



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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Club Information Updates

- **Treasurer's Report** (Rosie Kautz): Beginning balance was \$5,285.08 and our ending balance was \$6,376.08. A deposit was made Jan. 13, 2021 - \$731 from Chili Mania and \$320 refund of rent charged last year for use of the Janesville Senior Center for evening meetings not held. An additional deposit of \$40 was made for 2020 dues paid.
- **Sunshine Cards** (Rosie Kautz): 'Thinking of You' cards were sent to Gerry Lesch (whose brother is very sick with cancer) and Bev Fields (who is still in Beaver Dam and not doing very well). A 'Get Well' card was sent to Tom Marty who is fighting a number of health problems.
- **2021 Carving Show** (Brad Crandall): The show poster, quarter sheet flyers, and registration forms have been updated. They have not been printed yet, because Brad has been kept busy after his wife's hip replacement surgery.
- **Sr. Center Update** (Rosie Kautz): The Janesville Senior Center will not be open again until the city enters phase 3 of Covid response or the end of May at the earliest. The HVAC system is being replaced (heating and air conditioning) and will not be completed until then. The roof will also be worked on in June and July. If the center is open, it will be noisy inside during those months.

Show Cancellations:

Sheboygan Show on April 24 has been cancelled
Oshkosh Show on May 8 has been cancelled
Woodcarvers' Congress in June has been cancelled

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**A Carver's Eyes
Sees A
Million Wonders
In Wood**

We normally 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.

Notes from the President's Carving Bench

- As of February 21, the news shows that progress is being made on getting people vaccinated against Covid-19. Praise be to God. Please keep in mind supporting each other by wearing a mask (double masking is even better), washing/sanitizing your hands frequently, and keeping 6 feet away from anyone not in your household. Be sure to keep your fellow carvers and their loved ones safe. But keep in touch and visit with each other!
- Right now, planning is moving forward for our clubs' 2021 show, sale, and competition. Many, many thanks to Brad Crandall for taking on this responsibility. Save the dates of Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11. Friday afternoon it will be all hands on deck to help set up the Craig Center for the show on Saturday. Be sure to sign up to exhibit and enter the competition when forms are available (soon). At the end of the day Saturday, some additional help will be needed to take everything down and pack it up.
- The biggest show in the state will be presented by the Wisconsin River Woodcarvers in Stevens Point. The 2-day show, sale, and competition will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19. More information can be obtained on their web site, <https://wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org/>, or from Ron O'Kray, 715-341-2214 or Greg Wirtz, 715-423-0471.
- **When working at your carving or work bench, remember the 'Law of Gravity' – Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, or carving bit when dropped will roll to the least accessible place in the room!**
- Keep making chips and working on your projects!

Member Challenge

All RRVC members have the opportunity to challenge themselves to carve a miniature. Judging will occur at our show and an anonymous donor has provided a \$25 cash prize. The club will provide a basswood blank, 1 15/16"x1 15/16"x 4 3/4" tall. Finished carvings **must fit inside the official judging box, 2"x2"x5" tall**. Any family-friendly subject is ok. It can have a clear finish, painted finish, or pyrography. Contact your club president for your block of wood. If you want to use your own wood (basswood or another species), **contact the president to register**, but remember that the finished carving must fit inside the official box.

Get to Know a Fellow Carver

Memorie Evans has been a member of the Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin since April of 2019, and she also took her first carving class that same month. Please read below what Memorie has to say about herself:

I've tried regular carving, relief carving and a chip carving. I don't have a favorite yet, because I am such an infant when it comes to wood carving that I haven't developed skill in any one area yet. With the pandemic cancelling our classes and gatherings I have missed my mentors and have not progressed as far as I would have liked.

I am married. We moved to Janesville after living in Alaska for 10 years. We have one daughter who lives in the state of Oregon with her husband and son. I love being a grandma! We have a young black lab who keeps us very busy. I love to travel. I like learning new crafts and am infatuated with wood, just haven't figured out how to work it yet.

(Article submitted by Robin Rios.)



What Am I?

Put on your thinking hats and try to guess what the clues are about. The answer is at the end of the newsletter – but no fair peaking!

- I grow 30 to 50 feet tall and have compound leaves with 2-4" leaflets.
- I produce red flowers in May and 2 ½" long nuts in October.
- I have light weight, light brown wood with darker, beautiful grain.
- I'm closely related to Black Walnut.
- I'm used for lumber, musical instruments, veneer, plywood, wood pulp and fiber products, and, of course, wood carving.

Club Members' Carvings



Ernie Tucker's Wood Spirit (on left) and his Santas (on right)



Pat Anderson's Great Dane (below)



Ernie Tucker's Comfort Birds

Camden Reinstad's Bear and Cowboy Boot



Many different items carved by Reggie James

[What am I? - I am Butternut!]