



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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January 2, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Mike Hughbanks, Robin Rios, Rosie Kautz, Bud Cunningham, Gerry Lesch, Brad Crandall, Mark Ludois attended the meeting.
- November & December Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Beginning balance \$5,815.89 and ending balance was \$5,657.08 (which includes the \$25.00 in petty cash). Major expense for the month was church rent of \$120.00 for 6 months.
- Additions/Corrections to November Board Meeting Minutes: Gerry Lesch made a motion to accept minutes as is, Mark Ludois seconded the motion, the motion passed.
- Report Mike Hughbanks: Last 30 days, 202 page views, 20 file Website downloads. Last 7 days, 24 page views, 1 file download, and 88th as one of the top woodworking sites.
- Illness/ Sunshine Report: Robin Rios reported that a get-well card had been sent to Tim Banwell.

Old Business

- Evening Carving Sessions: Jan. 7 & 21
- Get to know your fellow carver: Bud Hilgendorf article is in progress.
- Show 2020 Suggestions:
 - Cash Prizes: (\$25.00 Novice, \$50.00 intermediate, \$75.00 open, \$25.00 for woodburning (*per exhibitors' vote only)). Gerry Lesch Made a motion to except, Brad Crandall seconded, motion carried.
 - Rockford Co-Show Update: Brad Crandall and Bud Cunningham visited the Rockford club. After board discussion, it was decided to table until further investigation. Gerry Lesch made motion to except, Mark Ludois seconded, motion carried.
 - 2020 Show still needs co-chairman to assist Brad Crandall.

2020 Officers

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**Classes let you
learn new things
and share things
you already
know!**

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.

New Business

- Chili Pepper chairperson? Still Need
- Trinity Episcopal Church Donation Air Conditioner Update: Dave Thill needs to talk and get official plans from person in charge on how the vent has to be installed in window.
- Carving Classes: Tom Kautz and Mark Ludois will do a beginning class of carving a boot (March 3rd and March 21st).
- Upcoming Program Suggestions: December Ornament exchange cut-outs for members was postponed until next month's meeting.
- Above and Beyond Award Plaque (Vern Morris): Committee is set up for 2020.
- Room Rental at Sr. Center was raised \$40.00 to \$440.00 per year. Motion was made by Mike Hughbanks to except increase, Mark Ludois 2nd, motion was carried.
- Adjournment 7:00 p.m. Respectively submitted by Mark Ludois

Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

January 21st, February 4th and 18th 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!

January 2, 2020 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Called to Order at 7:15 pm
- Introduce & Welcome Guests/New Members: No Guest or new members.
- November & December Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Beginning balance \$5,815.89 and ending balance was \$5,657.08 (which includes the \$25.00 in petty cash). Major expense for the month was church rent of \$120.00 for 6 months.
- Open Carving at Hummul: Every Wednesday, 2-6 pm, on Hwy. 81 between Beloit and Brodhead.
- February 6th Program: Ron Duffy on Painting Basics and Preparation
- Maple Sugar Fest Saturday, Feb. 22, at Welty Environment Center, 7:15 am setup, 8:00 am to noon open.
- 'Get to know a Fellow Carver': No new drawing this month.
- 50/50 Raffle: No Raffle this month
- Show and Share:
 - Robin Rios: Sheep Woodburning
 - Ernie Tucker: Cottonwood bark carvings of wizards
 - Ron Duffy: Buffalo
- Business Adjournment followed by open carving and fellowship.

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.

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

Get to Know a Fellow Carver



Arlan Hilgendorf joined the Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin two years ago. He started carving duck and goose decoys in 1978. He now enjoys working on fish, raptors, and song birds using a variety of carving techniques including carving in the round, power carving, whittling, and pyrography. He prefers to finish his creations with acrylic paints. He has learned a lot about painting techniques from his fellow club members.

Arlan, who also goes by Bud, has been married to Carol for 57 years. They live in Janesville, Wisconsin. Their son, Alan, is employed by Oak Creek School System as a teacher and coach. Their daughter, Lynn, works as an agent for CVS.

Arlan earned degrees from UW-LaCrosse and UW-Whitewater. He taught physical education,

chemistry, health, and drivers' education for 36 years with 30 of them at Orfordville Parkview. He coached football, basketball, track and field, wrestling, and cross country. Some of his athletes competed and succeeded at the conference and the state level. He was a master official in wrestling, football, cross country, and field and track. He has been recognized locally and on the state level for his coaching. He proudly notes that many of his former athletes have gone on in life to be successful teachers, coaches, and officials.

Article submitted by Robin Rios

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

March 21-22: Green Bay, WI: Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild 38th Artistry in Wood Show, 9:30–4pm, Green Bay Southwest High School, 1331 Packerland Dr, Green Bay, WI. Free admission. Pat Williams 920-883-6089, www.NEWWG.org

April 25: Sheboygan, WI: Kettle Karvers Annual Artistry in Wood Show, 10-4pm, Lakers Ice Center, 1202 S. Wildwood Ave, Sheboygan, WI. Admission \$2. Bob Lawrence 920-458-4947, kettlekarvers.org

February 6th Meeting and Presentation

New Meeting Start Time for Thursday, Feb. 6 Only – 7 pm

Award winning, advanced carver Ron Duffy will be giving a highly informative presentation on "Painting your wood carving." Be sure to join us at the Janesville Senior Activity Center at 7 pm. All club members and interested public are invited. Please feel free to bring a friend or spouse. All skill levels will definitely profit from his presentation. Call Tom Kautz, 608-868-4522 (before Jan. 30) or Mark Ludois, 608-371-3838 with any questions.

Show & Share



Ron Duffy's carved and painted American Bison with prairie scene painted on the back.



Ernie Tucker's Cottonwood Bark Wood Spirit Carvings.



Robin Rios' Mountain Sheep Pyrography.

Membership Dues

Remember, club dues are payable in January each year. If you haven't paid yet, please give or send to:

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2818 N Emerald Grove Rd
Milton, WI 53563.

Thank You!