



Yahoo! Another
Great year of
Carving is here!

Next Meeting
Sept 08

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Newsletter

“Under the harvest moon, when the soft silver drips shimmering over the garden nights”. Carl Sandburg

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.

Fellow woodcarver, wood burner, turner and wood marquetry members:

As we begin the new fiscal year 2011-2112 we face some negative and some new positive opportunities and challenges. The club has sustained itself for several decades and I believe it will sustain itself for some time to come but perhaps we need to consider how to make the meetings more interesting and bring back more carving time into the monthly meetings.

I convened an Executive Board meeting in early July to discuss how we could make positive changes as to how the club has functioned these past several years and with a focus to allow more time during the actual carving portion of the meeting and spending less time on business issues. We discussed many things and will have further board meetings after receiving membership input.



I believe each of the elected Officers of the club should have some specific functionality. The 1st VP would do the advance planning for carving projects; the 2nd VP would be responsible for the running of the raffles, and each of the three Trustees would have specific functions to allow the organization to run smoothly and to ensure the adherence to the clubs Incorporation and Bylaws. There may be additional duties yet to be determined.

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We have qualified carvers who have indicated they would be willing to put on two day workshops. There is a need for qualified carvers to assist the 1st VP during the demonstration carving projects at the monthly meetings. We also need input as to what kind of carving sessions are desired. We have reached a point that the membership needs to speak up as to what you desire the Executive Committee to do and to plan for.

President:

Roy Bosley

1st Vice President:

Eric Owens

2nd Vice President:

Carolyn Greener

Secretary:

John Greener

Treasurer:

Jane Eubanks

1st Trustee:

Beck Beus

2nd Trustee:

Dean Shaw

3rd Trustee:

Don Brigham

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We have a new and interactive website; are we effectively utilizing it? We also have a library, but have no effective way to interact with or to access these books let alone store these books. It is possible to inventory the titles, provide an ISBN No and perhaps a brief summary of table of contents and incorporate them into the website and arrangements made for checking out requested materials.

We have a number of members who are lifetime members of the club. Is there a need and the ways to also incorporate such recognition into our website?

It is planned to incorporate more of our routine business matters within the newsletter. Such information will provide advance information prior to the upcoming meetings so that everyone is informed providing expediency and transparency.

The Executive Committee looks for the members to express their desires and what you expect to receive from these monthly meetings. The Executive Staff stands ready to listen and respond to your inputs. -Roy

Note from Eric Owens – Because the first meeting of the year has lots of business Content, we will just plan to have open carving after the business is finished in our September 8, meeting.

The Minutes, from May 12, 2011, as interpreted by Carolyn **Greener**, 2nd Honorary Trustee, sitting in for **Toni Landers**.



Jane the Treasurer's report. All is in order.

The club has been offered several invites to carving demos:

1. The Boys Scouts will be at Lake Hazel Middle School,, on May 21st, 10 am to 3pm. Demonstration only, no bleeding Scouts.
2. The Boise Garden Show will have a site in Eagle, June 12th, 9:30 to 5 pm.
3. The Dry Creek Historical Society at Hidden Springs, in October. Details to follow.
4. The Western Idaho State Fair. The club could be in "western town," or the typical carve-in, hang about situation.
5. International Migratory Bird Day at the MK Nature Center, Sat. May 14th, 9am to 4 pm. All bird carvers welcome. Bark carvers welcome if they carve birds.

Attention was moved to the dearth of candidates to serve for the upcoming year. Dave Sharp opened the floor for norm, I mean, nominations. The paucity of candidates made it simple to elect the slate in toto, as follows:

1. First trustee, Beck Beus
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3. Third trustee, Don Brigham
4. Recorder of Meetings, John Greener
5. Treasurer, Jane Eubanks
6. 2nd Vice President of the WORLD, Carolyn Greener

Don Brigham motioned to elect the slate as presented, and Ken Peterson seconded the motion. Passed. Unanimous.

Second trustee actually had two takers, Dean Shaw and Dale Shoemaker. (I find it odd they have the same initials. Conspiracy? Or clones?) Dean was sent outside, Dale was not in attendance. The club voted Dean Shaw to be Second Trustee.

Accolades went to Steve Moreno, for a successful—if uneventful--run as president. (Just one impeachment really would have livened things up.)

Show and tell was recorded, live, by Dave Sharp.

And then riff raff was raffled off.

Beck Beus was the Door prize winner of the month, a \$25 woodcraft gift card.

Then Don Brigham fulfilled his first duty as Third Trustee (in charge of parties) and served root beer floats all around!

"My favourite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something." –Groucho Marx

The 2011 IWG Picnic was held at President Roy Bosley's home on August 11.



Thanks to Roy for having us to his home for the picnic to Eric for taking these great photos.

Show and Tell



Jane Eubanks shared her motorcycle carved from a Cleve Taylor book. It looked like one could crank it up and roar away on it.



"If a guy hits .300 every year, what does he have to look forward to? I always tried to stay around .190, with three or four RBI. And I tried to get them all in September. That way I always had something to talk about during the winter." Bob Uecker



Gene Fuller says "once you get into wart hogs you just can't stop carving them." One character looking for dinner and the other trying to not become dinner. What a great carving. So full of motion.



Walt Mifflin gave us a treat by showing his beautiful little American Kestrel, North America's smallest Falcon. We love and miss you Walt.



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



Beck Beaus shared his Hobbit High-rise carved from cottonwood bark. He said for some reason the three pieces held together to give it the unique shape.



Interesting carving Fact – George Washington's teeth were carved from the finest hippopotamus ivory and gold, not from wood' which is widely believed.

"Tis the last rose of summer,
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone."
- Thomas Moore

Carving Tip – Here is a place where you can sell your carvings, if you've a mind too.
http://www.etsy.com/?ref=so_home

Show and Tell, cont'd



Amy Linkert said that she is working on some little carvings to use up some scrap wood. Tonight she shared a Native American carving.



Steve Moreno shared his carved cypress knee. And beam he should at this masterpiece.



Carolyn and John Greener and Eric Owens enjoying our Thursday night Open Carving Sessions.

From Betty Mifflin: Thanks to all those members that came to the gathering for Walt . I really do appreciate it. The club, and all the good folks in it, were so special to Walt and I. I am hanging in there. I'll try to get to one of the meetings this fall.
Thank you so much,
Love to all,
Betty

Carving Tip - In the latest copy of Sculpture Review, a journal of the National Sculpture Society, is completely devoted to wood sculpture, and there are a variety of artists profiled. Some do animal work, others the human figure. One in particular from Italy carves some incredibly realistic, life size pieces, which look like they might have been done in clay, but they are wood. Very humbling to look at such expertise! The magazine is available at Barnes and Noble, in case you want a copy. It's a good reference for people who want to improve their work, regardless of media. Thanks Doug and John

"September twenty-second, Sir, the bough cracks with unpicked apples,
and at dawn the small-mouth bass breaks water, gorged with spawn."
- Robert Lowell

CCA Annual Meeting
Boise, Idaho
September 23-24, 2011

The Caricature Carvers of America will hold their annual meeting in Boise, Idaho on September 23 - 24, 2011. The meeting and all events will be held at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, 3300 Vista Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

The events listed below open to anyone interested in caricature carving. We invite you to attend and meet the member of the CCA and view a display of caricature carvings.

Friday September 23

6:00 p.m. CCA Annual Banquet - Social hour with live entertainment followed by dinner. If you would like to attend the banquet, please send a check for \$23 per person to Caricature Carvers of America, in care of Gene Fuller, 3110 S Shortleaf Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83716. Deadline for receipt of the check is September 9, 2011. Dinner choices are Idaho Salmon with Tarragon Sauce or Citrus Herb Chicken. Price includes a salad, dinner rolls, dessert, beverage, and gratuity. Special dietary requests will be honored on a limited basis. Be sure to indicate your entree preference. Reservations and pre-payment is required. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Saturday September 24

10:00 a.m. Cartooning Lecture - Boise commercial cartoonist Bruce Day will present a seminar on cartooning. There is no cost for the seminar, but seating is limited.

1:00 -5:00 p.m. CCA Mini-Seminars - CCA members will provide a series of free two-hour classes on a variety of carving-related topics. Students should have the opportunity to carve with two different CCA members during the two separate carving sessions. CCA instructors tentatively include P. J. Driscoll, Chris Hammack, Bruce Henn, Don Mertz, Floyd Rhadigan, Joe Schumacher, Dave Stetson, and Dennis Thornton. There will be no registration, but class size is limited (10-12 students per session) with seating on a first come basis, so we ask that if you are planning to participate in these mini-seminars, you contact Gene Fuller at the above address or e-mail him at <efuller@boisestate.edu> so that we can plan adequately. Participants are required to provide their own tools and wear a safety glove.

7:00 p.m. Reception and Auction – Public reception with a modest selection of hors d'oeuvres. The “CCA in Motion” carvings and annual trade pieces will be on display as we unveil our newest book, The CCA in Motion. There will be copies of the new book available for purchase at the reception, and CCA members will be happy to sign their page for you.

Additionally, the CCA will hold a silent auction for a number of original CCA carvings. Bids open on Saturday during the mini-seminars, and close at the conclusion of the reception on Saturday.

Lodging: Out of town guests planning to stay at the Hotel must make reservations prior to September 9, by calling (208) 343-4900 and indicating they are attending the CCA events to ensure they get the hotel special rate.

2012 IDAHO ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

The 2012 Idaho Artistry in Wood Show will be held Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26 at the Boise Hotel and Conference Center, 3300 Vista Ave., Boise, Idaho. Competitors from all skill levels, Novice – Expert, are invited to submit their entries for display and judging. The show will feature demonstrations, vendors, an auction and banquet. For the first time this year, cash prizes will be awarded for the top entries.

Registration will take place on Friday, February 24, 2012 from 12-6 p.m. at the show site. Copies of the prospectus, registration forms, banquet reservation forms and discount coupons for admission are available on the IAW website:
<http://idahoartistryinwood.org>

For specific questions, contact: Doug Rose (208) 387-0492. roseboise@yahoo.com

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.



"There comes a time when autumn asks, "What have you been doing all summer?"

Additional info from Gene Fuller about the CCA Annual Meeting – (Official announcement inside this newsletter)

- Everything is free of charge except for the banquet which is \$23 per plate (Citrus Chicken or Idaho Salmon). If I can get reservations for the banquet about one week prior to the banquet that will be adequate. It should be a great time to learn a little and meet the CCA guys and gals. Incidentally, Heinecke will be available during the classes and will be bringing some of his wood and would be willing to honor special orders. So for all that would like some of his larger pieces without having to pay shipping charges this would be a good time to give Tim a call at (715) 822-3524 and place an order.

Virg Butler send this message-

All About Wood is having an end of season open house with a free BBQ and art & craft vendors. vendors needed for anyone that want to come up, space is just \$10.00 including dinner or just drive up and enjoy the fall here in Council, it's Sept 17th from 10 to 5. See you there.....virg

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