



ROCK RIVER VALLEY CARVERS OF WISCONSIN

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August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order: President Mike Hughbanks called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Attendance: 16.
- Introduction of New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors were present.
- June 2023 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$5,823.72, and the ending balance was \$5,397.60. The major expense was \$348.15 for the show yard signs.
- July 2023 Treasurer Report (Rosie Kautz): The beginning balance was \$5,397.60, and the ending balance was \$5,444.23. A total of \$150.00 deposits for the month were from dues and show table registrations. The expense for the month was \$103.37 the club spent to buy chicken for the picnic.
- July 2023 Show Treasurer's Report (Rosie Kautz): The two largest expenses have been \$200.00 to rent the Craig Center for 2024 and \$348.15 for the show yard signs. A deposit of \$245.00 from member table rentals and \$225.00 from non-member table rentals brought in a total of \$470.00. All three reports were handed out for members to view.
- Additions/Corrections to the July Newsletter: No additions or corrections were made.
- Website Report (Mike Hughbanks):
 - 12 Months - 2,120 visits
 - 30 Days - 166 visits
 - 7 Days - 29 visits
 - Score - 65
- Illness/Sunshine Report (Rosie Kautz): Bob Crompton passed away last week. Jim Trumpy is passing a card around to sign for his family. A thinking of you card was sent to Leo Hanson.

2023 Officers

President:	Mike Hughbanks 815-289-8573
Vice President:	Mark Ludois 608-371-3838
Secretary:	Robin Rios 608-752-3328
Treasurer:	Rosemary Kautz 608-868-4522
Librarian:	Bud Cunningham 608-853-1777
Editor:	Rosemary Kautz

**Self-Help Books on
"Getting Rich
Carving" are in the
Library's fiction
section!**

**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.**

Old Business

- 2023 Show Update (Show Chair Brad Crandall):
 - Twenty-four exhibitors have paid for 34 tables. Last year we had 33 exhibitors. The Madison club will be buying a table. Mike Hughbanks reminded the group that two members could share the cost of a table.
 - Brad said he will be attending the Special Events Symposium at JPAC sponsored by the Janesville Area Convention and Visitor Center on August 20, 2023. Time 1-5 pm. He encouraged club members to attend to learn about planning and advertising events. Cost is free, but reservations are required. Contact information: 608-757-3171 or visit@janesvillecvb.com.
 - Jim Trumpy will be selling used carving tools at his table. Please price the items you want to sell.
 - Alice Thompson and Jan Lesch will run the Greeter's Table.
 - Brad would like the exhibitor packets to include thank you notes with next year's show date on them, a list of upcoming carving shows, an evaluation form for the exhibitors to fill out, and the 2024 reservation form. He will also make up an evaluation form for the public to fill out.
 - Ashten Brown, owner of Badger State Blades, will sharpen tools at the show.
 - The Janesville Gazette will be doing some type of article about the show.
 - Jim Trumpy suggested we find some younger people to help us set up chairs and tables on September 8th. Robin Rios suggested contacting the Janesville Jets, because they do perform community service. Mark Ludois said he would check into it.
 - Rosie Kautz read through the preliminary competition form created by Jim Trumpy to the group. Following discussion, it was decided that the club tables could have four entries per table for judging.
- Program Coordinator (Mike Hughbanks): The club still needs a member to coordinate speakers/demonstrations for the meetings at First Lutheran Church. Bob Mortensen will be giving a talk about moldings on August 15th.
- Rosie Kautz said Affiliated Woodcarvers sent a thank you note for the \$100.00 the club donated to them.

New Business

- 65th Annual Tallman Arts Festival, Sunday, August 5-6, 2023, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set-up will be on August 4th at 5 p.m. We will have two easy-ups, and three tables with two people per table.
- Rock River Thresheree - September 1-4, 2023.
- Kauffman's Country Store - August 19 and August 26, 2023. **Please contact Brad Crandall if you can help represent the club.**
- Jim Trumpy announced the formation of a new carving club at the Gathering Place in Milton, WI. This will be meeting every Monday at 1 p.m.
- Show & Share: Participants were Jim Trumpy, Bud Hilgendorf, and Randy Callison.
- Business Meeting Adjournment: President Mike Hughbanks adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Open Carving to follow. The next meeting is September 5, 2023.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Robin Rios, Secretary

Shows & Seminars Coming Up

September 9: Our Show & Sale in Janesville

September 16: Eau Claire, Wis West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild, Brickhouse Pub, 2233 Birch St., 10-4 pm, Charlene Lynam, thelynums@gmail.com or 715-497-6296

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

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.

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.) **No Meeting Tuesday, July 4th.**

Show Donations

Please let Randy Callison know what items you are going to donate for show Raffle and/or Goody Bag as soon as possible. The earlier the better!

Club Members Recent Carvings



Smoothy Common Snipe
Carved by Jim Trumpy



Chickadee Adult and Young
Carved By Bud Hilgendorf



Clockwise from above: Celtic and Christmas Spoons by Bud Cunningham,
Dragon Pyrography by Denny Pryce, and Flowers by Randy Callison





Rose & Thimble Pyrography by Bud Cunningham



Pirate & Pelican Scene by John Eiden



Randy Callisons' Spirals
From many kinds of wood



Mark Ludois' Pumpkin Cane Segment and
Denny Pryce's' Chip Carved Cane Segment



Bud Cunninhams' Fish
Wood Burning



Denny Pryces'
Turtle Wood Burning