



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Attendance: 25. Tonight is the annual RRVC Christmas Party.
- Election of 2024 RRVC Officers:
  - President: Mike Hughbanks
  - Past President: Tom Kautz
  - Vice-President: Mark Ludois
  - Treasurer: Rosie Kautz
  - Co-Secretaries: Lori Ruplinger/Robin Rios
  - Member At Large: Gerry Lesch
  - Member At Large: Jim Trumpy
- President Mike Hughbanks called for a vote on the above names put forth for 2024 RRVC Officers. The above officer nominees were elected unanimously by voice vote from the floor.
- Non-Elected 2024 RRVC Positions:
  - Newsletter Editor: Rosie Kautz
  - Librarian: Bud Cunningham
  - Club Historian: Robin Rios
  - Co-Show Chairmen: Brad Crandall/John Raisbeck
- 2024 Show Update: Gerry and Lori Ruplinger have volunteered to run the show raffle for 2024.
- Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Dinner and Christmas ornament exchange to follow.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

### 2024 Officers

President: Mike Hughbanks  
815-289-8573

Vice President: Mark Ludois  
608-371-3838

Secretary: Robin Rios  
608-752-3328  
Lori Ruplinger  
262-629-9821

Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz  
608-868-4522

Librarian: Bud Cunningham  
608-853-1777

**We Grow Old  
When We  
Stop Playing**

**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.**

## Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**April 20: Westby, Wis** Karve in 8, Westby High School Gym, 206 West Ave., 10-4 pm. Contact John Sutton, [lbarnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:lbarnfarms@gmail.com) or Steve Michaels, 608-769-8498, [steve.michaels@westby-norge.org](mailto:steve.michaels@westby-norge.org)

**April 27: Sheboygan, Wis** Kettle Karvers Carving Show, Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, 10-4 pm. Contact Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, [bob@kettlekarvers.att.net](mailto:bob@kettlekarvers.att.net)

**June 8-15: Maquoketa, IA** AWC Congress Competition, Seminars, and Show, [www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)

### 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.

**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.) **No Meeting Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Christmas Party Photos



Roy Whitford, Mark Ludois, and the Sherie & Denny Pryce



Gerry & Lori Ruplinger



Robin Rios, Vern Morris, and Randy Callison



Mr & Mrs Bob Mortensen



Karen & Brad Crandall and Steve Johnson



Angela & Mike Hughbanks



Gerry & Jan Lesch



Tom Kautz, Jim & Sharen Trumpy



Bud Cunningham, Mike & Kathy Schindler

*Club Members Recent Carvings*



John Eidens' Sailor & Gull

Lori Ruplingers' 2 and 4  
Twist Icicles

Gerry Ruplingers  
4-Sided Square  
Twist, far left



Jim Trumpys' 2 Rooster Ornaments



Jim Trumpys' Tree Men

'If a bear .... In the woods?'" by John Eiden

Randy Callisons' Cedar Icicle



Lori Ruplingers' 2-Sided Tree – for Christmas or Halloween?



Lori Ruplingers' Cat Plaque



Bud Cunninghams' Hidden Tiger Plaque



Bud Cunninghams' Chip Carved Bird and Pineapple Box



Denny Pryces' Cottonwood Bark Stars



Denny Pryces' Carved Stars



John Eidens' Snoopy Dog



Lori Ruplingers' "Looking At You" Bell and Icicle Snowman



Jim Trumpys' Howling Wolf



Ernie Tuckers 3 Trees