



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## June 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Attendance: 13.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors attended the meeting.
- May 2024 Treasurer’s Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$5,799.68 and the ending balance was \$6,255.82. The deposits of \$465.00 included dues payments and show table registrations. The \$8.86 of expenses included the payment for Show Posters.
- Additions/Corrections to April’s Newsletter/Minutes: No changes were made to either the newsletter or the minutes.
- RRVC Website Report (Mike Hughbanks):
 

12 Months	2,349 visits
30 Days	177 visits
7 Days	28 visits
Score	57
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A get-well Card was sent to Mike Schindler in May. Mark Ludois has recently been back in and out of the Hospital and is recovering.

### Old Business

- The club continues to need a person to coordinate programs or speakers for our monthly meetings. Call Mike if you are interested in this position.
- Carving a Gnome Challenge (Rosie Kautz): The gnomes must be up to 6 inches tall. The judging will take place during the July picnic. The winner of the contest will get a free one-year RRVC membership.

### 2024 Officers

President: Mike Hughbanks  
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Vice President: Mark Ludois  
608-371-3838

Secretary: Robin Rios  
608-752-3328  
Lori Ruplinger  
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Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz  
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Librarian: Bud Cunningham  
608-853-1777

**Be Patient –  
Really Good Work  
Takes a Really  
Long Time to Make**

**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.**

- Chilies: 17 Chili Peppers Total will be needed for this year (15 Peppers have already been turned in and 2 are Pending).
- Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 21, 2024 – Display and Sales for our Club Members and Beckman Mill Heritage Days, Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Display and Sales for our Club.
- 66th Annual Tallman Arts Festival Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4, 2024. The club has paid for two tables. Volunteers are needed. Contact Mike Hughbanks or Tom Kautz if you can help.
- The Club is planning for Representation at the Rock Valley Threshere during Labor Day Weekend (August 30 thru September 2). Set-up will be on Thursday afternoon and Club Representatives will be present on Friday through Monday.
- Winery Art Show, July 28, 2024 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, noon – 4pm, with setup at 10am.

## New Business

- 2024 Show Update: Brad Crandall was present to give updates for our September RRVC Show. The following was discussed regarding the upcoming Show: 17 Reservation Forms have currently been submitted. Chis Willock of Rochester will be The Carving Tool Rep at our Show. Jim Trumpy will be conducting a Face Carving Demo and Bud Cunningham will be conducting a Chip Carving Demo. Tom is still in the process of getting additional RRVC Patches, which will be for sale at the Show. A Motion was initiated and passed at the Meeting for \$200 to be used for an Advertising Mailing, which will be mailed to all Rock County Residents that will announce our RRVC Show in September. We are looking for Donations for the Show's Raffle – please let Randy know if you have any Carvings that you are willing to Donate. We are looking for a Photographer for the September Show – please contact Mike Hughbanks or Brad Crandall if you can help.
- Show and Share: Mike Hughbanks presented his completed Gnome Topper for the Club's Friendship Cane.
- President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm with open carving afterward.
- Next Meeting July 9 – Club Picnic: See below for picnic details

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Lori Ruplinger, Secretary.

**Our annual club picnic will be Tuesday, July 9  
at Sportsman's' Park from 4 to 9 pm**

**No Meeting First Tuesday in July**

Join fellow club members at Sportsman's Park, 3411 N US Hwy 51. Chicken will be provided by the club. Bring your spouse, 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! All Members are encouraged to participate in the Gnome Carving Contest and the winner will receive a free Year's Membership for the Club.

**Hope to see you at The Picnic!!**

### **Club Events in 2024:**

**Kauffmans Market** – July 13, 27, and August 17. Show promotion and carving display.

**Winery Art Walk** – Sunday, July 28 at Fermenting Cellars Winery, Noon – 4 pm, setup at 10 am.

**Tallman House Art Fair** – August 3 & 4 we will have 2 tables to display our works.

### **Beckman Mill Events:**

**Ice Cream Social** - Sunday, July 21. Display and sales for our club members.

**Heritage Sunday** – Sunday, September 8. Display and sales for our club members.

**Rock River Thresheree** – August 30 thru September 2

### **Shows & Seminars Coming Up**

**September 14: Our Show in Janesville**

**October 26: Janesville** Senior Activity Center Art & Craft Fair, 9-2 pm. 6-foot tables are \$30 plus \$10 for electricity. Contact Linda or Vicky at the center.

**November 3: Waupaca, Wis** Artistry in Wood Show, Recreation Center, 407 School St, 9-4 pm. Contact Harold Mohr, 715-281-4923 or Kathy Brehm, 920-740-1986.

**November 30: Milton** The Gathering Place Art Fair, 9-2 pm. Tables are \$20. Contact Annelie at 608-931-1299 or pick up an application at the contact desk.

### **Area Carving Opportunities!**

**Janesville Senior Center:** Mondays & Thursdays from 9-11 am.

**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.)

### **Show Assistance Needed**

**Greeters Table:** Please contact John Raisbeck to volunteer to help us man the greeters table some time during our show. We hope to also have club patches to sell at the table this year.

**Raffle Items:** Please consider donating a carved item or tool to our raffle. Randy Callison would like to have as many items as possible donated as soon as possible to avoid a lot of last-minute work.

### **The Woodcarver, by Everett Ellenwood**

I saw a piece of wood one day. When I picked it up, it seemed to say there's something hiding inside of me. Remove some chips and you will see.

I looked to see what I might find and soon an image came to mind.

My task was now to set it free. What's hidden in this piece of tree?

With loving care each cut was made. Wood peeled off with sharp-edged blade and as each chip fell to the floor, I could see the object more and more.

By one final cut it was set free, my work of art for all to see.

This piece of wood which would just lay and see its body soon decay, was now transformed and given life with careful cuts of gouge and knife.

By carving something from this tree, it lives again because of me.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 2: Come and see the items donated to our club by Steve Field's widow. They will be on display in Tom & Rosie's garage from 1-4 pm. Items are free unless you wish to make a donation. Donations and possibly a contribution from the club will be used to give a gift certificate or gift card to his widow in thanks. At 2818 N Emerald Grove Rd, Milton.

Tuesday, July 16: Jim Trumpy will be doing a program and demonstrating how to make a cast of one of your carvings. Program will be at our evening session at First Lutheran Church, 6-8 pm, at 612 N Randall Ave., Janesville.

### *Club Members Recent Carvings*

Tom Kautz' 50th Anniversary Spoon  
Ernie Tuckers' Chili Pepper  
Randy Callisons 9 1/2" Twirly



Bud Cunninghams' Turtle Bank, above  
John Raisbecks' Shelf Sitter, on right



Ernie Tuckers'  
DeNoseo Brothers,  
on left



Ernie Tuckers' Comfort Bird Wine Cork

Mike Hughbanks'  
Gnome Cane Topper,  
on right

