



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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**All 17 of the Chili Peppers members carved for Chili Mania this year.**



On the left are the 9 gnomes carved by club members for our contest. The winner was Ernie Tucker who carved the gnome on the far right of the bottom photo. He won free dues for 2025 for his great efforts!



### 2024 Officers

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**Normal meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the First Lutheran Church, across from the fairgrounds. 612 N Randall Ave.**

## July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

- Tonight's Meeting was not an "Official Meeting," but instead, was the Annual RRVC Carvers Picnic, held at The Sportsman's Park in Janesville.

### Informational Updates:

- The Gnome Contest was held at tonight's Picnic with 9 completed Gnomes. All attendees at the Picnic voted on their choice for a winner. Ernie Tucker's Gnome was chosen as this year's Winner. Ernie's gnome was standing on a tree stump which had a deep, dark, black hole with two eyes looking out. We wish to congratulate Ernie on his Winning Carving. All the Gnome Carvings were great and so fun to see!!!!
- Board Members were called to gather at tonight's Picnic to discuss and vote on New Business. A motion was initiated and passed on the following New Business Items:
  - Tom has been in the process of updating the RRVC Club Patches (2018 was the last time Patches were updated) and last night Tom presented costs involved for these updated patches. It was voted to order 100 patches for a Total of \$350 including Shipping and these patches will be available for sale at the upcoming RRVC Carvers Show in September.
  - 5 Ribbons used for "Best of Show" will be purchased, with an approximate total cost of around \$75. (See updated information below.)
  - The donations collected from RRVC Club Members from Steve Fields' donated carving supplies will be used to purchase a gift card from Woodman's of Janesville and a Master Card/ gift card for his widow. \$220 was donated.
- Show and Share: Tonight's Carved Gnomes, Carved Chili Peppers and the Friendship Cane were all present as our RRVC Club's Show and Share. It was wonderful to see so many completed Carvings/ Art Works at one time, in one place!!!!
- Just a reminder to all Members that on Tuesday, July 16th – Jim Trumpy will be giving a demonstration on "Making Molds from Carvings". This will be held at our Open Carving Meeting location (First Lutheran Church in Janesville), starting at 6pm.
- Next Meeting August 6, 2024 – this meeting will be held at our usual 1st Tuesday of the month Administrative Meeting location (First Lutheran Church in Janesville), starting at 6pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Lori Ruplinger, Secretary.

Per the vendor, there was no savings by ordering multiple 'Best of Show' ribbons for upcoming years as the \$30 setup charge was for our first-place ribbons.

### Club Events in 2024:

**Kauffman's Market** – July 27, and August 17. Show promotion and carving display.

**Winery Art Walk** – Sunday, July 28 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, Noon – 4 pm, setup at 10 am.

**Tallman House Art Fair** – August 3 & 4 we will have 2 tables to display our works.

**Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday** – Sunday, September 8. Display and sales for our club members.

**Rock River Thresheree** – August 30 thru September 2

### Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**October 26: Janesville** Senior Activity Center Art & Craft Fair, 9-2 pm. 6-foot tables are \$30 plus \$10 for electricity. Contact Linda or Vicky at the center.

**November 3: Waupaca, Wis** Artistry in Wood Show, Recreation Center, 407 School St, 9-4 pm. Contact Harold Mohr, 715-281-4923 or Kathy Brehm, 920-740-1986.

**November 30: Milton** The Gathering Place Art Fair, 9-2 pm. Tables are \$20. Contact Annelle at 608-931-1299 or pick up an application at the contact desk.



### Area Carving Opportunities!

**Janesville Senior Center:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am.

**Gathering Place in Milton:** Monday afternoon 1-3 pm. 715 Campus St.

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

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

### Show Assistance Needed

**Greeters Table:** Please contact John Raisbeck to volunteer to help us man the greeters table some time during our show. We hope to also have club patches to sell at the table this year.

**Raffle Items:** Please consider donating a carved item or tool to our raffle. Randy Callison would like to have as many items as possible donated as soon as possible to avoid a lot of last-minute work.

**Raffle Table:** Please contact Gerry or Lori Ruplinger to volunteer to help man the raffle.

**Christmas Ornaments:** Bud Cunningham donated wood to be used for carving Christmas ornaments for our show. We need many ornaments as we sold almost all of them last year. Tom Kautz cut out many blanks and these were all taken home by the carvers present at carving on Monday, July 15.

### Club Members Recent Carvings



Jim Trumpys' 2 Bark Houses, above



Bob Mortensens' 2 Tall Bark Carvings, right



Lori Ruplingers' Detailed Walking Stick



David Thills' Carved Weiner Dogs





John Eidens' Sylvester and Bugs Bunny, Trump's Tantrum, and St. Patrick with his Pot of Gold



Randy Callisons' Mushrooms



Bud Cunninghams' Bluejay, and Cardinal and Chickadee Pyrography Plaques

Gerry Lesch' Pepper with Peg Ears and Fred Wuthrichs' Lipstick Pepper, on right



Tom Kautz' Second 50th Anniversary Spoon, on left

Lori Ruplingers' Santa, front and back, far left



Club Members Twirlys Above  
Top by Randy Callison  
Middle, left to right: Randy Callison, Mike Hughbanks, and Steve Johnson  
Bottom by Steve Johnson