

Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Sept. Newsletter

The Club meets the second Monday of the month from 6:00 to 9:30 PM at the 40-8 Club, 933 University Ave. Rochester NY. Social from 6:00 to 7:00 Meeting begins at 7:00
Visitors and Guests are welcome. Next meeting September 8th 2008

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be no executive committee meeting in August prior to the first regular club meeting due to personal factors and family obligations. I expect to meet with the committee sometime in September. Thanks, Ralph Sholts.

Events

The Lake Plains Waterfowl Association will conduct its Annual Gunning Decoy Competition Saturday, September 27th at Noon (Registration is from 9:00 to 11:00) at the DEC Fishing, Hunting and Outdoor Days at their offices in Avon. The Field Days are Saturday and Sunday.

Rochester and Club Carvers at the State Fair

Four Rochester carvers displayed entries at the State Fair this year. Al Jordan, Joe Cerilla, Wolfgang Spath and Robin Salisbury. Good luck all.

From the Editor

If you have anything interesting for the newsletter, please call at 637 5653 or email me at bcretney@rochester.rr.com. I need the information at least two weeks before the monthly meeting.

September's Program:

Ralph will lead a discussion that will set goals and programs for the new year. He needs to know of your interests and needs so that the programs can interest all members.

Al Adaskin will comment of the Monroe County Fair and inform the membership about the Club's display of carvings and involvement with the Greece Historical Society.

President's Message

This newsletter signals us that summer is fading. It means the favorite season for many of us is near; autumn is a great season. We will, of course, never forget how often we had to mow the lawn this summer.

I had a great experience in early August, Alison alerted me about a request from the Genesee Country Village and Museum about a request to assist them with a soap carving event. It was an activity as part of the August 9th celebration of their Laura Engles-Wilder Day. I'm sure you remember the TV program "Little House On the Prairie". Well I must tell you that I'll never forget that soap carving event. Between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm we enjoyed helping between 150 and 200 young girls and boys carve fish, owls, Teddy bears and what else they could think of. I must say that I left at the end of the day totally tired out but with a big smile on my face.

Before I left the lady in charge of the Gallery and the event asked me if they could count on us to help them again on such an event and that she had been thinking of a class for beginning wood carving; I of course said yes. Fred Fox get ready! It was a great experience and many thanks to the Village and Museum for the opportunity to help and to work with such a great group of Village and Museum Gallery people

CLUB MEMBERS AT THE MONROE COUNTY FAIR



Text by Al Adaskin

The Genesee Valley Wood Carvers were well represented at the Monroe County Fair in the early part of July. Nine members of the Genesee Valley Wood Carvers participated in the Fair with a total of 32 carvings. There were 15 carvings competing and 17 more added for display and sale. There were songbirds, waterfowl, antler carvings, caricature carvings, decoys, and relief carvings represented. What a nice variety and great turnout for our first entry in this venue.

Demonstrations over the 5 days of the Fair were presented by Roger Campbell, Fred Fox, Rex McHail, Robin Salsbury, Wolfgang Spath and Al Adaskin. Carvings were added to the competition or display by Doug Angold, Allison Currie and Bonita McClure.

The winners of the Competition were:

Woodworking: Carving Division:

Doug Angold-Won Best of Show and 1st place with a miniature carving of a Chickadee on a Milkweed.

Wolfgang Spath- 2nd place with a relief carving of an Indian releasing a Dove

Rex McHail - 3rd place with "Eves" Apple

Fine Arts, Sculpture

Wolfgang Spath 1st and 2nd with Antler carvings

Our host for the event was Superintendent of the Home Arts Division of the Fair, Judy Price. Judy made all the carvings and demonstrators feel very welcome and comfortable while we did our "thing" as demonstrators and participants. We are grateful for her attention and look forward to doing it again next year. The Fair organizers were very happy with the fine turnout by the Club members and specially the great demonstrations. They are hoping that we will be willing to do it again in 2009.

ADDITIONAL CLUB PICTURES AT THE 2008 MONROE COUNTY FAIR

Rex McHail and Roger Campbell



Rex McHail, Fred Fox and Roger Campbell



Classes being taught by Club members:

Frank Stirpe: Will be teaching a class at Schroder High School this fall, starting September 30th. Frank will be doing a Hen Canvasback slick. The class will run 10 weeks and will have 10 weeks painting. Classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Registration can be made at the Webster Aquatic Center front desk from Monday - Wednesday from 5:30 AM to 9:00 PM. Tues. - Thurs. 6:00 AM - 9 PM. Fridays 5:30 AM - 8:00 PM, Sat. 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Sunday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM or on line.

Rex McHail: Will be teaching two classes this Fall at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Both classes are geared towards Intermediate and Advanced Carvers. The Wednesday 7 to 9 PM class starts on October 8th and ends on December 10th. The Thursday class at 10AM - 12 noon starts on October 9th, ending December 11th.

Each is eight weeks duration. Subject is a Great Blue Heron miniature. Additional time will be scheduled to instruct about layout, detailing and texture burning of the carving.

Fred Fox: Will be carving a Golden Plover antique style stick bird at RMSC Thursday from October 16 to December 18. 8 classes from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Also at the Perinton Recreation Center: Tuesdays from Oct. 14 to Dec, 2 again 8 classes from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Robin Salsbury: will be teaching carving an American Goldfinch at Irondequoit High School. 7:00 to 9:00 PM. 7 classes from September 16 to October 28. Call 336 3014 for information or to register.

Al Adaskin: will be teaching carving a Chickadee smoothie in Greece. 7:00 to 9:30 PM Wednesdays from October 1 to November 12. 7 sessions. Register at GCCE phone 966 7411.

Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Club Membership

Sign up today so you can begin receiving your monthly newsletter. The Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 933 University Ave, in the 40-8 Club across from Gleason Works. From 6:00 to 7:00 PM is club social time and demonstrations. The general meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Lucina Brogan will be available before meetings to register for the club. Dues are \$20.00 individual or \$25.00 per family.

Checks payable to Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Club. Send to:

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