

ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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February 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Thirteen people attended the meeting.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: There were no new members or visitors in attendance.
- Additions/Corrections to the January 2023 meeting minutes: There were no additions or corrections made.
- January 2023 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,322.36, and the ending balance was \$6,467.36.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks): There were 2,338 hits over the past 12 months, 147 hits over the last thirty days, and 57 hits in the last seven days.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A sympathy card was sent to Stu Bjork for the passing of his wife.

Old Business

- 2023 Show Updates (Brad Crandall):
 - Show Date: The show date is September 9, 2023. The half day set-up is September 8, 2023 at 2 pm.
 - Brad talked with Jerry Uher about advertising ideas the Stevens Point show has used including restaurant placemats, business cards, yard signs, and magnetic car signs. Group discussion followed. It was decided to check on the cost of yard signs and magnetic car signs.
 - Chip Chats, Water Fowl Magazine, and Woodcarving Illustrated are advertising our show. However, Woodcarving Illustrated mistakenly printed the show date as September 7, 2023.

2022 Officers

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**Carving Gloves
Protect the Things
You Love**

**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.**

- Brad asked Jim Trumpy to present his ideas for the judging portion of the show. This year People's Choice is being replaced by two judges. Jim passed out informational sheets with the following information. Each table can enter four carvings into competition with a maximum of two carvings in the same category. The carvings must have been completed in the past two years. The name on each carving must be covered. There will be ten carving categories: Birds, Fish, Mammals, Humans, Relief, Caricature, Chip, Pyrography, Bark, Carved Canes/Walking Sticks. All carvers will compete on the same level. There will no longer be a beginning, intermediate, or advanced level of competition. Rosie Kautz voiced concern that this change might discourage carvers from entering the show or the judging competition.
- Gerry Lesch wanted to know if laser carvings will be allowed. Randy Callison suggested allowing such carvings to be displayed, but not judged. Steve Johnson questioned if machine tooled pieces could be included in the judging. Someone asked where miniature carving will fall, and if there should be a miscellaneous carving category. Following much discussion, the decision was made that only hand-crafted carvings will be judged. This will include power carved items. Miniature carvings can be shown in any of the ten categories. It was also decided that ten categories are enough.
- Each carving category will have a first, second, and third place winner with corresponding ribbons awarded. The club will need to purchase 30 ribbons. Also, a special ribbon will be needed for the Best of Show winner. That winner will also receive a free table in 2024. The two judges will be given a free table for this year. There will be no cash prizes given out.
- The registration form will be updated to reflect the new changes.
- Carving Opportunities (Tom Kautz):
 - Whitetail Buck Deer Class by Betty Popp - April 27-29 & May 11-13, offered by Mid-Wisconsin Chippers in Neenah, Wisconsin.
 - RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program): This will be held on March 9, 2023 at the Aldrich Intermediate School in Beloit, Wisconsin from 8:45 am to 11:15 am. Set-up time is 8:15 am. Tom needs one volunteer to help him.
 - Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social - July 16, 2012
 - Beckman Mill Heritage Sunday - September 10, 2023
 - The Tallman House Arts Festival will be held on August 5, 2023 & August 6, 2023. Set-up will be Friday evening, August 4, 2023. Cost is \$25.00 per table. The club will have two tables.
 - Welty Center Sugar Fest (February 25, 2023): Registration is closed, so the club will not be able to participate this year.

New Business

- Program Person: The club needs a member to schedule speakers for the monthly meetings. Please contact Mike Highbanks for details.
- Jim Hart Wood Sale (Tom Kautz): The wood sale is scheduled for March 10, 2023 in the First Lutheran Church parking lot. Time to be announced.
- **Meeting Location Change for February 21, 2023 and April 4, 2023: The club will be meeting in First Lutheran's gym on both dates, because the fellowship hall we meet in will be used for voting.**
- International Woodcarvers Congress (Rosie Kautz): The Congress is asking for a donation again this year. Tom Kautz made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Congress. Rosie Kautz seconded the motion. The motion passed with one no vote noted.
- Advertising RRVC Carving Meetings at First Lutheran Church: Robin Rios will put information on the WCLO and Janesville Gazette community activity sites.

- Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm. Show & Share/Open Carving to follow. The next monthly meeting will be held on March 7, 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.)

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

March 25-26: Rochester, MN Woodcarvers' 47th annual show at Olmsted County Fairgrounds, 1508 Aune Dr SE, 10-4 pm, Tom Severson 507-254-5445, rochcarve@gmail.com

April 22: 'Karve in 7' in Westby, Wis at Westby Elementary School, 122 Nelson St., Westby. 10-4 pm, free admission. John Sutton, 608-634-4396, lbarnfarms@gmail.com

April 23: Kettle Karvers Show at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, Sheboygan, Wis. Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, bob.kettlekarvers@att.net

May 7: Oshkosh, Wis Mid-Wisconsin Chippers show, sale, and competition at Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N Main St, 9-4 pm, rkrummick@att.net or www.midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com

June 10-17: Affiliated Wood Carvers Congress in Maquoketa, IA. Competition, seminars, and show. www.woodcarverscongress.org

February 21 Evening Carving Change

We will hold our open carving session in First Lutherans' gym on this date. Enter from back in door 1.

Club Members Recent Carvings



Denny Pryces' Viking Rune Tablets, above



Mike Hughbanks' Carved Potato Masher
Jim Trumpys' Waiter
Gerry Leschs' Owl Letter Opener





Rosie Kautz' Puffin Pyrography



Ray Douglas' Chip Carved & Stained Cross

Bud Cunninghams' Pyrographic Works:
Butterfly and Flower
Decorated Octagon Box and
Octagon Box with Bird
Bud also made the boxes himself.



Denny Pryces'
Hummingbird and
Lizard Pryrography Plaques,
on left

Ernie Tuckers'
Carved Labrador,
On right

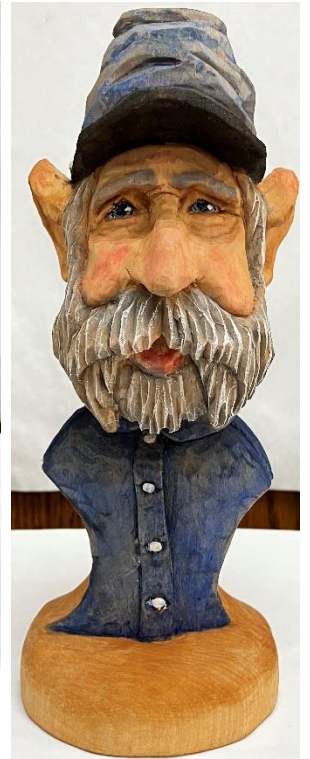




Ray Douglas' Chip Carved & Stained Plate – Notice that the expert pattern layout makes the center look domed on the flat plate!



Denny Pryces' Pen Holder



Jim Trumpys' Union Man



Mike Boutelles' Lady, Gnome, and Santa Ornaments, above



Owl Dish above was Carved by Tom Kautz



Ernie Tuckers' Turtle

Jim Trumpys' Grandma, on left,



Bright Cardinal, on right, Carved by Ernie Tucker