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May 2, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those in attendance: Tom Kautz, Rosie Kautz, Jim Svoboda, Gerry Lesch, Mark Ludois, Robin Rios, Brad Crandall, Reggie James, and Mike Hughbanks. Vice President Mark Ludois will fill in for Tom Kautz for the June meeting.
- April 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): No deposits this month. Major expenditures were \$250.00 for the insurance premium and \$120.00 to Trinity Church Episcopal Church for 6 months of rent. The beginning balance was \$5,311.94, and the ending balance was \$4,886.94. Tom Kautz said the club needs to order more club patches. Each new member gets a club patch. Gerry Lesch made a motion to accept the April 2019 Treasurer Report as written. Mike Hughbanks seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Additions/Corrections to April 2019 Minutes: Mark Ludois made a motion to accept the April 2019 minutes as written. Gerry Lesch seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rosie Kautz took the April minutes for Robin Rios in her absence.
- RRVC Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): In the past 365 days, the website had 1,959 page views and 194 file downloads. The website had 380 page views and 31 file downloads over the past 30 days. And over the past 7 days, the website had 105 page views and 11 file downloads.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Robin Rios): Rosie Kautz said she talked with Gloria Woldanski and Ruth McNally who have not been able to attend the monthly meetings lately. They are both doing well. Robin reported she sent get well cards to Kim Ludois, Karen James, and Darrell Higby's wife. A thank you card was mailed to Vern Morris for his many years of service as the Webmaster. The following new club members were sent welcome cards: Steve Johnson, Jim Nordeng, Phil Gredler, Justin Natto, George Tucker, Kevin Davies, Dale Ehle, Anne Andert, and David Andert.

Old Business

- Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions at Trinity Episcopal Church (Tom Kautz): The next session dates are May 7th, May 21st, and June 4th. Reggie James asked what can be done to encourage

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**Create Every Day,
You Can't
Improve on a
Blank Canvas**

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 members to keep coming to the club meetings, etc. He brought up the idea of having a committee or an individual call new members to encourage them to stay involved in the club.

- Get to Know a Fellow Carver (Robin Rios): Bob Tyson will be the next carver featured in the newsletter. Rosie Kautz needs to draw one or two more names tonight at the regular meeting.
- Descriptions of Board Member Roles and Responsibilities (Robin Rios): This has been put on hold until she gets the show media releases sent out.
- Show Update (Reggie James and Brad Crandall): The application for the Raffle License is ready to mail in. Rosie Kautz will call the extension office to check on the rental contract for the Craig Center. The office should have already sent it to her.
- Vote on the Class Reimbursement Policy for Members (Tom Kautz): The following policy was published in the April 2019 newsletter for club members to read and give the Board feedback on. It reads as follows:

The Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin, Inc., will reimburse members in good standing who have been club members for at least one year, the cost of a class (up to \$50.00 maximum per year) for classes taken at Hummul or classes sponsored by our club. A receipt showing the amount paid for the class must be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The class must be in wood carving, intarsia, or pyrography. The maximum annual amount reimbursed per person will be subject to review and change annually by the board.

All the board members present said they had not received any feedback from club members about the updated policy statement. Reggie James said the \$50.00 reimbursement was too much money, because it would take 2 1/2 years of a member's dues to make up the cost of reimbursing that one member for a class. Gerry Lesch said the last sentence in the policy gives the board the ability to revisit the cost aspect every year. Gerry Lesch made a motion to accept the reimbursement policy as written. Mark Ludois seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 yes votes and 1 no vote.

New Business

- Chilimania Update (Tom Kautz): Tim Banwell still needs a co-chair to help him. Randy Callison is collecting the chilies for Tim.
- Second Intermediate Carving Class (Tom Kautz): This new class will start on May 21, 2019. Mark Ludois will be the instructor. He will teach how to carve an owl. Tom Kautz will supply the wood blanks. The materials will be free. Tom and Rosie Kautz will contact the new members to encourage them to take the class.
- Upcoming Programs: Tonight, Brad Crandall will talk about his Caricature Carving. At the June meeting Jim Trumpy will discuss Basic Painting Techniques.
- The next board meeting will be held on June 6, 2019.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Next Meeting – June 6th

Join us at the next meeting for a presentation by Jim Trumpy on painting your carvings. Don't miss his talk and the chance to learn something new!

May 2, 2019 RRVC Monthly Meeting

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Attendance: 21.
- April 2019 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): See Board meeting minutes for details.
- September Show Update (Brad Crandall and Reggie James): Table registrations are coming in. Mark Ludois has agreed to be the Christmas Ornament Chair. Tom and Rosie have been handing out the 1/4 sheet flyers at carving events they have attended. Randy Callison and Jim Trumpy asked for members to carve more friendship cane segments. They need a total of 11 finished segments, but only five have been turned in.
- Chilimania Update (Tim Banwell): Tim needs one more chili. Ernie Tucker and Gus Helling have finished the chili bases. Gus donated the cherry wood for the bases.
- Upcoming Programs (Tom Kautz): Jim Trumpy will be giving a talk on Basic Painting Techniques during the June meeting.
- Get to Know A Carver: Ed Hogue's name was drawn to be the next carver interviewed for the newsletter.
- 50/50 Raffle (Randy Callison): Mark Ludois was the winner, and he donated his winnings of \$11.00 back to the club. Randy turned in \$100.00 from the raffle to Rosie Kautz.
- Upcoming Carving Events: May 10th: Tom and Rosie Kautz will be standing in for Dave Thill at a Janesville Art League program being held in the Evansville Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. May 18th. Ernie Tucker and Jim Trumpy will be exhibitors at Raven's Wish during the Janesville Wine Walk.
- Adjournment: President Tom Kautz adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary.

Tuesday Evening Open Carving Sessions

May 21st, June 4th, and June 18th are our next open carving sessions and the dates for Mark Ludois' class on carving a simple owl. We meet 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.

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.

Edgerton Senior Center: Tuesday morning carving with Bob Phelps, 9 am until whenever.

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

June 8-16: Maquoketa, IA International Woodcarvers Congress Competition at Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 E Quarry St, 10-5 daily, 10-4 Sunday, www.awcltd.org

August 21: Converse, IN CCA's national caricature carving competition. Carvings due by August 20, www.cca-carvers.org

Sept. 14: Our Show! 9 to 4 at Craig Center, Rock County Fairgrounds. Reggie James 608-295-0264 or Brad Crandall 608-931-0188, www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com

Sept. 21-22: Stevens Point, WI 19th Annual Show/Competition/Sale at Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4, admission \$5, 12 and under free. Ron O'Kray 715-570-2534 or Greg Wirtz 715-323-2035, www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org

A Message from Our President:

- A warm welcome to our new carvers who have signed up to take Mark Ludois' class on carving a simple owl. The classes will be 6-8 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church on May 21, June 4, and June 18.
- Join us at the June 6 general meeting for Jim Trumpy's presentation on painting your carvings!
- Our show quarter-sheet flyers were handed out May 5th at the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers show in Oshkosh and on May 10th at the Creekside Evansville Art Walk by Tom and Rosie Kautz. We should see some new attendees and maybe new exhibitors at our show in September!

Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Bob Tyson lives in Beloit, Wisconsin. He started carving in 2015. Bob says "I've carved faces, wood spirits, caricatures, etc., but I still consider myself a beginner. One of my favorite woods to work with is cottonwood bark." Bob is a regular at the morning carving sessions on Mondays and Thursdays held in the Janesville Senior Center. (By Robin Rios)

Wood For Carvers (From Wood Caving Illustrated, Fall of 2003)

"Look at the lie of the grain – rub your hand over the planed board. The direction in which it feels smoothest is the direction in which it cuts most easily, and the direction producing the smoothest, shiniest cuts. Straight grain wood is nice. Twisted grain and interlocked grain are usually best avoided by the woodcarver, unless the carver wants to enhance the carving with such features.

For small carvings, get a mildly grained or figured wood.... Close-grained woods also take and hold detail better.... Don't forget to keep an eye on color changes within the wood, too. Too great a variation can create an unintended look."

Show & Share



John Raisbeck's Chili Pepper

Jim Trumpy's Bark House
framed with spacers behind
to create negative spaces



Ernie Tucker's
Turtle Shell
Pendant Carved
from a
Coconut Shell





Ernie Tucker's Wood Spirit



Ed Hogue's 2-Sided Angel Heart



Jim Trumpy's Stylized Dog



Dave Thill's Pyrography
Plaques (on left) of an
Old Truck and a
Stone House



Jim Svoboda's Tax Shelter
Bark Carving
(see thumb tacks below)



Tom Kautz' Cherry-wood Brook Trout



Dave Thill's Mill House Pyrography