



Woodhaven Menshed's Newsletter

December 2022

Hi Guys,

Welcome to winter! It's been awful cold, but it looks like we'll have a couple of nice days before things get cold again! I've just acquired a new computer with this fancy Word program. Hope I can make it work.

So, we've had a busy November.

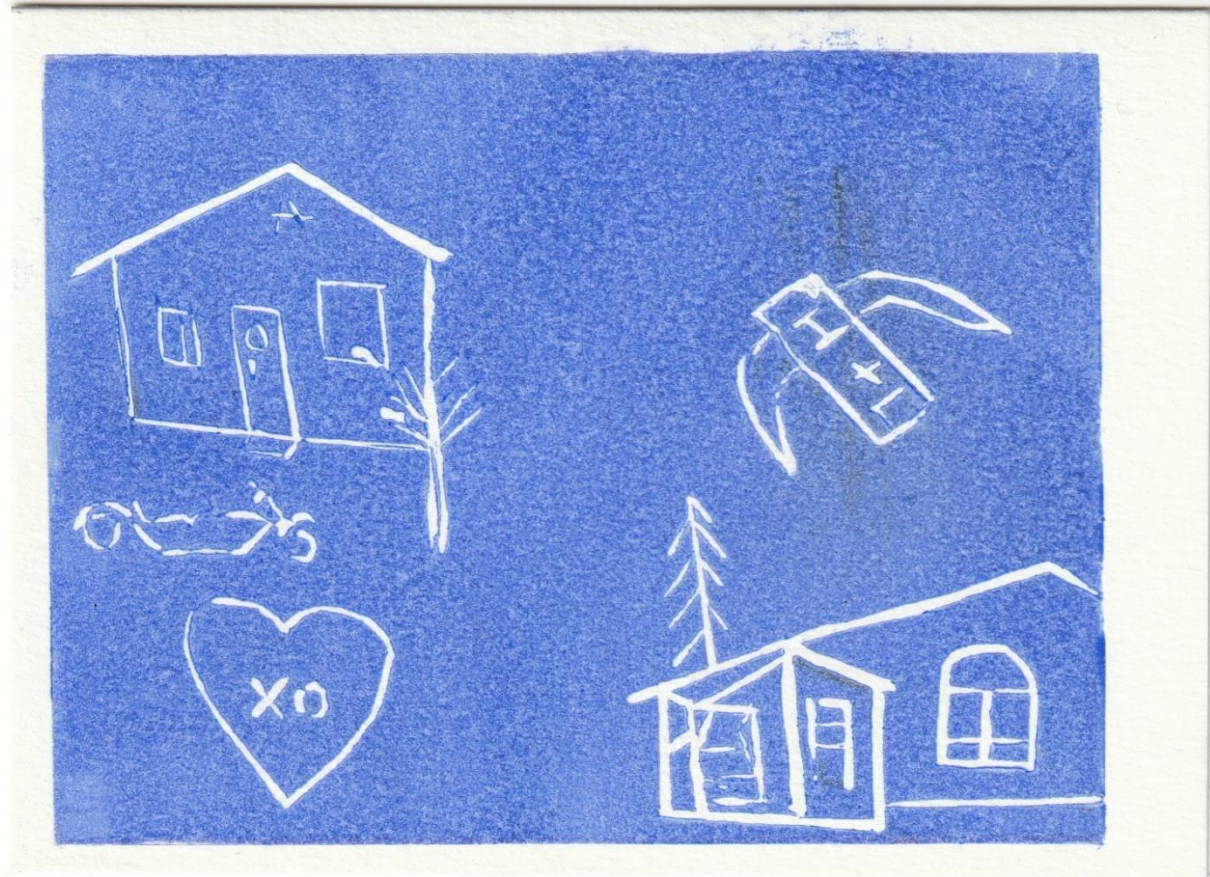
The borsht and hot dog lunch which we had on the 2nd went over very well. Thanks to Roger and Larry for your cooking skills. It was a good time to catch up with each other and share our summer memories. It was also a great chance to meet some of our new members and get to know them a little better.

Our Christmas dinner was a great success. I think the food was even better than last year. The youth from the church did a bang-up job of serving the dinners. Hey, even the entertainment was excellent. The WSO outdid themselves with their music. Bob's cover of sixteen tons (16 bucks) was quite hilarious and brought life to the reality of the times we are in.

On Sunday, Dec.4th, the WSO also performed a special number for the church during the morning worship service. It also gave us a chance to promote Menshed's to the congregation. Hopefully we'll gain some new members from this. The fellows performed "Why Me Lord" a Kris Kristofferson tune. It was well received.

We have had quite a few fellows join us in the last couple of weeks. Usually, I would know your names, but I've been sick. But I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. Ask Mike for a name tag.

Simple Art



In January we will be starting art classes again. They will be open to anyone who is interested. We will be adding acrylic painting in addition to sketching and watercolors. The classes will be on Tuesdays to allow for the guys who are also doing music to participate.

This week, about eight of us learned how to make Christmas cards by using our carving tools to cut patterns into scrap pieces of linoleum, then transfer the design on special paper to make the cards. **SEE ABOVE.** Lots of fun. We hope to do more of these interesting projects in the New Year.

Music

Our halls are filled with music. Yesterday, all the rooms were being used so the guys were playing in the vestibule. They were playing Christmas carols and it was a joy to hear them play. The advanced polls were being held in the board room, so anyone coming in could get a glimpse of what happens at Menshed's.

If you would like to join them (the WSO-Woodhaven Symphony Orchestra) bring your instrument on Wednesdays to meet in the fellowship room. We do have a piano available. Even if you don't play, but like to sing, please join us.

We will also be having a Ukulele class. Quite a few of you guys have them, but seem to be overwhelmed by the guitars, so we will have some instructional classes and just have fun playing our "ukes"

Community Projects

Our guys have been involved in a community garden project at Deer Lodge Community Center. We worked along side community members, including the MLA for ST. James, Adrien Sala and some of his volunteer staff to create 12 raised garden boxes for their community, which includes new refugees and new home owners from Habitat for Humanity homes recently built in the area. A video of the workday can be found at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/csn9as154n5pg5v/Adrien%27s%20Community%20Garden%20Reel.mov?dl=0>

Merry Christmas to all & A Happy New Year

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