

# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Attendance: 11.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors were present.
- February 2023 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,467.36, and the ending balance was \$6,363.69. Rosie handed out a detailed report of deposits/expenses. She said an audit needs to be done this year. The last audit was performed prior to the pandemic.
- Additions/Corrections to February 2023 minutes: No additions/corrections were made.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks):
  - 12 months - 2,331 hits
  - 30 days - 183 hits
  - 7 days - 22 hits
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No cards were sent out.

## Old Business

- 2023 Show Update (Brad Crandall):
  - Steve Johnson and John Raisbeck will be getting quotes for and designing the show yard signs. See the prices below from Minuteman Press (Janesville). The 18" by 24" plastic corrugated signs are printed on both sides. The business will provide "date change stick ons" at a nominal cost. Following discussion, Steve Johnson made a motion to pay the \$20.00 set-up fee and purchase one sign to see what it looks like. Brad Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Rosie Kautz said 15 to 16 members responded to the survey about lawn signs she sent out. Vern Morris suggested that members who take a yard sign should also store the sign at their house between shows.

Set-up charge for sign printing file - \$20.00

10 - 49 signs: \$14.00 each plus 5.5% tax

50 and more: \$13.00 each plus 5.5% tax

### 2023 Officers

President:	Mike Hughbanks 815-289-8573
Vice President:	Mark Ludois 608-371-3838
Secretary:	Robin Rios 608-752-3328
Treasurer:	Rosemary Kautz 608-868-4522
Librarian:	Bud Cunningham 608-853-1777
Editor:	Rosemary Kautz

**Older Folks Aren't  
Lazy – Just More  
Energy Efficient**

**Normal meetings on the  
first Tuesday of the month  
at the First Lutheran Church,  
Across from Fairgrounds  
612 N Randall Ave.  
Janesville, WI  
Meeting or Carving  
begins at 6 p.m.**

- Randy Callison asked that we also get a quote from Jax Printing for the yard signs. He reminded the group that the club has done business with Jax for many years, and the business has generously donated items for the show goodie bags. Steve Johnson said he would contact Jax Printing and get a quote from them.
- Tom Kautz asked Mike Hughbanks if he plans to put the show poster on the RRVC website. Mike said he would do that as soon as he had a poster or jpeg with the poster on it. Rosie Kautz said she would get that to him.
- Randy Callison says he needs the donations for the goodie bags and the raffle well before the show to make it easier to organize all the items. Rosie Kautz said she would put his request in the next newsletter.
- Chilmania/Chili Peppers (Randy Callison): Randy explained his need for volunteers to cut out and rout around the bases for the peppers. Randy will provide the wood and the pattern. Steve Johnson volunteered to do that. Please give Randy the finished chilies.
- Hedberg Public Library Update (Rosie Kautz): Rosie spoke with Renee at the library. The first Saturday carving demonstrations will now be held from 9 am-12 pm. Bud Cunningham asked if the club had membership forms. He thought it would be good to have them available at the library sessions. Rosie said she would get the forms to Bud. This coming June, July, and August, the carving club will hold demonstrations the first and third Saturdays (9 am-12 pm) to promote the show. The only months left to use the display case on the second floor of the library are December 2023, March 2024, and April 2024. Discussion followed. Brad Crandall made a motion to sign up for April 2024. Bud Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Tom Kautz made a motion to request the display case for August 2025, the month before the RRVC show, because that would be a good way to advertise the show. Bud Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Rosie will contact Renee.
- Club Insurance (Rosie Kautz): The insurance policy for this year will cost \$400.00. Mark Ludois made a motion to pay the \$400.00. Brad Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- WCLO Radio Community Calendar (Robin Rios): Information about the carving opportunities at First Lutheran on the first/third Tuesdays are now posted on the website.

## New Business

- Whittlers Wood - Stoddard, WI. (Brad Crandall): Brad has been in contact with Ruddy Nigl. His father, the owner of Whittlers Wood, has passed away. The son is now trying to sell off a barn full of wood. He is willing to bring the wood to us. Rosie Kautz will put the price list in the next newsletter.
- Jim Hart Wood Sales (Tom Kautz): Jim will not be here March 10, 2023 due to the predicted snowstorm. The wood sale is now rescheduled for March 21, 2023 at 10:45 am.
- Tallman House (Tom Kautz): The club is signed up for the August 5-6, 2023 Tallman Art Festival. The registration for two easy-ups cost \$50.00.
- Beckman Mill - September 10, 2023 (Tom Kautz): The club is signed up for this event.
- **The April 4, 2023 monthly meeting will be held in the gym. The fellowship hall will be used for voting that day.**
- Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:12 pm. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

**Jim Hart will NOT be at First Lutheran Church  
On Tuesday March 21 to Sell Wood**

### Area Carving Opportunities!

**Janesville Senior Center:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. Please spray your area and wipe it down with the bleach water provided by the center before leaving.

**Fulton Church:** Tuesdays, 9-11 am in the church gymnasium, 9209 N Fulton St.

**First Lutheran Church:** The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.)

**Our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the gym due to voting day.**

### Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**March 25-26: Rochester, MN** Woodcarvers' 47<sup>th</sup> annual show at Olmsted County Fairgrounds, 1508 Aune Dr SE, 10-4 pm, Tom Severson 507-254-5445, [rochcarve@gmail.com](mailto:rochcarve@gmail.com)

**April 22: 'Karve in 7'** in Westby, Wis at Westby Elementary School, 122 Nelson St., Westby. 10-4 pm, free admission. John Sutton, 608-634-4396, [lbarnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:lbarnfarms@gmail.com)

**April 23: Kettle Karvers Show** at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, Sheboygan, Wis. Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, [bob.kettlekarvers@att.net](mailto:bob.kettlekarvers@att.net)

**May 7: Oshkosh, Wis** Mid-Wisconsin Chippers show, sale, and competition at Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N Main St, 9-4 pm, [rkrummick@att.net](mailto:rkrummick@att.net) or [www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com](http://www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com)

**June 10-17: Affiliated Wood Carvers Congress** in Maquoketa, IA. Competition, seminars, and show. [www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)

### Show Donations

Please give Randy Callison your donations for show Raffle and/or Goody Bay Items as soon as possible. The earlier the better!

### Club Members Recent Carvings



Randy Callisons' Mushrooms



Brad Crandalls' Cowboy Caricatures

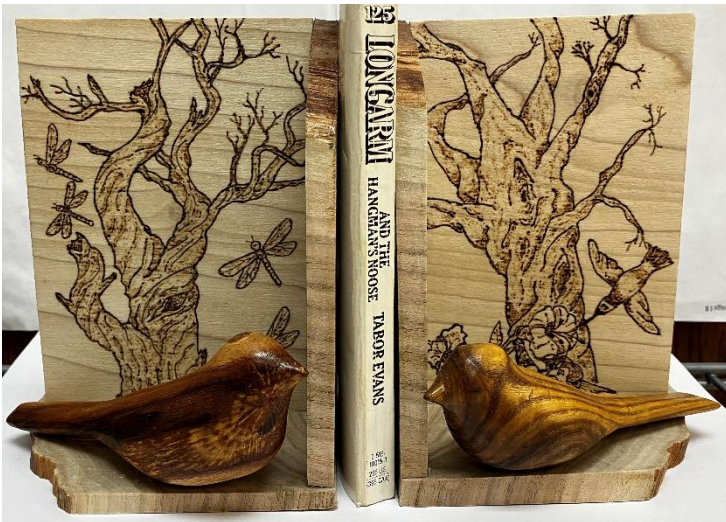


Randy Callisons' Spiral Ornaments



Ernie Tuckers' Moon Men

Ernie Tuckers' Moon Man with Craters



Denny Pyrce's Comfort Bird Bookends



Fred Wuthrich's Comfort Birds



Noel Zimmers' Spirit Log



Bud Cunninghams' Wood Burned Plate



Brad Crandalls' Swimmer

Ernie Tuckers' Elf or Hobbit Doors (on right and Immediately below)



John Raisbecks' Whimsical House

See the Eyes? The Doors Are watching you!



Denny Pryces' Wood Burned Butterfly, Flower, and Bird Discs



Randy Callisons' Golf Ball Cane Segment Complete with 37 or 39? Divots



Fred Wuthrichs' Face Ornaments

John Raisbecks' Santa Ornament



Randy Callisons' Large Carved Turtle

### Whittlers Wood

Located in Richland Center, WI. Contact Rudy Nigl if interested: 608-788-2750 in Stoddard, WI.  
Basswood: All 12" long, 2x4 \$1.75; 2x6 \$2.50; 2x8 \$3.50; 3x4 \$2.75; 3x6 \$4.25; 3x8 \$5.50; 4x4 \$4.00; 4x6 \$6.00; 4x8 \$9.50; 5x5 \$8.00; 5x7 \$11.00; 6x6 \$12.00; 6x8 \$16.00

Butternut: All 12" long, 2x4 \$2.50; 2x6 \$3.50; 2x8 \$4.75; 3x4 \$3.50; 3x6 \$5.25; 3x8 \$7.00; 4x4 \$6.00; 4x6 \$9.00; 4x8 \$12.00; 5x5 \$9.50; 5x7 \$13.25;

In addition, they may have 1/4", 1/2", 3/4", and 1" clear basswood.