

ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**There will be No Monday and Thursday morning carving sessions
No Tuesday evening carving sessions
No monthly meetings for now.**

Notes from The Carving Bench

Edgerton Chilimania Chili Peppers

Mark Ludois is finishing up and will be delivering our club's 17 chili pepper trophies to Edgerton Chili Mania. Anyone still needing to deliver their chili to Mark should **bring it to the Senior Activity Center parking lot at 10 am on Friday, July 31**. Special thanks to **Randy Callison** for working on and providing the donation of the wood for the bases. Be sure **to thank Mark** when you see him for his carrying on this effort for our club this year.

Jerry Heyerdahl's Donation

The club has been partially successful in selling the tools and related items donated by Jerry Heyerdahl. Only a few tools and much of the wood remain. Jerry was interested in seeing that these tools got into the hands of wood carvers. Your president has sent Jerry a letter of thanks from all club members. The club will be offering the remaining items for sale to wood carvers in other clubs. The funds raised will go into the club treasury to help defray the cost of the possible room air conditioning project for Ortmyer Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Photo Request

As many of you are carving from home, please remember to email Rosie Kautz your photos of completed works so they can be included in our next newsletter.

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**By Enjoying
Woodcarving,
We Spread Joy to
Others!**

We meet on the
first Thursday of the month
at the Janesville Senior Center,
Second Floor
69 S. Water St.
Janesville, WI
Meeting or Carving
begins at 7:15 p.m.
Board Meeting at 6 p.m.

A Carving Opportunity

There will be a Monday open carving opportunity for this coming Monday, July 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Walt Lindeman Sportsman's Park on Highway 51, across from the County Health Department. (Any dew should be gone by then and the grass will be dry.) Of course, this is weather dependent. Strict social distancing must be practiced. Wear your mask and keep 6 feet between fellow carvers. Bring hand sanitizer, your own chair and/or table, carving project, and tools. We are looking into having 120V electricity outlets available at the picnic shelter for pyrography to take place. The restrooms will be open. This would provide for safe social interaction and the exchange of carving ideas. It could be a very beneficial way of interacting during these exceptional times.

International Woodcarvers Congress

A thank you letter was received from the International Woodcarvers Congress organization to thank us for our \$100 donation made in April. Since Congress has been cancelled, they are applying our donation to the 2021 Congress.

A Brief Treasurer's Report (per Rosemary Kautz)

Funds from the items donated and sold so far have been deposited into the club's bank account, a total of \$226.25. One more club member is coming to look over and possibly make another purchase. All paid show table rentals have been returned. The unrecoverable costs incurred for our cancelled 2020 show include \$25 for our raffle license and \$73.06 for printed flyers and quarter sheets. Our deposit for the fairground rental has been returned and deposited. Total show cost to our club was \$98.06. In the past, the raffle license has always been recorded as a cost of our show. The raffle license rules have changed the past 2 years and a raffle license is now required to conduct 50/50 raffles. Since we normally have a 50/50 raffle at our regular meetings, we would have to obtain a raffle license each year even if we did not have a show. For consistency purposes, the raffle license has been recorded as a show expense.

Shows and Seminars

All known carving shows in Wisconsin & Threshereee have been cancelled for 2020.

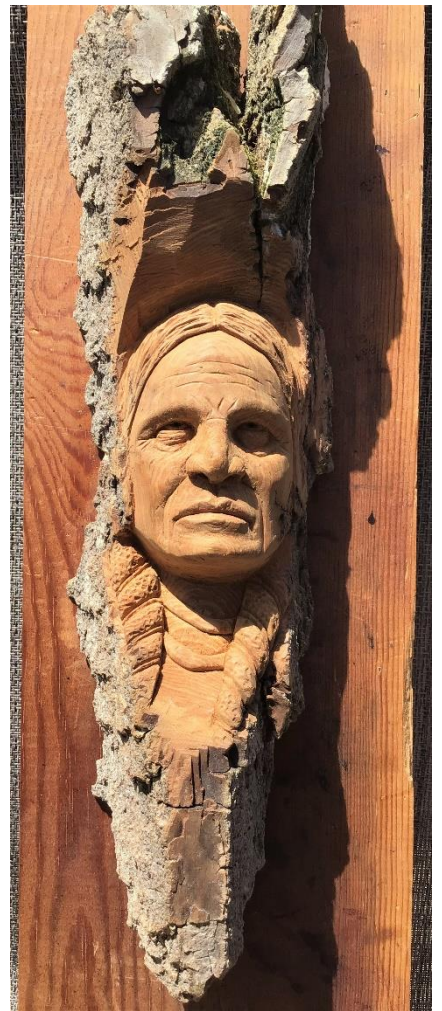
"I tried to come up with a wood carving pun that woodwork. I nailed it, but nobody saw it."

CARVING EYES

IMPORTANT! Eyes are not holes! They are mounds and the eye sockets are quite large. Take a look at a human skull to see what I mean. Lots of carvers do not get the area of the eye nearest the nose deep enough. Try carving eyes on a flat piece of board first until you get the technique down. The eye is same width as the nose. The center of the eye always lines up with the corner of the mouth. Carve a hundred eyes and then carve 100 more and you might be ready to carve an eye in your carving.

Club Members' Carvings

Bud Hilgendorf's Carvings
(left to right): Schnauzer,
Northern Saw-whet Owl,
and a ready-to-be painted
Cedar Waxwing



Chili Peppers carved by (left to right): Rosie Kautz, Bud Hilgendorf, and Ernie Tucker

John Raisbeck's
Plains Chief



Comfort Hearts by
Denny Pryce

Robin Rios
Woodburned Plaque

