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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

**There will be No Monday and Thursday morning carving sessions
No Tuesday evening carving sessions
No monthly meetings for now.**

Thoughts from The RRVC President's Carving Bench

Edgerton Chilimania Chili Peppers

Mark Ludois has been moving this forward. As of today, June 22, 13 individuals have committed to carving a chili pepper out of the 17 we need. Mark has a new deadline for turning in completed peppers that is the 30th of July at a place to be determined. If you can help out and carve a chili pepper and have not already signed up, please contact Mark at 608-371-3838 or markludois@gmail.com. **We will be paid this year for the chilis we carve even if Chilimania is cancelled.** On Special note, Randy Callison has done up all of the bases we need. WELL DONE RANDY! He did all the work on the bases and donated all the wood. Thanks to all our club members who generously donated their carving talents to create this years' crop of chili peppers.

Jerry Heyerdahl's Donation

His generous donation of tools, books, magazines, and wood will be detailed and available on our clubs' website shortly along with photos. I am looking for input from our Board of Directors as to how to handle this donation. One consideration could be informal bidding by club members for cash and carry. Shipping would be extra, if requested. We would give club members first choice at these items. Any other suggestions are most welcome.

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**I kill time thinking
until it's time to
carve!**

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.

Thoughts from The RRVC President's Carving Bench, Cont'd

2020 Show & Sale

Will our 2020 Show and Sale at the Rock County fairgrounds Saturday, September 26 take place? We understand that Brad Crandall has found out that we will not get word from the county whether the Craig Center will be available for us until after September 3rd. And we do not know if all the building's features will be available for our use (i.e. bathrooms, kitchen). As soon as Brad finds out more information, we will let everyone know. Several events for August, September, and October of 2020 have already been canceled and postponed until 2021. Several club members feel we should cancel this year because of the age, health status, and social distancing of club members, exhibitors, and attendees. HOW DO YOU FEEL? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON OUR 2020 SHOW? PLEASE CONTACT TOM KAUTZ at 608-868-4522 or rosietom@centurytel.net.

Comfort Crosses, Birds, and Hearts

Ernie Tucker reports great success in turning over a large number of these to the specialists at SSM Dean St. Mary's in Janesville. They even sent a donation for the wood used. Randy Callison reports that the specialists at Mercy Hospital have also been most thankful for the crosses turned into them.

Crosses boxed up and ready for delivery



A Carving Get Together?

Is anyone interested in some informal "outdoor" carving? A possibility might be at Sportsman's Park, 2 pm to 4 pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Open air, bring your own items to carve, share comments, and fellowship with other carving club members. We would mandate 6-foot social distancing and require masks. Or perhaps, separate into 2 groups – one with masks and one without. But all maintaining a 6-foot spacing. Please let your club president know if you are interested in such a gathering and what day(s) would work for you.

Please stay safe and healthy until we can all get together again!

Shows and Seminars – Check Websites for Latest Information

Sept. 19-20 - Wisconsin River Woodcarvers: Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI, www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org

Sept. 26 – Rock River Valley Carvers: Craig Center, Janesville Fairgrounds, www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com

October – Capital Area Carvers: Cancelled

Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Bud Cunningham joined the Rock River Valley Carvers two years ago when he first picked up a carving knife. He experimented with small figures and some chip carving, but he soon fell in love with pyrography. He says "I've lost track on how many landscapes I've done with birds or butterflies in them. I hope they are getting better."

Bud was born in Kingsford, Michigan on April 7, 1940. He is the youngest of seven children. In 1952 his family moved to Beloit, Wisconsin. His favorite sport growing up was ski jumping. Following high school graduation, Bud joined the United States Army for three years. He was stationed in South Korea for a portion of his service time.

After his discharge from the army, he met and married Linda Mckee in 1964. Bud and Linda had three children, two sons and one daughter who gave them four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sadly, Linda passed away five years ago. Bud now lives in Lake Mills, Wisconsin with his youngest son Robb.

Bud sends this greeting to his fellow RRVC club members, "I hope everyone is staying safe."

Article submitted by Robin Rios

Club Members' Carvings



John Eiden's Forest Ranger and Bears



Jim Svoboda's Woodland Guy



Tom Kautz' Chili Pepper



John Raisbeck's Carved Cane



John Raisbeck's Greenman



Ernie Tucker's Fur Trader



Vern Morris' Relief Owl



Rosemary Kautz' Eagle Landing



Mike Hughbanks' works in progress



Denny Pryce's Sycamore 12-Pt. Star & Hearts



Tom Kautz'
Christmas
Ornaments