiny straight cuts or small

If you subscribe to Woodcarving Illustrated, then you will be familiar with this. It's called "Fox Hunt". NO CHEATING. Somewhere in this photo is an outline of a fox. It is running with the tail sticking straight out. See if you can find it and let me know. I will publish the names of the first three people who are successful in next newsletter.

PARKERS PRAIRIE WOODCARVING CLUB

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2016

The club meeting was called to order by President Jim Bridenstine at approximately 1:00 PM. The Meeting was held at Ollie's Service, 1213 Broadway, Alexandria, MN 56308. Those present were Steve Demuth, Beth Aaberg, Roger Thalman, Ursula Sanchez, Mark Wolf, Troy & Patty Helget, and Sonya Anderson.

The Secretary & Treasurer report was read by acting Secretary/Treasurer Sonya Anderson. The Secretary's Report was read and approved. The Treasurers Report showed a balance on hand of \$1244.92.

Schedule of upcoming Carving Sessions: Snow Daz Carving Weekend is scheduled for January 6, 7, & 8th. Several members were planning on attending. Our postponed carving weekend with Dick Skauge is to be rescheduled in either February or March. Then try to schedule another carving weekend in the month that does not get booked.

New Business. Sonya put out a plea for anyone to step forward and take the Secretary/Treasurers Position. She reported that her time is such that she cannot continue to do all these things for the club. It takes plenty of time in setting up classes, keeping track of attendees for classes and then preparing a location to hold the carving classes. After a little time and consideration, Roger Thalman said that he would consider taking the position. Ursula made a motion to accept Roger Thalman as Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Wolf seconded it, and all approved.

Sonya Anderson then suggested that banking in Parkers Prairie also made the position a difficult task and asked the club consider moving the banking to a bank in Alexandria, maybe even the bank that Roger uses to make that position easier for him. Roger Thalman suggested Bremer Bank. Beth Aberg made a motion to move the banking to Bremer Bank in Alexandria. Patty Helget seconded it. The motion carried. All were in favor.

Sonya Anderson said that she had the power to sign checks presently and also has the club business Tax ID # which is 74-3236609. That will probably be needed for that move.

Show and Tell: Mark Wolf had a beautiful antler carving that he had done. Roger had finished his Viking carving that he finished on his own after Marty Dolphens class. He named it "Helgar" which means guardian of the stone. Roger & Sonya had brought their Fireman that they completed in PJ Driscoll's class.

No new members have joined the club, but Jim Bridenstine, Troy & Patty Helget rejoined paying \$15 per family or individual. Ursula paid \$5 toward her membership of \$15, because she won the \$5 of those present.

Jim asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark Wolf made the motion, and Troy seconded it. Motion carried!

Let's Go Fishing and finish our sunfish carvings! Big thank you to Troy & Patty for teaching another great class.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary,

Sonya Anderson, PPWCC Activities Director



Tic-Tac-Toe

Many restaurants in which I've eaten have had various versions of peg games for guests (or, more likely, guests' hungry children) to occupy their time while their rib eye and baked potato (and the kids' super-burger and french fries) are being prepared. This particular little tic-tac-toe game project fits that kind of situation very well.

For my own game, I use the back side of the wood slice to make a small woodburned plaque. That way, the piece can serve a decorative purpose while it's not being played. I guess the only catch is to find a safe place for the little pegs, so they don't get lost or eaten by the family dog. I'm sure all of you inventive folks out there will come up with a solution that works.

MATERIALS LIST

- Slice from a seasoned branch about 2–4" (50–100mm) in diameter
- Several straight little twigs
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Handsaw or pull saw
- Sandpaper
- Drill and bits
- Pruning shears
- Woodburner
- Colored permanent markers