



# ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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## May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. Attendance: 16.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: There were no new members or visitors in attendance tonight.
- April 2023 Treasurer's Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$5,843.72, and the ending balance was \$5,658.72. A \$15.00 (dues) deposit and a \$50.00 (show registrations) deposit were made on 4/6/2023. Rosie paid the \$100.00 fee to rent the Walt Lindemann Sportsman's Park for the July 11, 2023 picnic. She also paid \$125.00 to First Lutheran Church for the January through May rent.
- Web-site Report (Mike Hughbanks): The site received a 58% rating for April 2023.
  - 12 Months - 2,243 visits
  - 30 Days - 117 visits
  - 7 Days - 21 visits
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): No cards were sent out.

## Old Business

- 2023 RRVC Show Update (Brad Crandall):
  - Show Yard Signs: Rosie Kautz put together a poster board presentation of eight possible choices for the purposed yard signs. It was decided by the group to order 20, two-sided, 24 x 18" yard signs from Jax Printing. The signs will be yellow with black lettering. Robin Rios thanked Rosie for putting together the detailed presentation that made it so easy for the group to visualize the choices and promote an easy informed discussion. See picture of the sign after the minutes.
  - **Raffle Chairperson (Co-Chairs): A volunteer is needed soon.**

### 2023 Officers

President: Mike Hughbanks  
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**I Started Out  
With Nothing –  
Now I Have  
Wood Chips**

**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.**

- Jim Trumpy will design a sign-up sheet for the carving competition. He said that Denny Neubauer will not be available to sharpen tools at this year's show. He suggested the club ask Badger State Blades to replace Denny. He will talk with the owner, Ashton Brown, this weekend at the Oshkosh Carving Show to find out if she is interested.
- Chili Peppers (Randy Callison): Chilimania needs 22 peppers. The chilies must be 12 inches tall. These peppers will be used for the 2024 Chilimania competition. Randy needs all the chilies by July 11, 2023.
- Program Volunteer: The club still needs someone to coordinate demonstrations/programs for the monthly meetings.

## New Business

- Senior Center Open House. Date: June 28, 2023. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Tom Kautz): Volunteers are needed for one or two shifts (9 a.m.-12 p.m., 12 p.m.-3 p.m., or 9 a.m.-3 p.m.). The following people volunteered: Bud Cunningham - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Ernie Tucker - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tom and Rosie Kautz - 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Jim Trumpy volunteered to be there 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Tom Kautz if you can volunteer to help that day.
- Beckman Mill on Saturday, May 6, 2023 (Tom Kautz): Mike Hughbanks volunteered to represent the club at this event.
- Hedberg Library Carving Demonstration on Saturday, May 6, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Mike Hughbanks): Bud Cunningham, Mark Ludois, and Randy Callison will represent the club.
- Downtown Janesville Inc. Event Opportunities (Brad Crandall): Brad has been in contact with Elaina Szyjewski, the Managing Director of Janesville Inc. There will be two opportunities for the club to participate in this summer. The first one is The Music at the Marv concert series that runs June through August. This involves serving beer during the concert. The club would be able to have a table displaying club information for the public to view. The second opportunity would be the Night on Festival event scheduled at the Janesville Town Square on Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a free family friendly event where the club could have a table to showcase our activities. Please contact Brad for more information.
- RRVC Library Cart: Robin Rios brought up the idea of going through the books in the club's library cart and donating some of them to the show raffle. Discussion followed. Bud Cunningham, the Librarian, said he would ask the Janesville Senior Center if the cart could be moved from the locked storage closet on the second floor to a first-floor room where the books would be more accessible to club members to check out. Elaine Stenman mentioned that some of the carving clubs she belongs to have discarded their libraries, because so much carving information is now available online.
- Show & Share (Rosie Kautz): Ernie Tucker, Elaine Stenman, Fred Stenman, Jim Trumpy, and Rosie Kautz participated. Please see photos of their creations in the newsletter.
- Business Meeting Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Open carving to follow. The next monthly meeting will be held on June 6, 2023.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary

### 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.

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

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# Wood Carving Show

4H Fairgrounds Janesville

Sat., Sept. 9

9 am – 4 pm

## Yard Sign Design

We will have 20 yard signs printed and available for members to display at their residence or a local business. The signs will be 18x24" with a metal holder that can be inserted into the ground. If you would like a sign, please contact Rosie Kautz, [rosietom@centurytel.net](mailto:rosietom@centurytel.net) We recommend displaying mid-Aug. until the show. (Lettering on left will be slightly larger on signs.)

## Save The Date!

**Our annual club picnic will be Tuesday, July 11  
at Sportsmans' Park from 4 to 9 pm**

## Shows & Seminars Coming Up

**June 10-17: Affiliated Wood Carvers Congress** in Maquoketa, IA. Competition, seminars, and show.  
[www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)

**September 9: Our Show & Sale in Janesville**

**October 29: DeForest, Wis** Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners Show and Sale, 815 Jefferson St, 9-4 pm, Cindy Potthast, [Cynthi.potthast@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthi.potthast@gmail.com) or Dave Miller, [dave@davehillier.com](mailto:dave@davehillier.com)

## Show Donations

**Please give Randy Callison your donations for show Raffle and/or Goody Bay Items as soon as possible. The earlier the better!**



## May 16<sup>th</sup> Painting Demo

Jim Trumpy presented a very informative program on painting your carvings. He suggested that you could mix all the colors you need using only 5 acrylic paints: yellow, blue, red, white, and black. A color wheel or 'How to Use & Mix Color' book can be a great resource. He also demonstrated highlighting and color removal techniques.

## Dates to Add to Your Calendar

- **Saturdays, July 22 and 29** – Our club will have a table promoting our show at Kauffmans Market. See Brad Crandall to help him out either of those days.
- **Saturdays, August 19 and 26** – Kauffmans Market show promotion (see above).
- **Tuesday evening, August 15** – Bob Mortenson will present a program on the lost wax casting process. Join us at First Lutheran Church, 6 to 8 pm.

## Club Members Recent Carvings

Jim Trumpys' Booted Chili Pepper.  
on the left

Randy Callisons' Smiling Pepper,  
in the middle

Mike Hughbanks' Pepper in a Pot,  
far right



Brad Crandalls'  
Irish Cowboy  
Bottle Stopper

Jim Trumpys'  
Monk



Multiple Variations of Carved Birds  
by Fred Wuthrich, above





Cane Segments by Mike Highbanks



Ernie Tuckers' Cane Segment



3 Minute Wood Spirits by Ernie Tucker



Woodburned Card Box & 52 Playing Cards By Denny Pryce



Yorkie Pups by John Eiden



Jim Trumpys' Soldier Bust



Randy Callisons' Eagle Head



Rosie Kautz' Nutcracker Ornament



Fred Stenman Woodburned the Country Boy and the Bald Eagle above



Elaine Stenman did the Relief Carved Bear and the Woodburned Common Loon, on left