



December 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, December 9, 2019

**Topic: Pizza Night and
Simple Santa painting
2019-2020 Dues are due
Dues form on the last page**

6:45 – 8:30 pm

GVW OFFICERS: Co Presidents: *George Abbott & Harry Patrick* Treasurer: *Alison Currie*
Website: *Tony Filetti and Rob Lucci* Membership: *Jeff O'Donnell* Show Chair: *John Currie*
At Large: *Don Buss* Newsletter: *Susie Nettleton* Historian: *Wayne Kidd*

GVW 2019-2020 CARVING YEAR

MEETING/ ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

November 11	Painting Santa
December 9	Presentation of winter carving class projects & Pizza Party
January 14 & 28, 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

A Reminder from Floyd: Avoid trips to the ER and expenses related to it by always wearing your carving glove!

President's Corner

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Hopefully the weather will prove more cooperative for December's meeting. After pizza, Mel and Alison will be on hand to help those who would like to paint their Simple Santas. Looking forward to seeing the completed projects!

Winter Class News:

- Jim Butlin's Hillbilly class, geared towards advanced carvers, is nearly full. Jim's class will be offered at the standard format two sessions a month format.
- Unfortunately, we have found no other instructors.
- Alison is away in March but has agreed to host two "mini classes" using the same format as the "Simple Santa" project. The first session of the month would be a demonstration and work session carving the project. Carving the piece is intended to be completed as homework. The second session would entail painting or finishing the piece.

Hopes and Dreams:

- Our thought is that these smaller projects may encourage members to commit to hosting a one month mini-class.
- Potential instructors may find this fits their schedule better than committing to three months of teaching.
- We ask everyone to consider volunteering to host a session featuring a favorite project.
- Come to the meeting in December meeting with your ideas.
- Let's have lots of participation to come up with a plan winter classes.
- Input and assistance from the club members is needed so that our meetings continue to meet your needs and interests!

Do not forget to renew your annual dues (\$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family). Please get your completed form and check to Alison. Membership form is on the website. [\(Last page of newsletter\)](#)

Co-President: George Abbott & Harry Patrick
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Newsletter Editor: Susie Nettleton
Webmaster: Tony Filetti and Rob Lucci
Show Chair: John Currie
Member at large: Don Buss

Annual show April 4, 2020 countdown - only 19 weeks until the show! Tick, tick, tick... Everyone make an effort to increase your 2019 level by at least one additional carving for 2020. This show is our opportunity to show the public the amazing work we do through the year.

If you have important club related news or an announcement you wish to get out to the membership, please let Harry or George Abbott know.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards, George and Harry

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

Show Information

Raffle Update from Dave:

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Carvings and carving related items are some of the largest collectors of tickets. Bring your donations to him at any meeting. Or contact him: 585-500-5414 sfchock@rochester.rr.com

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.

Upcoming events

Mar 14-15, 2020 Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Vintage Decoys and Wildlife Art Show and Sale, Strongsville Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville. OH

Contact: Dwane Ong (vendors): dwaneodcca@gmail.com, 734.934.2548;
Vince Ciola (general information), 937.935.0657, VinceCiola@gmail.com,
See www.odcca.net for discount code and contest rules.

Mar 20–22, 2020 Canadian National Wildfowl Carving Championship
Manulife Financial Sportsplex, RIM Park, 2001 University Ave E., Waterloo Ont

Contact: 519.634.8070; info@canadiannationals.net; www.canadiannationals.net

March 21-22, 2020 Lancaster County WoodCarvers, 47th Annual Woodcarving & Wildlife Art Festival, Student Memorial Center, Millersville University, Millersville PA

Contact: Pete Kovarovic, (717) 392-4814, Woodchips624@comcast.net,
competition info: David Parker, (410) 867-2214, daveparker1000@gmail.com

April 24-26, 2020 50th Annual Ward World Wildfowl Competition & Art Festival,
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City MD

April 25, 2020 Rochester Woodworkers Society Show, Main Street Armory, Rochester, NY

Contact: Denise Dee, ddee@rochester.rr.com

Chips from the Editor

I hope your carving for Christmas projects are coming along. Remember to allow time for the paint to dry.

Some folks have reported not receiving the newsletter. The miracles of technology just happen sometimes. Please add: susie7616@gmail.com to your address book so the newsletter doesn't go into your spam folder. If you don't receive the newsletter by the first week of month, please let me know and I'll send you one.

Remember to send me photos of your carving projects or other things to share in the newsletter.

The November newsletter deadline is January 2.

Susie Nettleton, Editor newsletter@gvwoodcarvers.com

Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Membership Revised: September 2019

Join today, participate, and receive the club newsletter. Newsletters are distributed via email (standard mail by special request only and posted online at www.gvwoodcarvers.com). The Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month from September to June at the 40 & 8 Club, 933 University Avenue across from Gleason Works. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm with time for socializing, informal coaching, browsing the library, etc. The general meeting, presentations, and informal carving sessions begin at 7 pm with cleanup completed by 9 pm. Meeting information and special notices can be found online.

The club treasurer or representative is available before meetings to collect dues and registration forms. Annual dues, payable on September 1st, are \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 per family. Annual memberships expire on August 31st.

To join, complete the form below and mail it, along with a check payable to GV Woodcarvers, to:

Alison Currie 340 Oakridge Drive Rochester, NY 14617

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address (line 1) _____

Address (line 2) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year that you joined Genesee Valley Woodcarvers _____

Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form I hereby assume all of the risks of participating in and/or volunteering at any activities or events involving the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers and assume any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property, owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the event holders, sponsors, and organizers of the activities or events in which I may participate and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at said activities or events.

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in these events, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from any activities or events, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: The Genesee Valley Woodcarvers or any of their representatives.

I certify that I have read this document and fully understand its content. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and I sign it of my own free will.

Name (Print) Signature Date

You may opt out of sharing your contact information and receiving a membership list by checking the box below. Otherwise your contact information will be shared with fellow club members.

NO!

I ELECT NOT TO SHARE MY CONTACT INFORMATION WITH FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS. I DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP LIST