



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance: 12.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors attended the meeting.
- May 2024 Treasurer's Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,165.09, and the ending balance was \$5,799.68. The deposits of \$100.00 included dues payments and show table registrations. The \$465.41 of expenses included the \$400.00 payment for Insurance, and \$65.41 for Quarter Sheet Cards.
- Additions/Corrections to March's Newsletter/Minutes: No changes were made to either the newsletter or the minutes.
- RRVC Website Report (Mike Hughbanks):

12 Months	2,304 visits
30 Days	115 visits
7 Days	20 visits
Score	58
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A Sympathy Card was sent to Mark for the Loss of his Wife. Mark has recently been in and out of the Hospital and is recovering.

Old Business

- Program Director (Mike Hughbanks): The club needs a person to coordinate programs or speakers for our monthly meetings. Call Mike if you are interested in this position.
- 2024 Show Update: Brad Crandall was not present to give an update.
- Chilies: 17 Chili Peppers Total will be needed for this year.

2024 Officers

President: Mike Hughbanks
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Vice President: Mark Ludois
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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

**You Always
Grow From
Challenges
You Accept**

**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.**

- 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.

New Business

- 66th Annual Tallman Arts Festival is 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.
- Jim Trumpy contacted two people that have agreed to be Judges at our RRVC September Show.
- Club members retrieved the RRVC carvings that were on display at the Library in April. The club is signed up to next display again in August 2025.
- Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social is July 21, 2024 and Beckman Mill Heritage Day is September 8, 2024. Volunteers are needed. Contact Mike Hughbanks or Tom Kautz.
- Winery Art Show is July 28, 2024. Contact Mike Hughbanks or Tom Kautz to volunteer.
- The Club is planning for representation at the Rock Valley Thresheree during Labor Day Weekend. Set-up will be on Thursday afternoon and Club Representatives will be present Friday through Monday.
- Tom Kautz checked into updating our Carver's Patches for the RRVC Show in September. Updates to follow.
- Oshkosh had their Carving Show the weekend of May 4-5 and we want to make mention that Brad Crandall won "Intermediate – Best of Category" for his Carving titled "Wisconsin Carry Out". Tom Kautz won a Blue Ribbon for his Owl Plaque that he recently carved for his niece's Wedding.
- Show and Share: Jim Trumpy brought in two of his most recent caricature carvings that brought a smile to all present. The Stenman's each brought in a recent work Elaine showed a relief carving of a farm house scene, complete with a Massey Tractor. and Fred brought in a portrait wood burning that he designed of a farmer friend of his. They shared news that their grandson has been accepted to a carving school in Germany and he will begin in Fall and we wish him well!!!
- Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.
- Next Meeting will be June 4.
- The minutes are respectfully submitted by Lori Ruplinger, Secretary.

Save the Date!

Sportsman's Park has been reserved for our picnic on Tuesday, July 9 this year.

Club Events in 2024:

Entire Month of April – Members display at Hedberg Public Library.

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

June 8-15: Maquoketa, IA AWC Congress Competition, Seminars, and Show,

www.woodcarverscongress.org

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.

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month from 6-8 pm, 612 N. Randall Ave. (Across from the fairgrounds.)

Club Members Recent Carvings



Rosie Kautz' Barred Owl
Pyrography

Mike Hughbanks'
Chili Pepper in a Pot

Bud Cunninghams'
Chip-Carved Pepper



John Eidens' Foghorn Leghorn
Cartoon Scene



Elaine Stenmans' Shallow Relief with Massey Tracker



Gerry Ruplingers' Santa, Lori Ruplingers' Not Santa, And Ernie Tuckers' Pelican



Fred Stenmans' Farmer Pyrography



Ray Douglas' Chip Carved Plate



Denny Pryces' Chip Carved Star

2 Carved Trumps' By Jim Trumpy





John Raisbecks'
Old World
Santa



Denny Pryces' Cane Segment



John Eidens' Cane Segment