



## March 2022

# GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

Web site: <http://gvwoodcarvers.com/>

### Interim President's Letter

1. After today, we have only two Club classes remaining. It's hard to believe they've gone by so quickly. Remember, class carvings are eligible for entry in our show. Let's let everyone see what we've accomplished. March classes will be on the 14th & 28th and run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the 40 & 8 Club. Stop by if you have a chance.

2. Our show is coming up soon. April 9th will be here before we know it. Please enter carvings, volunteer, attend, and tell your friends and family. Just a reminder, club members can enter as many carvings as they'd like at No Charge. I repeat, no charge. We need everyone to help with publicity and get the word out. Please download and print show fliers and put them at local libraries, coffee shops, stores, etc. We also have the ¼ page reminders available for you to print and give to folks so they can't forget.

3. Stay tuned for more about the summer Friendship Cane project.

For more about friendship canes please visit these YouTube references from a project by Dennis Stallings:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nac8tiVTZg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nac8tiVTZg)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7E4OBX7rLA>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO\\_CpfRp7xs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO_CpfRp7xs)

The cane pictured was made for former Club member Tom Johnson. It is a work of art.

4. For many years now, the club has been donating comfort birds to Golisano Children's Hospital. The birds are helpful in therapy and each child receives one to keep. They are a very special gift for the cancer and hematology patients. Past member Chris Nilsen started this project and Don Rowe has kindly taken over the helm. The hospital could use some additional comfort birds. Don has some ready to go but if anyone would like to donate more, please bring them to any meeting. We hope to have Don



give a brief presentation about this project at our April meeting. A comfort bird pattern is included in this month's newsletter.

Spring is coming and the days are lighter longer. Looking forward to seeing you all at the show.

Alison Currie

## Show Information

Everything looks good for the 2022 Show and Competition on April 9. We have many volunteers signed up to help out, but still need a few more. On Friday afternoon, April 8, we need 3-4 people to help out with registration and another 2 people to help place the entries out in the auditorium. On Saturday, we need 3 people to help greet people at the door, 3-4 people to man the Club table and 3 people to help out with Raffle ticket sales. Times are available from 10AM to 4PM. Please sign up and help us continue to make this a fun, smooth running event.

To help you spread the word, attached are two versions of the Show announcement - full page in color and quarter page black & white.

Entry tags are also attached so you can fill them out before bringing your carvings to the show. Carving take-in / registration is Friday April 8, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

John Currie, Show Chairman

**Note from Susie: All the show information will be attached in a separate show email. Hopefully, it will make easier to find things in your inbox.**

### **REGISTRATION AND DROP OFF:**

Rochester Museum & Science Center,  
Eisenhart Auditorium  
657 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14626  
Friday, April 8, 2022  
3:30 to 5:30 PM  
Saturday, April 9, 2022  
7:30 to 8:30 AM (Intended for out of town entrants)

### **CARVING PICKUP**

Saturday, April 9, 2022 4:30 PM  
Carvings MAY NOT be removed from the auditorium prior to 4:30 PM.

### **SHOW AND COMPETITION**

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022  
Time: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Location: Rochester Museum & Science Center,  
Eisenhart Auditorium  
657 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14626

# Need ideas for Egg Carvings

Special class for the show: eggs

Susie has a book of easy egg projects if you need ideas: Animals, pumpkins, people; most can be completed in a few hours. Call or email her if you want to look at the book. 585-734-0266

[susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com)

## Southtowns Show

### Volunteers Needed.

**Southtowns Woodcarving Show. Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24.**

**Elma Senior Center**

**Elma, NY.**

The Southtowns Woodcarvers have reserved two tables for the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers to display carvings at their show on Saturday (4/23) and Sunday (4/24).

We are looking for a few carvers willing to make a trip out towards Buffalo on those days to display their carvings. Saturday (4/23) is already covered by three volunteers. We need to find volunteers for Sunday (4/24) to display from about 10:00 till 5:00.

This is a great opportunity for you to get out and see another local show, meet some fellow carvers and also pick up some new tools from a vendor (Stadtlander Woodcarving).

If interested please contact Robert Lucci as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance, your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Rob Lucci 585-749-0513 [rlucci169@gmail.com](mailto:rlucci169@gmail.com)

## Comfort Bird Project

Golisano's Children's Hospital would love to receive more comfort birds. We would appreciate anyone who would like to participate. Bring the completed birds to a Genesee Valley Woodcarver meeting where they will be collected. Once we have enough, we will take them to the hospital.

Thanks  
Don Rowe

**Note from Susie: The comfort bird patterns will be sent out in a separate email. I want to help you find things in your Inbox.**

## Gallery



I picked up this piece of Texas Redwood on one of my last trips to Massassaquoie Scout camps over 10 years ago & it has set until now. I guess I needed the courage to tackle the image, a hiking stick, I had in my mind when I 1st saw the piece in a wood pile, I guess I wasn't ready & didn't want to ruin the piece of wood. There is only so much you can do to make it a somewhat realistic image.

By Floyd



Sharp shinned hawk looking for lunch at Earl's feeder.



## Upcoming class

Club member and award winning carver Al Jordan is offering a Wood Duck Decoy class this May. Carving, painting, and properly weighting the keel will be covered. A wooden blank, paint, and keel will be provided. This class will use power carving tools. Painting will be with an airbrush as well as hand painting. That said, painting solely by hand is an option.

**Dates:** May 16, 17, 19, and 20, 2022.

**Time:** 10 am to 3 pm

**Location:** Al's home studio in Greece.

There are a few spots left.

If interested, please email Al directly at [ajordanbirds@yahoo.com](mailto:ajordanbirds@yahoo.com) for more details.



The photo above is of Al's most recent Wood Duck decoy. This pose he is teaching for this class will have a high head position.

## Chips from the Editor

Wow, it is March. I saw several strings of migrating geese today. Spring will come. My cardinal is coming along. Some days I think it is ok and some days I am not so sure. I have a couple of projects that need to be painted for the show. I guess I better get busy.

Please send me photos of your projects and I will include them in the gallery section.

Attached to this newsletter are a couple of attachments from Wayne Kidd. Wayne is our club historian. Separate emails will have the show info and comfort bird patterns.

The newsletter deadline is: **March 29, 2022**

Happy carving,

Susie Nettleton, editor