

The Curling Chip

Newsletter—Flickertail Woodcarvers

Bismarck and Surrounding Area www.flickertail.org

Klaes S. Welch, Editor



Thank You for the Ornament Donations

Thanks to those folks who donated Christmas ornaments to the North Dakota Council on the Arts for the State of North Dakota Christmas tree. North Dakota Council on the Arts will use those ornaments on the state tree this year and in future years. Our club

receives funds through the Council on the Arts to reduce our costs on club classes, books, and projects. It is nice to be able to give something back for their assistance.

The folks who donated this year are: Margie Bitz – Several Patriotic Cloth Ornaments; Vince Bitz – Two scroll-sawn ornaments; Perry Cook – Carved Icicle Ornament; Ron Holtz – Carved Santa Ornament; Herb Thurn – Carved Holly Leaf Ornament; Bob Pedigo – Carved Santa Face Ornament.

We appreciate your donations. Thank You.

November 15, 2008

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 am

The carving for the morning was the continuation of the Christmas Wreath characters. Bob Pedigo called the meeting to order. There were 10 members present with 3 guests. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported \$4,383.24 after all bills are paid. Several bills are outstanding at this time. Motion to pay the bills was approved.

Ron Torgeson reported that he has submitted a grant application to MDU for \$2,000. He also reported submitting a grant to the ND Council of Arts for \$1,000. During the past year, about \$3,000 were received from various grant awards.

It is felt that the 501-C3 tax status has helped the club receive the awarded grants.

The 2009 membership dues are due now. The cost for 2009 is \$15 and can be paid to Doug Smith.

Programs report:

Frank Koch talked about the 2009 Annual Show and the carving of the ND Songbirds. All members are encouraged to select one bird and have a short write-up about that particular bird. Check the website and select as soon as possible. The carvings should be such that the display fit into a 12"x12" box. The 2009 Annual Show has changed from October to November 7 & 8 due to scheduling conflicts.

The Annual Christmas party will be held at the Doublewood Inn on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. The cost will be \$17/person. Contact Frank as soon as possible so a good count for reservations can be made. Some reservations have already been made but more are needed.

Frank provided pictures for the Intarsia class scheduled for Friday evening thru Sunday, April 24, 25, and 26, 2009. The cost will be \$50 which includes the cost of the project. The class will be limited to the first 12 members signing up so register early so that the instructor can start putting the projects together. Contact Frank for more information.

Frank reported that the Old West Town that was on display at the library is now traveling around the state is making its rounds to various libraries, etc., The display will be in several towns such as Jamestown and Medora, ND.

The club members are encouraged to continue to send photos and newsworthy articles to the newsletter editor. The next issue of the newsletter will be completed shortly.

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New Business:

No new business for this month.

There was no carving exchange at this meeting.
No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

**Membership Chairman – Doug Smith (dsmith@bis.midco.net)
2009 Membership Dues
11/4/2008**

Along with Seasons Greetings we again invite you to renew your membership in the Flickertail Woodcarvers Club.

I encourage you to receive your newsletter via e-mails. Not only does this save the club money, you will also get your newsletter much faster, bettering your chances of getting into classes before they're full. Please provide your e-mail address, even if you don't want the newsletter via e-mail, so you can be more easily informed about short-notice things if the newsletter won't be out in time.

If dues are not received by March 1, 2009, your newsletter will be discontinued. If you have previously paid, please disregard this mailing.

(Editor's note: If you receive the newsletter by e-mail you will get the colored version – pictures and highlights)

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2009 dues are \$15.00

The membership period is from 01-01-09 through 12-31-09

Amount enclosed: _____

Please check your mailing label and return this form with your membership fee to:

FLICKERTAIL WOODCARVERS
PO BOX 7473
BISMARCK ND 58507

Beginning Woodcarving

For all ages 14 and over. Monthly meetings are held at 9 – 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month Sept. - May from 9 – 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. "Whittle-Ins" are held from 7 – 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, Sept. – May at Trinity Lutheran Church. For schedule information, please call Frank Koch at 701-255-0280 or visit www.flickertail.org.

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District



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From Red River Woodcarvers

This information is from the Red River Woodcarvers newsletter regarding a purchase award for a portion of their show competition. Some of our Flickertail members were asking about this, so I am sending it to all on e-mail and including it in our next newsletter for those who don't have e-mail.

A new feature will be added to the competition portion of next spring's show. The Wahpeton Carving Weekend will sponsor a \$500 purchase award.

"What is a purchase award? you may ask." Briefly it goes like this: The winning carver in this category will receive the \$500 award. The carving then becomes the property of the WCW. The WCW may then use it for any purpose they deem necessary. It could be raffled as a fund raiser for their organization.

Here are the rules for entries in the Purchase Award Category:

1. The subject for this year's award will be a horse or horses
the horse may be realistic or abstract
it may be with or without a rider
it may be painted or natural finish
it may or may not use glass eyes
it may or may not have tack
it does not have to be a complete body
2. The carving can be no Larger than would fit in a 12" cube: this includes the mounting base.
3. So, there you have it! Get the creative juices flowing, sharpen the tools and get busy. It's never too early to get started. You could end up with a little extra jingle in your jeans!

Barry Kutzer, Larry Longtine & Gary Paulsen, show chairs

Flickertail Woodcarvers: At the last meeting the club voted to have North Dakota songbirds as the theme for the Annual Woodcarving show. The Flickertail Woodcarvers website has been updated to bring up a list of North Dakota songbirds. If you would like to select a bird, click on AVAILABLE and then type your name in the blank and then click on the SELECT phrase at the bottom.

We are hoping for a wide selection of birds, hopefully most will be life size. There are a few of the larger birds that you may want to reduce the size. The finished woodcarving should fit in a 12 x 12 x 12 box.

Our Old West Town has been getting a lot of attention. It was on display at the Bismarck Library for 3 months, it then went to the Jamestown Buffalo Museum (lots of praise here) and it will travel to the Valley City Museum for November thru January. It will then go back to Jamestown until May 1. On May 1 it will go to Medora. After Medora is finished with it the rest of the museums in North Dakota want to rotate the exhibit.

In 2010 the Song bird exhibit will be at the Bismarck Library, then to the Jamestown Buffalo Museum and then possibly to the rest of the Museums. As you see your work will receive much attention throughout the state.

Frank Koch



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Fellow woodcarvers:

The title of the book with actual photographs of birds is:

"Birds of the Dakotas" , field guide

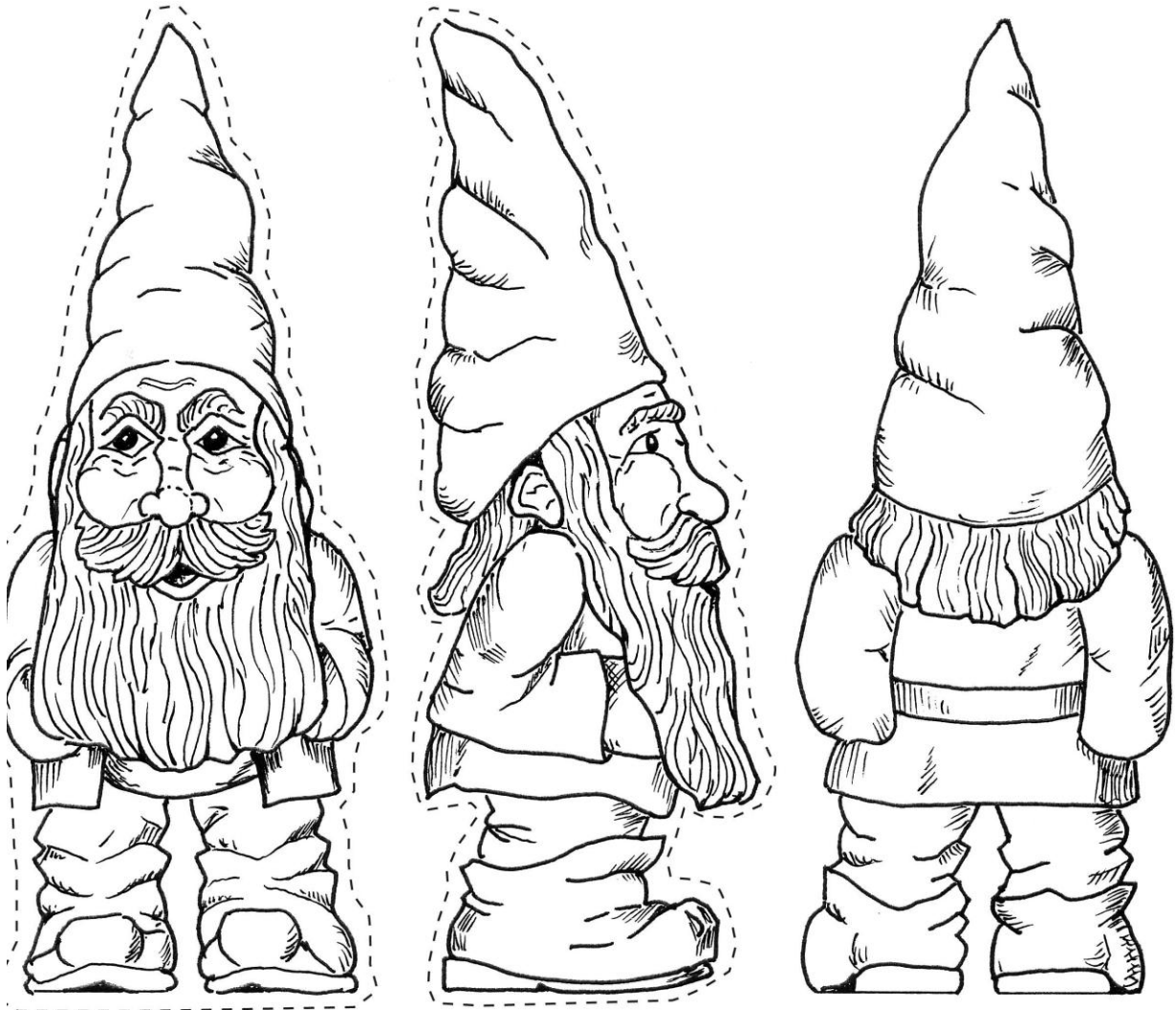
by Stan Tekiela

Published by: Adventure Publications, Inc

Cambridge, MN

Price on the back cover is \$13.95

Frank



Here is a free pattern I found at www.woodcarvingillustrated.com

from issue 45 Ross Oar's Happy Gnome

J.D. Anderson, Red River Woodcarvers

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Jan. 2-3-4, 09 – Spicer, MN

Tenth annual Snow Daze carving Weekend.
Contact Gen Jansen 320-252-3966; gencarves@charter.net

March 09 - Branson, Missouri Silver Dollar City's 12th annual carving seminars.
800-695-1353 woodcarvers@silverdollarcity.com

April 17-18-19, 2008 Fargo, ND

34th annual Red River Valley Woodcarvers Show, Sale & Competition at the
Doublewood Inn 333-13th Ave. S
Contact Larry Longtine 218-532-7062 longtine@loretel.net or Barry Kutzer 701-232-
8718

May 1-2-3, 2008 Winnipeg Carving Weekend



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January 17, 2009

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m.

The carvers present spent time carving on the Snow Snakes that are presented to a grade school class in Bismarck.

President Perry Cook presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were 6 members.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that the club ended the year with a checkbook balance of \$4,858.96 with all bills paid.

There was no old business to transact.

New Business: Ron Torgeson reported that MDU has rejected the grant request for \$2,000 due to having excess requests and not enough funds to go around this year.

The club members were informed of Dar Longtine's passing. A sympathy card was then passed around for all to sign and then sent to the family.

Programs report:

Bob Pedigo will lead the club with a love spoon carving at the February 3 Whittle-In. It will be a love spoon with some chip carving on the handle.

Bob Pedigo is planning on teaching a song bird carving class sometime this spring. It will be a smooth carving with possibly some texturing done if the carver would like to have it textured.

There will be more information coming at a later date.

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Vince Bitz is also going to teach a class on carving a small bulldog. The class will be held on a Saturday in March, 2009. Contact Vince for more information.

Ron Holtz invited the carvers to participate in the Art in Motion activity at Kirkwood Mall on Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The carvers are welcome to stay as long as they wish.

Ron Torgeson showed a carving of a northern pike and a bluegill that could be used as one of the potential class at the fall show. Looked like a good project and could be used at some time down the road.

Jim Lindseth reported he needs more instructors or carvers to help out at the monthly whittle-ins. Please contact Jim if you can lead a class for the Tuesday and Saturday whittle-ins.

There was no carving exchange at this meeting.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht, Secretary

Annual International Woodcarvers Festival

- Competition will be in the Visitors Center and the Displays will be open air.
- A picnic table or space for a vehicle display (limited number) will be provided.
- No charge for displays or competition, but a **state park vehicle permit is required.**
- You can reserve a campsite by calling 1-866-85PARKS or internationally 1-605-718-3030. Phones are open 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., 7 days a week. You can also reserve your site online at www.stayatmnparks.com. Designate "**lakeside**" if you want to be part of the carver group, if possible. Please specify if you need an electric camp site.

Along with the category awards, a special **Mayors Award** will be given to the carver entering the best carved **Frog**. See list of judging categories and additional rules and tips on reverse.

For more information please contact Cammie Taylor at gcaf@wiktel.com or by phone at (218)-754-8264.



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If you would like to take part in the festival, please return this form by July 24, 2009, to:
Cammie Taylor, 335 So. 4th Ave, Lake Bronson, MN 56734.

I would like to take part in the Annual International Woodcarvers Festival. The applicant, by signing below, recognizes that the program involves some level of risk and that s/he takes responsibility for all actions or injury that may result by participation.

Name: _____ Phone
Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Check activities that you are most interested in:
apply:

Check those items that

Display

Picnic table display unit

Sales

Demonstration

Competitive (see categories on reverse)

Whittling Event

2009 Judging Categories

Enter up to 3 pieces of your best work in each category listed below. **You cannot enter a carving in another category if it would fit in an existing category.** Example: a game bird could not be placed in the miscellaneous category. Entries for the novice category are for carvers with less than one year experience.



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Category #	Category#
01 Novice (all types of carvings)	16 Animal Caricatures
02 Santa	17 Human Realistic
03 Myth and Legend	18 Human Caricatures
04 Canes and Walking Sticks	19 Fish and Marine
05 Bark Carving	20 Flat Scene Reliefs
10 Game Birds	21 Just for Show
11 Nongame Birds (Song Birds)	22 Chip Carving
12 Nongame Birds (Raptors)	23 Miscellaneous
13 Nongame Birds (Loons, all others)	24 Mayor's Award
14 Realistic Animals (except birds, fish, and stylized animals)	25 Scroll Work
15 Stylized Animals	26 Marketry
	27 Wood Burning
	28 Wood Cuts

Note:

Please respond to the announcement if you wish to remain on the mailing list for the future years, even if you are unable to take part in this year's festival.

- **Registration and competition entry is from 7:30am to 8:30am on Saturday August 1st.**
- All exhibits entered for judging must remain on display from 12:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday and 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday in order to be eligible for the People's Choice Award. Registration will take place at the Visitor's Center.
- Competitors should cover identifying marks, such as initials, names, and logos with tape. This would speed up registration. Materials provided at registration.
- All work entered cannot have been entered in any previous Lake Bronson International Woodcarvers Festival competitions.
- Your group may send entries with one representative; however, no mailed entries will be accepted.
- **Don't miss out on the Whittling Competition, Saturday from 1:00 to 3:30.**
- If you are coming to the woodcarver's festival from Canada, please check with both US and Canadian customs offices. There should be no problem, just a formality.



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Awards:

Each category may be given a Blue, Red, and up to two Honorable Mention Awards. (Except Mayor's Award).

Best of Show, People's Choice, and the Mayor's Award will receive plaques.

Motel Information: The following motels are within twenty miles of the park.

Northstar Motor Inn

305 Main St. S

Karlstad, MN 56732

Phone: (218) 436-2494

Gateway Motel

702 S. Atlantic

Hallock, MN 56728

Phone: (218) 843-2032

Emerald Inn Motel

Hwy. 32 South

Greenbush, MN 56726

Phone: (218) 782-2990

Valley Motel

Hwy 75 South

Hallock, MN 56728

Phone: (218) 843-2828



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Super 8 Motel

203 Broadway St. South

Hallock, MN 5672

Phone: (218) 843-3702

Sakakawea Woodcarvers Reorganize

The Sakakawea Woodcarvers Club has decided to reorganize – they had considered disbanding, but reorganizing became the preferred choice. Beginning January 2009 a new slate of officials was installed: George Enyeart, President, Roger Duschsherer, Secretary/Treasurer, Cliff Rhime will assist Roger. Nona Rime is Historian and special coordinator, Robert Matzke, Newsletter Editor/Projects Coordinator. A new direction for the club will be one that serves and benefits its member carvers. Meeting dates have been changed to bi-monthly on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The longer meeting will allow for more in depth projects, less interference with other clubs, and less driving after dark. Meetings will continue to be at the McLean Electric Cooperative Building in Garrison, North Dakota. The roads in and out are all paved and maintained. There is a large parking lot available. The building is warm and well lighted, making it an excellent carving environment.

Club dues will remain at \$10.00 per year. This is a bargain in its self. A newsletter will be published six (6) times a year. It will contain club news, patterns, tips, and other information important to the membership. Plans are to enlist experienced carvers to present classes on a wide variety of topics.

Anyone interested in joining a “super” fun loving group of carvers, interested in learning and promoting carving to a higher level, is asked to contact; ROGER DUCHSHERER, 701-852-6436 or ROBERT (BOB) MATZKE, 701-462-84437.

The Sakakawea Woodcarvers Club is looking forward to hearing from you.

Robert Matzke

Intrasia

The Flickertail Woodcarvers will be hosting Swede Bengeston from the Twin Cities on April 24-26, 2009. He will be teaching a class on Intrasia. The cost for the class is \$50 for club



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members and \$75 for non-club members. Swede is allowing everyone to select a project from a list of about 13 different projects. Since each project will require different types of wood, he will need to know by the end of March what project each person would like to do. The class will require the use of a jig saw (he does have a couple of extra saws) and lots of sanding. The class will be held at Bob Pedigo's garage. Contact me or some of the e-board members to see pictures of the projects available.

We currently have room for 5 more class members. Please contact Frank Koch at fkoch@bis.midco.net or 701-426-9922 if you are interested in this class.

ART IN MOTION

Vince Bitz, Jim Lindseth, Warren Schlecht and Ron Holtz participated in the Dakota West Arts Councils "Art in Motion" at the Kirkwood Mall on February 7, 2009. We displayed our carvings, did some carving and spent the day visiting with each other and the many mall shoppers. We had a few serious inquiries regarding classes and membership.

Ron

LARRY LONGTINES CLASS FOR 2009 LAKE BRONSON WOODCARVERS WEEKEND.

[Cammie & Gary Taylor \[gcaf@wikel.com\]](mailto:gcaf@wikel.com)

Carving a pair of Mallard Duck Decoys about 8 inches long-one drake and one hen. Basswood band sawed blanks with glass eyes. Hand tools will be used. Tool texture finish will be done in class, but could be feathered later. Hope the class will be in the Fun tradition of the Lake Bronson Woodcarvers Festival. Cost of the class including blanks--\$35.00. Models and reference will be available to look at. Larry Longtine will be the instructor. Let me know if you are interested.

P.S. Please send this to anyone else you might think will be interested.

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Minutes

February 21, 2009

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

Warren Schlecht presented the class project for the morning whittle-in which was the carvings of various kinds of flowers.

President Perry Cook presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were 11 members.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that the club ended the year with a checkbook balance of \$4,773 with all bills paid. The treasurers' report was approved. It was also mentioned that the books have been audited for 2008. No discrepancies were found in the audit.

Vince Bitz informed the club that the carving of the bulldog that he was planning for sometime in March has been postponed to a later date. He will let the club know when it will be rescheduled.

Old Business:

Ron Holtz reported that the income tax for 2008 has been filed and the club should be in good standing.

New Business:

Roger Duchsherer reported that the woodcarving club in Garrison has been reorganized and will meet on the 4th Saturday of every other month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mclean County Electric building in Garrison. All are invited to attend the whittle-ins at that time.

Programs report:

Bob Pedigo is planning on teaching a song bird carving class sometime this spring. It will be a smooth carving with possibly some texturing done if the carver would like to have it textured. There will be more information coming at a later date. (Secretary's note: This class has been canceled and will not be rescheduled at this time.)

Ron Holtz reported that there were 4 carvers taking part in the booth at the Art-In-Motion held at the Kirkwood Mall in February. Ron reported that there was good traffic throughout the day and felt that it

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was worth the effort put forth by the carvers attending the show.

There was no carving exchange at this meeting.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

ADENDUM: Bob Pedigo reported after the minutes were written that he was unable to do the song bird carving class as stated above.

Blue Bill Duck Decoy

Instructor: Dick Skauge, Ugly Duck Farms

We will be carving a 2/3 full sized blue bill duck decoy from a butternut cut-out. The decoy will have parts of it finished with a natural butternut finish, parts textured and parts painted. The butternut cut-out will include a head and body. After carving the flat-bottom decoy, we will paint the bill, head and part of the neck, fading into the body, which will be showing the natural butternut wood. The tail may also have some texturing and painting. You can wood burn texture on the head and tail to add to the realism. We will shape the body and head. Add eyes and texture the head, part of the neck and tail. We want a smooth body, but may carve in some primary and tail feathers. We will paint the bill, the head and into the neck, and paint some of the tail to balance the look. We will finish the entire carving with a spray finish. You will need to bring hand held tools and different grits of sandpaper. Instructor has tools that can be used during class. We will use power only to drill eye holes. You may want to bring your wood burner to add texture in some areas. Dick will be acrylic paints and brushes

to use and sprays for the final finish. A \$20 materials fee for the cutout payable to Dick payable at the first class.

1005: Tuesdays April 14, 21 & 28 6:30-9:30 pm
DL Middle School, Room 247 Cost: \$34

May 1-2-3, 2008 Winnipeg Carving Weekend

Wahpeton Carving Weekend

June 26-28

Contact: Larry Longtine 218-532-7061 or
longtine@loretel.net

2009 Annual International Woodcarvers Festival

Lake Bronson State Park Saturday Aug. 1st & Aug. 2

There will be a class with Larry Longtine on July 30 & 31

for more information contact

Cammie Taylor gcaf@wiktel.com

or (218) 754 8264

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March 21, 2009

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

Bob Matzke provided the carving project for the morning. The project was a very nice miniature Hooded Merganser.

President Perry Cook presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were 14 members.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported a checking account balance of \$6,119. He has received \$75 from dues, \$250 from fees for upcoming classes as well as \$1,000 from the DWAC grant which have not been deposited. Expenses include \$900 for upcoming instructor fees and \$54 for newsletter postage expenses. Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

It was again reported that the bird carving class that Bob Pedigo was anticipating to be held in April, 2009 has been cancelled.

New Business:

Librarian Doug Emerson has been updating the clubs library and noted that three books are unaccounted for and cannot be located. They are "Carving and Painting a Rainbow", "Carving a Realistic Head", and "Carving Indian Rough outs".



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Since they have been unaccounted for and assumed lost, it was moved and seconded to discontinue showing them in the library index and not replace the books since there are more modern editions of the subject matters. Motion approved. Doug indicated that he will continue to update the library index and post the library index on the website.

Programs report:

With the cost of the wood increasing so much over the past year, Frank recommended we help out with some of the expense increase for the upcoming Intarsia class to be held on Friday evening, April 24 thru Sunday April 26. A motion to give the instructor an additional \$50 for the added cost of the wood was made, seconded and approved.

Frank reported that the Old West Town will be on display in Medora, ND, in May.

There are about 31 song birds selected so far for the display to be shown at the Bismarck Public Library in February, 2010. Frank showed a small information card that could be used to introduce and educate about each bird carving. We would like the information card to be consistent with each other which should indicate some unique item about each bird carving. See Frank if you have any questions about the information card.

Frank gave a short update on the fall show which is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 7 & 8,. The featured carver this year is Carol Lee Boyd who specializes in carving on Cypress Knee wood. Frank also reported that the Doublewood Inn will

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be increasing their rental fees from \$1,000 to possibly \$1,300. A second instructor for the show was discussed with several names mentioned. Frank will contact those mentioned to see if they would be available to teach a class.

A grant will be written within the next week for the spring, 2010, class. It was recommended that we try to get Dick Skauge to teach the spring class. The project that would possibly be carved is a standing miniature Canada goose carved in butternut wood.

Other business:

Bob Matzke asked if anyone is interested in teaching a class at the Hazen Arts and Craft show. Anyone interested in teaching the class could contact Bob and he could direct you to the proper person to line up the class.

Ron Torgeson received an invitation for the club members to attend the ND Council of Arts banquet that is sponsored by the Governors Awards for the Arts. Cost will be \$30/ticket. Contact Ron if interested in attending.

Stan Skarphol's wife donated some of Stan's woodcarving materials to the club. The items donated include some wood, a club vest, and

several other miscellaneous items. The items will be displayed and sold at the whittle-in on Tuesday evening, April 7, 2009. The proceeds from the sale will go to the Flickertail Woodcarving club.

There was no carving exchange at this meeting.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

Frank Koch is Offering a Class

The woodcarving class I described to you a couple weeks ago will be offered on Saturday, May 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church. We will start at 8:30 am and end at about 4:30 pm. The cost for the 24 inch wall shelf unit in which the supports would have caricature faces would be \$25 plus the cost of materials which is \$15. Please send deposit of \$25 by May 1.

Attachment contains previous message (includes picture) Questions? Contact me.

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