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May 12

# May 2011 Newsletter

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Tealeg

Our Guild meets the second Thursday of each month September through May at 6:30 P.M. at the Woodcraft located at the Overland Park Shopping Center at 6883 Overland, Boise, Id, 83709, (208) 338-1190.

### Presidential ponderings

It's amazing how time flies when you're having fun. It seems only yesterday we were picnicking in my yard but that was last August.



Now we are on the verge of true Spring and its time to say goodbye to my term as your President. At the start of the 2010-11 carving season I had two goals for the club. The first was to focus more of the Guild's treasury toward directly benefiting the membership; the second was to expose the members to a variety of new experiences.

Looking back on the year here's how it shook out financially. We had a total of 32 paying members plus 2 new

members who received free membership as a result of taking Lennie's classes. All those one dollar raffles you took part in brought the club about \$445 in revenue. In turn the monthly meeting raffles, contest prizes and door prizes delivered about \$645 back to club members in cash plus the value/thrill of winning the raffled item.

Your willingness to contribute to the picnic and the Christmas potluck celebrations kept the costs reasonable and with the shared goodies at the monthly meetings we were able to keep the refreshments under \$240 for the year. Not bad for two events that offered a cornucopia of delicious choices. Your participation in the Idaho Artistry in Wood Show rewarded the club with a \$500 check from the IAW committee.

Being a club member offers rewards in camaraderie and in shared new experiences. This season we had offerings in bark carving, wood burning, carving blade guards/sheaths, 3 public carve ins, wood spirits, Santa ornaments and excellent newsletters that included carving tips. Thanks to Eric Owens we now have a friendlier website. Artist/carver Sherri Klein visited from Oregon at club expense to offer a one day seminar on selecting and carving Cypress Knees. About two thirds of the membership took advantage of this opportunity to learn something new.

As I look back on the year I think I've meet my two goals of sharing the wealth both financially and artistically. For your \$20 annual membership cost the average member received more than twice that amount in benefits. I didn't do it alone nor could I. I want to thanks the folks who donated their time to provide the training, offered suggestions, served on the various committees, the Woodcraft Store for giving us a meeting home and especially the people who heckled from the floor. They provided a wealth of interesting comments and provided a basis for entertaining evenings.

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Toni Landers

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**Carving Tip** - When carving, lay your tools out on the workbench with the cutting edge pointed toward you so you can quickly determine the sweep and width. Just make sure they are far enough away so you won't stab yourself while carving or reaching for a different tool. -Joe Savarese, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**The Minutes, from Apr 14th 2011**, as interpreted by Carolyn **Greener**, 2nd Honorary Trustee, sitting in for **Toni Landers**.

**Jane Eubanks** gave a treasurer's report. All Funds present and accounted for.

**Steve Moreno** stood up then, and declared-- The show had monies left over, and so each club received a check for \$500.00.  
Idaho Artistry In Wood will have an active website.



The Garden Tour in Boise has invited us to come and carve onsite, June 12th (Sunday) 9:30 until 1:30. We'd like to have demo carvers for two shifts, and carvers may have a small display of finished work for sale. This is a Botanical Gardens fundraiser.

**Gene Fuller** jumps up and grabs the floor. All eyes rivet on him. He declaims—the Caricature Carvers of America have decided to come to Boise for the Annual Meeting this year! The CCA has not met in Boise since 1999! The annual meeting is on Friday, Sept 23rd and after that exclusive event, the banquet is open to all! There will be an open bar! If anyone is still able to attend, on the 24th, there will be a GREAT day of FREE events, starting with Bruce Day (the dudes printed on your jamboree t-shirts are his doodles)! Mr. Day will hold a cartooning seminar from 9-11 am! Then will be TWO mini-classes, 1-3 and 3-5 hosted by the CCA instructors! But wait there's more! Then....the OPEN HOUSE! 7pm. Hor'douvers! CCA members will attend, and if you ask nicely, autograph the newest CCA book "CCA in Motion" (copies to be available for purchase at the open house.)! All this will happen at Boise Hotel and Conference Center! Same place we had the show, used to be the Holiday Inn!

**Eric Owen** Speaks. The. Website. Is. Live. We can have up to ten pages, currently we have seven. We would like to have a Featured Carver page--give your philosophy, your history, your training and your photos. The idea is to show how we all started out rough and how we made it to the polish! Also, we'd like to post Carving Tips, so send them in!

Steve wrests back control —We've had some disgruntlement with the State Fair, most specifically with the judging criteria, or lack thereof. So now is our time to RISE and TAKE CONTROL. Or at least, help those poor people out. The Fair Board is looking for suggestions for judges, as well as a list of judging criteria. Also, there may be demo time available at the Fair—that's a nice big audience! This year's Fair theme is, "How the West Was Fun." So let's get them cowboys a'carvin'!

By the way, the club is supposed to have 3 trustees. For a list of each trustee's duties, consult the by-laws. So in addition to the usual suspects for election time, this year's list will include trustees. The list of needed officials is as follows: Secretary. Treasurer. Second Vice President. Trustee 1. Trustee II. Trustee Three.

**John Greener** nominated **Jane Eubanks** to be Treasurer. **Don Brigham** volunteered to be Trustee #3. Steve then scolded John and Carolyn Greener for not being an efficient Nominations Committee. They will now be efficient. Resistance is futile. They will not stop until you are elected.

"Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun."  
- Kahlil Gibran

## April Meeting Minutes – cont'd

It was decided the May meeting will be an ice cream social. There will be additional lighthearted carving instruction from Eric Owen, on the walking stick faces.

New Business was then introduced. **Gene Fuller** made a motion to provide club funds to **Dave Sharp**, for the purchase of needed software to continue production of the Newsletter. **Dale Parsons** seconded the motion. The motion passed with none opposed. Then we all did the Wave, just for fun.

Show and Tell—pictures speak louder than words. Take it away, Dave.....

## Nominations for Office for next year



2nd Vice President  
Carolyn Greener



Secretary  
John Greener



Treasurer  
Jane Eubanks



1st trustee  
Beck Beus



2nd Trustee  
Dean Shaw vs. Dale Shoemaker



3rd trustee  
Don Brigham

## Show and Tell



**Doug Rose's** beautiful bird is almost finished.



"Don't knock the weather: nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while."  
- Kin Hubbard

**Carving Tip** - I use a band saw to rough out carving blanks. I trace the front and side views onto the blank and cut one view. Then I use hot-melt glue to reattach the waste wood and cut the other view. Pry apart the hot glue joint with a wood chisel to free the blank. -Frank Orthmeyer, Sioux Falls, S.D.



**Don Bringham** shared the cypress knee Santa he carved in our recent class and another smaller Santa.



**John and Carolyn Greener** presented their Cypress knee Carvings. Knees not skinned, of course



**Dorian Wheaton** can always be counted on to be working on something special. His partially finished fish is certainly that. He plans to inlay stained glass in the fins.



**Beck Beaus** shared his Cypress Knee Santa and a cute little gentleman.



"You are as welcome as the flowers in May."  
- Charles Macklin

**Painting Tip** - When using your brushes, NEVER walk away and leave paint in the brush. It's a good habit to rinse a brush before you lay it down, even if only for a moment. - Vickie Rhodes

## Show and Tell, cont'd



**Gene Fuller** brought levity to share with us. Clowns and elephants and wart hogs, oh my!!! I can almost hear the sounds of the circus!



**David Sharp** shared a mountain cowboy named Idaho and a little mermaid, both carved from cottonwood bark.



### Virg Butler send this message-

Grand Re-Opening of **All About Wood**, Council, Idaho, May 21, Free Hot Dog BBQ, art & craft fair, (spaces available) new wood carvings, new wood sculptures, limited edition photographs, indoor furniture, outdoor furniture, lots more all wood inventory. Phone number is 208-566-4974 and the address is 1902 hwy 95, Council, Idaho

"I found a strawberry blossom in a rock. I uprooted it rashly and felt as if I had been committing an outrage, so I planted it again."

- Dorothy Wordsworth

**Painting Tip** - Cleanup: Acrylic paints clean up with water when wet. If you accidentally allow the paint to dry, Windex with ammonia, or even straight household ammonia, work well to dissolve any paint left in the ferrule area of the brush. -Lora S. Irish

## Upcoming Classes

### Weekly Wood Carving with Lennie Williams

Lennie teaches on Tuesdays from 6 pm – 8 pm. Learn the basics of wood carving any style: relief, architectural, realistic, caricature, wildlife, coastal Indian, chip carving. Beginning students will work on a practice piece to learn the basic techniques of carving, overview of carving tools and their care, and an overview of different styles of carving. Upon completion of the basics, students may work on a carving in the style of their choice on an on-going basis. New students need to meet with the instructor one week prior to their first class. \$30.00/class or 4 class punch-card for \$99.00. Class fee does not include materials. Call Woodcraft at (208) 338-1190 to learn how to register.

Lennie is a member of the IWG and is a great carver.



"Spring - an experience  
in immortality."  
- Henry D. Thoreau

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