



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors – None present
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): Beginning balance was \$5,518.39 and ending balance was \$5,513.39. The deposits included \$15 in dues and \$80 from show table sales. The only expense was \$100 show rental deposit to hold our Sept. 8 and 9 dates for next year. Show financial report includes income to date of \$300 from table sales, \$117.11 printing expenses, and the \$100 deposit for next year. No questions were forthcoming,
- Additions/Corrections to last month's newsletter: None were voiced.
- Web Site Report (Mike Hughbanks): {From an email received after our meeting} Our site had 201 visitors over the past 30 days, giving it a total of 1,544 visits during the past year. Our score was 72 which reflects the number of visits and the activity of visitors on our site compared to similar sites.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No new cards were sent since last month.

### Old Business

- Show Categories for Woodburning (Rosie Kautz): Brad Crandall received a question asking if we had beginning, intermediate, and open classes for pyrography at our show. A discussion followed. It was decided to only have the 1 category as we have done at past shows since we usually only have 3 or 4 total entries in pyrography.
- 2022 Show (Brad Crandall): Brad was not in attendance.
  - Rosie Kautz restated that the fairgrounds were reserved for Sept. 9 (half day) and Sept. 10 (full day) for next year.
  - Brad had communicated that he was planning on being at Kaufman's Market again this year to promote our show. He will be looking for volunteers to help him. We do not know the dates yet.
  - We need more ornaments for our show. Jim Trumpy thinks we are close to having enough cane segments.

### 2022 Officers

President: Thomas Kautz  
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Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz  
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**You Know You're a  
Carver When You  
Start Carving Faces  
in Carrots!**

**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.**

- Janesville Public Library Showcase Display (Mike Hughbanks): The library is very pleased with the reception our display received in May. They are interested in having us carve in their lobby again. Club members decided to do this on the first Saturday of the month from 9-11 am or 10-noon. Mike Hughbanks will see if this will work with the library's scheduling.
- The Gathering Place Painting Class (Tom Kautz): 3 individuals finished their keychains May 13.

### New Business

- Club Picnic Tuesday, July 12 at Sportsman's Park, 4-9 pm (Rosie Kautz): **No regular meeting on the first Tuesday in July.** The club will provide fried chicken for all. Please bring a dish to pass and your place-setting (plate, silverware, napkin) and a beverage.
- Beckman Mill Events (Tom Kautz): Please contact Tom if you are able to attend.
  - Sunday, July 17 Ice Cream Social – Promote our show, demonstrate carving, and sell.
  - Sunday, Sept. 11 Heritage Sunday – Demonstrate carving and sell.
- Rock River Thresheree (Tom Kautz): Event will run Labor Day Weekend as in the past. Signup will be on Thurs, Sept. 1 at 1:30 pm. Event runs Friday, Sept. 1 thru Monday, Sept. 5. Tom will contact Nancy Kidder Godkin to confirm, but it is listed on Thresheree's web site that it is happening this year.
- Other Show Promotional Events? The Tallman Art Festival will run for 2 days this year – Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10-5 pm and Sunday, Aug.7 from 10-4 pm. We need to register before the end of June or the cost is higher. Tom Kautz will check on signing up for our club.
- Gerry Lesch brought 2 club logo table runners from Donna Kjendlie for sale at \$10 each, funds to be donated to club. Mike Hughbanks purchased both.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm - Minutes submitted by Rosie Kautz.

#### Club Picnic July 12 - No Meeting First Tuesday in July

Join fellow club members at Sportsman's Park on Tuesday, July 12 from 4 to 9 pm. Chicken will be provided by the club. Bring whatever you want to drink, a plate, silverware, and a dish to pass! Come and see all the chili peppers carved by our members for Chili Mania!

#### 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.

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

#### Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**July 24-30: Crete, Nebraska** Doane Woodcarving Experience at Doane University. Instruction, accommodations, meals. Rohn Collins, 402-880-6721, [www.thedoaneexperience.com](http://www.thedoaneexperience.com)

**September 10: Our Janesville Show** see [www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com](http://www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com) for details

**October 1-2: Coon Rapids, MN** Metro Chapter of Minnesota Wood Carvers Assoc. 17th annual weekend seminar at VFW Post, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW. Email Roger Serdahl, [dahjrlia@gmail.com](mailto:dahjrlia@gmail.com) or Tom Sheldon at [tbshel@comcast.net](mailto:tbshel@comcast.net)

## Event Updates

**Janesville Art League Winery Walk:** Sunday, July 24 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, 2004 W Manogue Rd, Milton from 12 noon to 4 pm. Setup starts at 11 am. Three or four Easy-Ups will be needed, preferably 10x10'. Contact Tom Kautz if you can be there!

**Kaufman General Store Markets:** Brad Crandall has arranged for our attendance on Saturdays July 23 and 30, and also August 20 and 27. Please contact Brad if you are able to assist him on these dates.

## Show & Share



To The Right: Tom Kautz' Chili Pepper, and 2 Chili Peppers Carved by Fred Wuthrich



To The Left: Viking Screwdriver by Mike Hughbanks



Maple Leaf Man and Oak Leaf Man Carved By Ernie Tucker



Carolina Wren by Bud Hilgendorf



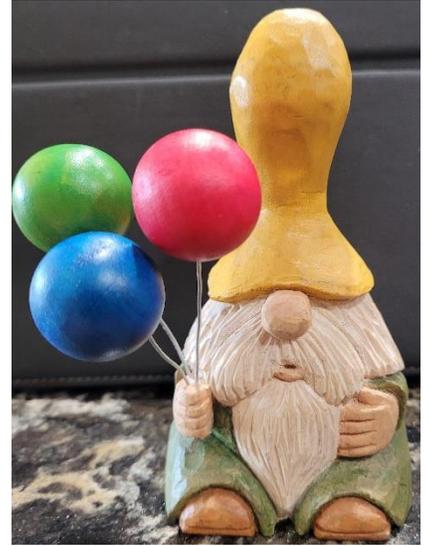
Santa Elves & Christmas Tree by John Eiden



Wolf, Owl, Bison, and Bear  
Detailed Woodburnings (on left)  
By Bud Cunningham



Elf with Balloons  
(on right) by  
John Raisbeck



Mahogany Owl by  
Tom Kautz



6 Chip Carved Plates by Bud Cunningham