



June 2019

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

Meetings are held from 7 to 9 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month (except July and August) at:
The 40 & 8 Club (across the street from Gleason Works)
933 University Avenue, Rochester, New York
Web site: <http://gvwoodcarvers.com/>

Important Disclosure: Wood carving and whittling may be habit forming and could prevent you from engaging in household chores and other unpleasant tasks. Carving is enjoyable and you may be prone to share it with others: thus, causing them to experience the same distractions from less pleasant tasks as you may have experience yourself

Next Meeting

Monday, June 10, 2019

**Topic: Dibella's Sub Social
Election of officers for 2019-2020**

6:45 – 8:30 pm

GVW OFFICERS: President: *Harry Patrick* Vice President: *George Abbott* Treasurer: *Alison Currie*
Website: *Mardou Case* Membership: *Jeff O'Donnell* Show Chair: *John Currie* At Large: *Al Adaskin*
Newsletter: *Susie Nettleton* Historian: *Wayne Kidd*

GVW 2019-2020 CARVING YEAR

MEETING/ ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

June 10	Election of officers Annual Dibella's sub social
September 9	Annual "clean out the workshop" sale
October 14	TBD
November 11	TBD
December 9	Presentation of winter carving class projects & Pizza Party
January 6 & 20, 2020	Winter Carving Classes
February 10 & 24, 2020	Winter Carving Classes
March 9 & 23, 2020	Winter Carving Classes
April 3, 2020	Setup & registration for 2020 show
April 4, 2020	2020 Show, 10AM -4:30PM
April 13, 2020	Show wrap up
May 11, 2020	Nomination of officers
June 8, 2020	Election of officers Annual Dibella's sub social

GVW Meeting Format & Schedule

6:30-7:00 PM	Open time for socializing, informal coaching or critiquing, browse the library, & the informal "Show & Ask Me" table.
7:00-7:15 PM	Welcome new members and guests, announcements.
7:00-8:45 PM	Open carving time and/or demos.
8:45-9:00 PM	Room cleanup

General Reminders

There is a table available for members to showcase what they're working on. It can be either a finished carving or a work in progress.

If any members have helpful hints, have seen a new product or have information a tools/fixtures that they would like to pass along, please consider a short write-up for the newsletter. Contact Susie Nettleton for more info. newsletter@gvwoodcarvers.com

If you have items to sell, send a digital picture, a description and suggested dollar amount to Mardou at mardou@rochester.rr.com She will post it on the website for you .

President's Corner

At the May meeting, Al Jordan brought some of his carving from the recent World competition & presented a very informative program on what judges look at when judging a bird. I've heard many favorable comments. Thank you Al a great program! And a thank you to Alison for showing us her Hudsonian Godwit (3rd in Shorebirds). The date for our next show is **April 4, 2020** date. Which in keeping with my tradition, as I write this, is only **311 days or ~44 weeks** away! Our goal as always, is to increase both the number of participants and the number of carvings.

As everyone knows new members are the life blood of any club. Please talk up the club whenever possible. If you know of someone interested in woodcarving but they're not sure what they would like to do, invite them to attend a meeting to see what we are doing. **Currently we have approximately 86 paid members.** Dues are \$20 per year for an individual & \$25 for a family. Membership forms are on the website. Please send completed forms to Alison.

Club T-shirts and ball caps are still available for \$10 each. Club business cards are also on hand; take some to share with folks who may be interested in carving.

The following people have been nominated for club officers. Election will take place at the June 10th meeting.

Co-President:	George Abbott & Harry Patrick
Treasurer:	Alison Currie
Membership:	Jeff O'Donnell
Newsletter Editor:	Susie Nettleton
Webmaster:	open, nominations will be accepted from the floor
Show Chair:	John Currie
Member at large:	Don Buss

Remember, safety first and keep those wood chips flying and the dust collected!

*Regards,
Harry*

New Chips off the Block

Kris Tripp

Announcements

There is still time to volunteer before you get nominated.

Wanted: Webmaster-in-Training: Our current webmaster, Mardou Case, has expressed the desire to do some traveling next year and wishes to turn over the reins to a new person. She will work with someone until the October-November time frame, at which point that individual will take over the position. Duties include general maintenance of the website, posting photos, posting information on the show and winter classes & updating the calendar of events. This person will be a member of the board, with possibly two meetings a year to attend. If interested please contact either Mardou mardou@rochester.rr.com or Harry 585.880.4924 or hpatrick@rochester.rr.com
Thank you for your consideration.

The following ideas have been provided to me for future winter carving classes. Please contact me with any other ideas. If any member has experience in these & would be willing to share either as a winter class or a mini demo for next year, please contact Harry Patrick at (585) 880-4924 or hpatrick@rochester.rr.com

- Habitat making: log sections with realistic bark, leaves, berries, etc.
- Feet & legs, especially for warbler size birds
- Carving birds of all kinds
- Celtic knot carving
- Bark carvings

Carving Groups

Greece Carving Group Contact Bob Martin at rjm578@aol.com

The Greece Carving Group will meet every Monday Morning from 9:00 to 11:30 (except Holidays) The Greece Senior Center is in the Town of Greece Town Hall complex just to the North of the Town Hall, on the West side of Long Pond Rd. approx. 1/4 mile North of Latta Rd. Bring your own project to carve.

Chili Carving Group

The Chili Carving Group meets on at the Chili Senior Center on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. The Chili Senior Center is located at 3235 Chili Ave, Rochester, NY 14624.

Club Library

The club library is officially open for business. Our heartfelt thanks go to Chuck Barker for housing all the materials in his garage until their permanent home was ready. Ditto to Doug Angold for taking care of the bird study casts.

Everything has been moved to the elegant first floor library of the 40 & 8 Club. The books are organized by author: birds on one side and general on the other. Jim Butlin has kindly consented to resume his duties as librarian.

All the materials contain index cards to track them. To check out something, simply complete the card and give it to Jim. Keeping materials checked out for a month (meeting-to-meeting) is a reasonable policy. If you want to keep them longer or over the summer, that's OK too. Just let Jim know.

The club has a wealth of resources so please stop by, take a look, and get inspired to carve.

Check something out for the summer and get started on your Christmas carving gifts or carvings for the 2020 show.

Community Requests

Contact the folks directly if you can be of assistance

Shelly Gorino at the Henrietta Senior Center is looking for someone to help ~10 beginners learn wood carving skills. They are looking for ~1 hour during the day, once a month. Some people have some wood burning experience. For more information, please contact Shelly at 585.334.4030 or sgorino@henrietta.org.

Amber Callari, a teacher at Monroe 2 BOCES, is looking for someone to do a presentation on woodcarving/whittling for her classes. It would be a morning presentation on June 20th, 21st or 24th. Other dates may be available. Please contact Amber at acallari@monroe2boces.org.

Al Jordan presents at May meeting Photo by Jim Patterson



Photo by Aimee Nothnagle Thanks to Earl for sharing them.



Attention club members!



World Championship carver and club member Al Jordan is offering three summer classes:

- June 6 and 7, 2019 (carve) and June 12 and 13, 2019 (paint) - Virginia Rail (note split sessions)
- July 15 to July 19, 2019 - Carve and paint a male Cedar Waxwing
- August 6 to August 10, 2019 - Carve and paint a male Bluebird
- August 26 to August 30, 2019 - Carve and Paint a Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Normally Al's students pay \$575 for a 5 day class. Al is offering these classes to members of the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers at a special price of \$350 which includes a cutout, eyes, and patterns. Al power carves his pieces from tupelo, wood burns for detail, airbrushes base colors, shadows, and some accents, and then uses a brush for the final details. If preferred, the student may hand-paint the entire piece.

This is a fabulous opportunity get to know Al and work with him in an inspiring and supportive group setting.

Contact Al directly at ajordanbirds@yahoo.com or (585) 227-2235 for more information and also to register any of these classes. Hope to see lots of members availing themselves of this wonderful opportunity.

Upcoming events

- August 24, 2019** John LaForest Bird Carving Contest, Marshfield Fair, Rt 3A Main Street, Marshfield MA (SE of Boston).
Contact: Kevin Dunn 781.837.3786, kdunn603@verizon.net; Tom Hogan, 781.834.7725.
- September 8, 2019** Maumee Bay Carvers Decoy Show, Pearson Metropark 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon OH
Contact: Steve Secord, 419.385.6020; ssecord@att.net; www.maumeebaycarvers.com
- September 14, 2019** Kawartha Carving Competition & Show, "Artistic Expressions in Wood", Bobcaygeon Curling Club, Mansfield Street Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Ontario.
Contact: www.kawarthacarvingcompetition.org.
- October 26-27, 2019** Sauder Village Woodcarver's Show & Fair; Founder's Hall at Sauder Village, 2201 State Rt. 2, Archbold OH.
Contact: www.saudervillage.org/woodcarvers
- October 26-27, 2019** Conewago Carvers 27th Annual Woodcarving and Art Show & Sale. East Berlin Area Community Center, 405 North Avenue, East Berlin PA
Contact: Kyle Gabel, 717-676-7611, info@conewagocarvers.com

Earl has some of his carvings on display at the Rush Library. You might want to contact their local library to see if space is available to showcase some carvings and promote the club.



Chips from the Editor

Happy start of summer. We know that by the calendar and not the weather. My goal is to figure out some Christmas carvings and get them cut out so I can spend rainy afternoons in the Adirondacks carving. Be inspired by materials in the library to try something new over the summer. What will you carve over the summer? Don't forget you can sign up for one of Al Jordan's classes and learn some new skills.

The September newsletter deadline is **August 26**.

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