

ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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April 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Attendance: 7.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors attended the meeting.
- March 2024 Treasurer's Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$6,460.27, and the ending balance was \$6,165.09. The deposits of \$105.00 included dues payments and show table registrations. The \$400.18 of expenses included the \$200.00 donation to the Katherine M. Belling Memorial Art Scholarship, and \$150.00 to First Lutheran Church for October 2023 through March 2024 rent. Report copies were handed out.
- 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 2,315 visits
 - 30 Days 191 visits
 - 7 Days 55 visits
 - Score 69
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): A get well card was sent to Bud Cunningham. A sympathy card was sent to Cindy Kryshak for the loss of her father.

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 Officers

President: Mike Hughbanks
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Vice President: Mark Ludois
608-371-3838

Secretary: Robin Rios
608-752-3328
Lori Ruplinger
262-629-9821

Treasurer: Rosemary Kautz
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Librarian: Bud Cunningham
608-853-1777

**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.**

- 2024 Show Update: Brad Crandall is not present to give an update.
- Chilies (Randy Callison): Five chilies have been turned in. Twelve more chilies are needed for Chilimania. The chilies must be 12 inches tall.
- 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 will teach a beginning carving class on laying out human faces. Location: Gathering Place in Milton, WI. Dates: April 8th and April 15th, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Janesville Hedberg Public Library (Mike Hughbanks): RRVC carvings will be on display for the month of April. The club is signed up next for 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 if you can help.
- Winery Art Show is July 28, 2024. Contact Mike Hughbanks or Tom Kautz to volunteer.
- Other Business (Rosie Kautz): The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin sent a thank you note to the club for our donation to the Katherine M. Belling Memorial Art Scholarship. Also, the insurance cost for 2024 is \$400.00. The club needs to vote on this amount of money to be spent. Mike Hughbanks asked for a motion to spend the \$400.00 to pay the bill. Randy Callison made the motion to spend the \$400.00 to pay the insurance bill. Tom Kautz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Show and Share: Tom Kautz passed around the wedding plaque he designed.
- Adjournment: Mike Hughbanks adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.
- The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary. Open carving to follow.

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

Our Show & Sale – Saturday, September 14.

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

April 20: Westby, Wis Karve in 8, Westby High School Gym, 206 West Ave., 10-4 pm. Contact John Sutton, lbarnfarms@gmail.com or Steve Michaels, 608-769-8498, steve.michaels@westby-norge.org

April 28: Sheboygan, Wis Kettle Karvers Carving Show, Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Ave, 10-4 pm.

Contact Bob Lawrence, 920-458-4947, bob@kettlekarvers@att.net

May 5: Oshkosh, Wis Mid-Wisconsin Chippers "Artistry in Wood" Show, Convention Center, 2 N

Main St, 9-4 pm. Contact Paul Wolters, <https://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com>

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

www.woodcarverscongress.org

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.

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



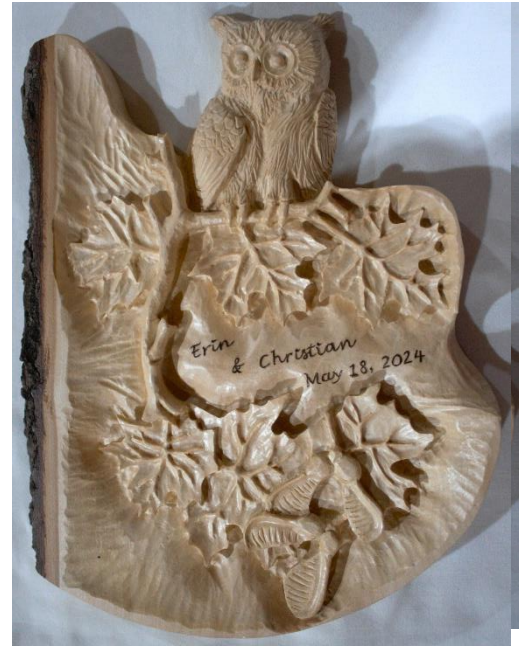
Photos clockwise: Mike Hughbanks' Wisconsin Fan Chili Pepper, John Eiden carved the Senior Chili, the Hot Pepper on the Rocks was carved by Randy Callison, and John Raisbeck carved the Warm Hat Chili. Ernie Tucker carved the 2-headed cane and the 2 Santa Ornaments.



Jim Trumpy carved the Cowboy and the Cigar Smoker

Tom Kautz Owl Plaque Commemorates an Upcoming Wedding

The 2 Faces below were also done by Jim Trumpy



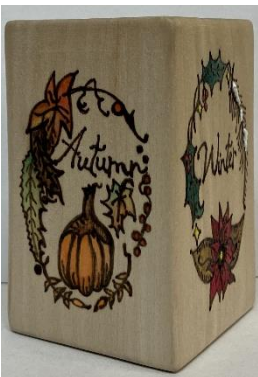
Loon Landing relief by Rosie Kautz



Ernie Tuckers Bee-Hive Bark House



Geri Ruplingers "Snow Globe" Santa



Lori Ruplingers' 4-Season Cane Segment



John Eidens Santa Knome



John Raisbecks Knome



John Raisbecks Snowman