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November 7, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vern Morris, Dave Thill, Bud Cunningham, Gerry Lesch, Tom Kautz, Mark Ludois, Rosie Kautz, Robin Rios, and Mike Hughbanks attended the meeting.
- October 2018 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,109.78, and the ending balance was \$5,815.89. The major expense for the month was \$323.89 for 100 club patches. Each patch cost \$3.00.
- Additions/Corrections to October 2019 Newsletter: No changes were needed.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): In the past 30 days, the RRVC site has received 234 page views and had 22 file downloads. Over the last seven days our site has had 68 page views and seven file downloads. Our website is ranked the 94th top performing woodworker site. All the show pictures are now up on the website.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Robin Rios): Four cards November 7 were sent out this past month. They include: a 50th wedding anniversary card to John and Kathy Raisbeck, a get-well card to Ernie Tucker, and thank you cards to Reggie James and Brad Crandall for running the 2019 show.

Old Business

- Tuesday Evening Carving Sessions: There were seven carvers at last Tuesday's session. The next sessions are scheduled for November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th. The sessions are held at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Ortmayer Hall.
- Open Carving at Christian Hummul Wednesday afternoons 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Tom Kautz will talk with Ernie Tucker to find out if Hummul is sponsoring these sessions or the club is in order to know how to properly advertise them. Randy Callison taught his Icicle class last Wednesday. He had eight students.

2019 Officers

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**Some Mistakes
Turn into
Great
Masterpieces!**

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.

- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): Two new names need to be picked tonight during the regular meeting.
- 2020 Show Update (Brad Crandall): Brad brought up the idea of charging exhibitors a \$5.00 late fee if they register after August 1st in order to get everyone to sign up earlier. Mark Ludois made the motion to charge a \$5.00 late fee to all exhibitors who sign up after August 1st. Gerry Lesch seconded the motion. The motion passed. Rosie Kautz asked if the show table registration form could also give the option of paying membership dues early. She thought this would encourage members to pay their dues sooner and also use only one check. She said some members pay their dues as late as May and June each year. Following discussion Rosie Kautz made the motion to include the option to pay club membership dues on the show registration form. Mike Hughbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brad mentioned that Denny Neubauer wants to know if the Rockford carving club can join in somehow to help with the upcoming show. Tom Kautz said that in the past the Rockford club has had a table at the show. Brad also wants to put the raffle tables in the back of the Craig Center this year so that visitors see the exhibitors first.

New Business

- 2020 RRVC Officers: Robin Rios said she would continue sending out cards and writing the Get to Know a Fellow Carver column in the newsletter. Mark Ludois who is the current Vice President volunteered to also take on the Secretary position. Tom Kautz said the club still needs a volunteer to be the Chili Pepper Chairperson. Mark Ludois said it would be nice if each carver could find out each year who won their chili. Robin Rios said maybe the winners are listed on the Chilimania website. She added that several years ago a Chilimania participant who had won several of the club's chilies brought his chili trophies to the show and had his picture taken with the respective carvers.
- Trinity Episcopal Church Donation (Rosie Kautz): The first six months of rent have been paid. The club owes \$120.00 for the last six months. Dave Thill said he has a brand-new air conditioner in his attic he is willing to donate to the church. Tom Kautz said it would have to meet the BTU requirements and window measurements.
- Upcoming Carving Classes: Mark Ludois will teach a shelf sitter class with the help of Tom Kautz. Tom Kautz will teach a boot class with the help of Mark Ludois. These classes will be held during the Tuesday evening sessions starting in March 2020. Class sizes will be limited to 10 people. Mike Hughbanks asked that the information be forwarded to him so he can put it on the website. Discussion continued on holding a carving retreat at a facility in Evansville, Wisconsin in the future. A chairperson is needed to organize this activity. An instructor is also needed to teach a class on the basics of painting carving projects.
- Above & Beyond Award Plaque (Vern Morris): Vern would like to talk with Janet McLean about hanging the plaque in the Janesville Senior Center by the carved quilt on the second floor. Mike Hughbanks made a motion that Vern should talk with Janet McLean on behalf of the club. Brad Crandall seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Christmas Party: The annual Christmas party will be held on December 5, 2019 on the second floor of the Janesville Senior Center. Rosie Kautz will check with Janet McLean to see if we can get in any earlier that night for the party. There will be a potluck and ornament exchange. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The club will supply the chicken.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

November 7, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- October 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): See Board meeting minutes for details. A copy of the report was passed around for members to look at.
- 2020 Show Update: Brad Crandall said he needs a volunteer to co-chair the show with him.
- Christian Hummul Open Carving Every Wednesday (2:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.): Tom Kautz asked Ernie Tucker if these sessions should be advertised as an event sponsored by the club or by Hummul. Ernie said to advertise them the same way we do the carving sessions on Monday and Thursday mornings.
- New Officers Needed for 2020 (Tom Kautz): Mark Ludois has volunteered to also take on the Secretarial position in addition to currently serving as Vice President. Robin Rios will continue to send out cards as needed and write the Get to Know a Carver column for the newsletter. Tom said that he will only serve as President for 2020 and then he is done. A chair is needed for the Chili Peppers.
- Upcoming Programs: A volunteer is needed to give a class on the basics of painting carving projects. See Board meeting minutes for more details.
- Get to Know a Carver: Bud Hilgendorf and Andy Navarro will be the next two carvers interviewed for the newsletter column.
- Christmas Party (Tom Kautz): The annual Christmas party will be held on December 5, 2019. There will be a potluck and an ornament exchange. Chicken will be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Please let Rosie Kautz know if you or any others will be attending so we can buy enough chicken. Rosie will check with Janet McLean to see if we can get in any earlier than our normal start time for the party.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Tom Kautz won \$10.00 and donated it back to the club.
- Tonight's Program: Denny Neubauer will be giving a presentation on Carving Miniatures.
- Business Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Christmas Party – December 5th Starting at 6:30 pm

Our annual Christmas Party will be December 5 at our normal meeting place. The club will again provide chicken for all attendees. Please bring your spouse, whatever you wish to drink (or you may buy soda from the machine upstairs), along with a dish to pass, and your plate, silverware, napkins. Carve an ornament and bring it to participate in our ornament exchange. Come and join in the holiday fun!

Please contact Tom & Rosie Kautz to let us know you are coming.

Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

November 19th, December 3rd and 17th are our next open carving sessions. The sessions are from 6 pm until 8 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Ortmyer Hall, 419 E Court St., Janesville. Enter through the door on the west side of the building. Come join the fun and work on completing your projects!

Area Carving Opportunities!

Janesville Senior Center: Mondays & Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:00. Meet and carve with fellow carvers. A wide variety of carvings is always going on. Helpful instruction is available.

Hummul: Wednesdays from 2 – 6 pm.

Edgerton Senior Center: Tuesday morning carving with Bob Phelps, 9 am until whenever.

Interested in Taking a Carving Class?

If you are interested in taking a class in carving miniatures or building a carving knife, please contact Dennis Neubauer. You can contact him at 815-238-5296, dennis@yahoo.com or at 1846 Second Ave, Rockford, IL.

Membership Updates

Please remember to contact RRVC President, Tom Kautz, or Newsletter Editor, Rosie Kautz, if you are moving to a new address, changing phone numbers or email addresses. We don't want to lose track of our important members!

rosietom@centurytel.net or 608-868-4522

Do You Want or Need a Tablecloth for Shows and Presentations? We will be looking into getting 8-foot table covers. See the club president or vice president about placing an order. We will get the best price by placing an order for all at the same time. Also let us know if you are interested in a table runner with our club logo on it.

Get to Know a Fellow Carver



Dan Sable is a resident of Whitewater, Wisconsin. He has been carving since 1997. In response to the question about what type of carving he has done and which he enjoys the most, he writes: "I haven't selected any particular type of carving, so I've tried many. Lately with my move to Fairhaven Senior Services I've not had the time or room to do any. Also, with my eye problem, I have difficulty with 3-D. I do hope to get back to some carving this winter. I have been a member of RRVC since 1997."

When asked to tell a bit about himself Dan wrote: "I was born and raised in the country near Rockford, IL. I was married to my wife Jean for 42 years when she passed away 11 years ago. I have three children, Tom, Lisa, and Danette; seven grandchildren and four great granddaughters. I taught Biology at UW-Whitewater for 31 years, been retired for 23, and recommend retirement. We (Jean) operated Sable House for 28 years. It was a transitional home for people recovering from alcohol or other drug abuse. I do some traveling with my daughters. Danette looks after me and Lisa can spot an ATM machine three miles away. I've enjoyed my contacts with RRVC but regret I haven't and can't do more with and for you. Greetings to all.

Dan helped this year at the show with the People's Choice Table.

Article submitted by Robin Rios

Show & Share



David Thill's Wood Burned Grain Mill



Ed Hogue's Wood Burned Shoes



Rosemary Kautz'
Cottonwood Bark
Lighthouse



Ernie Tucker's
Penguin Ornaments



Bud Hilgendorf's Red-Headed
Woodpecker Eyeing
His Next Meal



Bud Hilgendorf's
Scarlet Tanager



Rosemary Kautz' Goat Plaque



David Thill's Second Wood Burned Grain Mill



Robin Rios' Manger Ornament

Mike Hughbanks'
Carved Golf Balls



Tom Kautz' Butternut
Brook Trout