



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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August 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Tom Kautz called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors – None present
- Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The June beginning balance was \$5,513.39 and the July ending balance was \$5,66.15. The deposits included \$100 in dues, a \$20 donation, and \$320 from show table sales. Expenses included \$75 Tallman Art Show and non-profit annual registration fees, \$28 newsletter ink, \$82 for our July picnic, and \$102 show related.
- Additions/Corrections to last month's newsletter: None were voiced.
- Web Site Report (Mike Hughbanks): Our site had 186 visitors over the past 30 days, giving it a total of 1,700 visits so far this year.
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): Thinking of You cards were sent to Dave Thill, and Leo Hansen. A sympathy card was sent to Pat Beggs. Get Well cards were sent to Gary Colby, Jim Trumpy, and Andy Navarro.

Old Business

- Woodcarvers' Supply Table at Show (Tom Kautz): Depending on demand, one or two tables at our show will sell used, but good carving items for club members with 10% of the selling price going to our club. Jim Trumpy volunteered to man the table(s). **Please let Jim know what you have to sell soon, so we know how many tables will be needed.**
- 2022 Show (Brad Crandall):
 - The fairgrounds are reserved for Sept. 8 (half day) and Sept. 9 (full day) for next year.
 - Kaufman's Market has had a few less attendees this year compared to last year. Upcoming dates are Aug. 20 and 27.
 - Contest rules were clarified: If you win 1 blue ribbon in a category at any show, you move up to the next category (novice, intermediate, open). Only 1 woodcarving category.
 - Brad is unable to get a chain saw carver for our show despite calling 10 individuals.
 - We still need more Christmas ornaments for our show.

2022 Officers

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**If I'm Talking to
Myself, I'm Just
Getting Expert
Advice!**

**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.**

- Randy Callison will demonstrate carving a spiral and Jim Trumpy carving Cottonwood bark.
- Raffle times will be looked at by Brad so they do not interfere with award announcements.
- **Please contact Brad Crandall to volunteer to help out during our show.** We need people at the greeters table, raffle table, and some floaters to relieve workers.
- Janesville Public Library Demonstration (Mike Hughbanks): The next 2 months our club has commitments at other events on the first Saturday of the month. Bud Cunningham and Ernie Tucker volunteered to be at the library those dates from 9-11 am.
- Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social July 17 Report (Tom Kautz): Attendees at the event showed a lot of interest in attending our show.
- Art League Show at the Winery (Tom Kautz): Some members sold some items and a lot of interest was shown by attendees.

New Business

- Tallman Art Show: Set up EZ-Ups on Fri. at 6 pm. show Sat., Aug 6, 10-5 pm & Sun., Aug. 7, 10-4 pm. Exhibitors can enter at 6 am to set up displays. Our friendship cane will be on display. Mike Hughbanks, Randy Callison, Mark Ludois, Bud Hilgendorf, Tom and Rosie Kautz will be there.
- Beckman Mill Sept. 11 Heritage Sunday (Tom Kautz): Demonstrations and sales will be at our table the day after our show. We will promote our show in 2023.
- Rock River Thresheree (Tom Kautz): Event will run Labor Day Weekend as in the past. Signup and EZ-Up set up will be on Thurs, Sept. 1 at 1:30 pm. Event confirmed by Jim Trumpy. **Contact Tom Kautz to sign up.** So far, Ernie Tucker, Mike Hughbanks, and Tom Kautz committed to attend.
- A "Program Person" Needed (Tom Kautz): Please consider volunteering to arrange speakers and/or demonstrations to take place at our monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of the month.
- Difficulty Hearing Meetings: Ernie Tucker brought up the issue that it was hard to hear discussions at our meetings. Vern Morris will contact Jeanie at First Lutheran to ask if we could use their PA system.
- Meeting adjourned following Show & Share. Minutes submitted by Rosie Kautz.

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.

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

September 10: Our Janesville Show see www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com for details

October 8-9: Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild at Denmark High School, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI. Sat. 9:30-4, Sun. 9:30-3. More information at www.newwg.org/annual-show

November 6: Artistry in Wood Waupaca Area Woodcarvers show, competition, and sale at Waupaca Recreational Center, 407 School St., Waupaca, 9-4 pm. Contact Harold Mohr (715) 281-4923 or Kathy Brehm (920) 740-1986.

Show & Share

The Friendship Cane for our Show Raffle, on right

Rosie Kautz' Pileated Woodpecker Welcome Sign, far right.



Tom Kautz' Ice Fisherman



Bud Cunninghams' Chip Carved Plate



Ernie Tuckers' Comfort Birds, on left



Club Members Other Recent Carvings



Ernie Tuckers' Civil War Soldiers' Bust



Bud Cunninghams' Chip Carved Jewelry Box



Denny Pryce Chip Carved
The 3 ornaments above



Jim Trumpys' Snowy Bark House came about from
simply applying a regular spray finish



John Eidens' Big Foot



Andy Navarros' Elaborate
Bark House with working
leather door hinges and a bell
that actually rings!



Denny Pryces'
Relief Carved Rose



The 2 Chip Carved Trivets above were carved by Bud Cunningham