



May 2022

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

May 9 6:30 PM Regular Club Meeting

40 & 8 Club (across the street from Gleason Works)
933 University Avenue, Rochester, New York

Interim President's Letter

2022 Show:

Congratulations to all on a great show. It was well attended and an overall success. Everyone pitched in and we had lots of carvings entered in the competition and displayed on the club tables. Let's do everything we can the 2023 show as good as or even better than 2022. John Currie and Floyd Lombardi have generously offered to continue as Show Chairman and Raffle Maestro respectively.

Next year's show is scheduled for April 7 and 8, 2023.

"Houston, we have a problem!"

Whether it was the show, our April 11th club meeting, or perhaps a combination thereof, a total of 14 club members plus 2 family members reported positive tests for COVID 19 within one week of these events. While most of us (myself included) will likely recover and have no lasting effects, we cannot disregard the fact that COVID is serious stuff.

We can't emphasize enough the responsibility we have for our fellow club members. Many club members have underlying health conditions and remain vulnerable to this disease. Everyone needs to remain vigilant for their sake. Even if you are convinced it's most likely a cold or allergies, **STAY HOME!** Honestly, even pre-COVID we didn't want to share your cold. Rapid antigen tests can show negative results for a few days until the viral load is high enough to be detected. Exercising caution is our best defense against unknowingly spreading a very infectious disease.

Comfort Birds:

Thanks to Don Rowe for an informative presentation about the comfort birds. With Don at the helm, we will continue our donations to Golisano Children's Hospital. It was great to see that club members are still interested in



participating. All the blanks that Don and John provided were taken home to be carved. Remember to bring your finished birds to any club meeting. We'll be sure to get them to Don.

Friendship Canes:

We had genuine interest in our summer friendship cane project. We'll ask once more in May who's interested in participating and the blanks will be ready for pickup at the June Meeting. 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=a7E4OBX7rLA>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO_CpfRp7xs

I'd also like to thanks to Bob Martin for sharing a very memorable carving with us at the April meeting.

Hope to see you in May,

Alison Currie

New Chips off the Block

Welcome New Members

Reginald Lewis
Bob Joslyn
Rob Monkhouse

Laura Robinson
Mark Aldridge
Dave Johnson

John Hurd
Michael Morgan
JoAnne Johnson

Additional Carving Get togethers

Bring your own carving projects. Share and carve.

Sundays Sawyer Park nice weather 12:00 pm bring a chair and lunch

Mondays Greece Recreation Center
Town of Greece Town Hall complex
9:30 am May 2 and 9

Nice weather at Sawyer Park bring a chair

Wednesdays Chili Senior Center 3225 Chili Ave 9:00 am

Sawyer Park is:

On Long Pond Rd. about 300 yards South of Latta Rd. You will find the entrance to the park is between the Y and the Church just South of the Y.

Need more information: contact Bob Martin rjm578@aol.com

Show Chairman's Report -- 2022

John Currie

After a 2 year absence, the 2022 Show was a big success! Everything ran well – the only surprise was that the judging took longer than previous years. And this was because of the quantity and quality of the entries, which is a great problem to have!

With 266 entries, we had more than double the 127 entries from the last show in 2019. As usual, the quality and variety of entries was impressive. The Special Division of carvings from egg shaped blanks had some very imaginative entries and was well received by visitors. Congratulations to all winners!

Public attendance was similar to the previous show in 2019 with 130 "Peoples' Choice" ballots cast. The show weekend was not connected to school break and the weather was quite nice, both of which tend to reduce attendance.

Thanks to our Membership Table volunteers: the club gained 9 new members at the show!

Thank you to all the demonstrators and the other clubs in attendance. Speaking with the carvers is a highlight for many of the people who attend.

A special thank you to the judges who had a lot more entries to consider than in recent years.

Finally, THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the show. About half the club membership turned out on Friday and Saturday to help set up and run the show - it could not happen without all the volunteers who give up their time on Friday and Saturday!

	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Youth	Special
Bird	21	20	68		
General	41	56	53		
Other					7
Total	62	76	121		7
Grand Total					266 All Entries

The raffle raised \$1100.00. Thanks to everyone who donated items and bought tickets.

Gallery



Larry Buechel's screech owl

Upcoming Class

Carve and Paint a Sunfish
Taught by Robin Salsbury

We will be carving and painting a Sunfish, a native, colorful, fresh water fish found in New York State and beyond. We will be fashioning it out of wood and acrylic paints. All supplies for the carving will be supplied by the instructor though knives and brushes should be supplied by the student. Some will be available to purchase from the instructor. A materials fee of \$20 will be collected by the instructor at the first class.

Classes are 8 Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 at W.Irondequoit HS
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 21
Please contact the school at 336-3014 for info or to register.

Need a Project

Attached to this newsletter is a project for carving a goose. Thanks to Dave Johnson for sharing it.

Spotlight

Congratulations Alison. We are thankful you share your time with the carving club also.

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Chips from the Editor

The show was great. It was fun to see all the things everyone had carved. I am motivated to get a couple of projects that have been hanging around for years finished before next years show. Well, at least that is the plan. 😊

Post show/meeting illness was not fun. The covid monster hit the Nettletons. Sarah bounced back the fasted. Jack and I got over the covid but the following sinus infection/cough till your sides hurt was not enjoyable. I think we are finally on the mend.

Please stay home if you are sick. We need to share carving techniques not germs.

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

The newsletter deadline is: **May 26, 2022**

Happy carving,

Susie Nettleton, editor



Inspiration from Floyd