



## September 2022

# GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

### September 12 6:30 PM Regular Club Meeting

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

#### Interim President's Note – August 2022

Greetings to all! There was a lot of activity over the summer at Sawyer Park, Braddock Bay Park, Irondequoit, and Chili. It's nice to see so many folks getting together to enjoy carving. The next club meeting is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the 40 & 8 Club. Membership dues will be collected. To make it easier on our Treasurer, please pay by check.

#### Annual Show

Next year's show is scheduled for April 7 and 8, 2023. This year's Specialty Category is carved Quilt Squares; criteria to be forthcoming.

#### Comfort Birds

44 comfort birds were collected and mailed at to Uvalde, Texas at the end of July earmarked for the staff and teachers at Robb Elementary School. Thanks to all who donated to this project. Additional birds will be sent to the pastor of the church in the neighborhood of the Tops in Buffalo for distribution.



#### Friendship Canes

Members may submit their cane segments from now through the December meeting. There have been some fantastic submissions to date. Champion Bird Carver Al Jordan and CCA member Mitch Cartledge have agreed to make cane toppers. There are still blanks available.

#### Club Classes

By a slim margin, club members voted to hold classes outside of the winter season. This year, classes will be scheduled for 2 sessions each in April and May. June sessions will be optional. This enables us to immediately offer something to new members recruited at the show. Please consider leading a class and sharing your expertise.

## **Monthly meeting programs / project presentations**

September: Friendship cane – Bring finished pieces and works in progress. Coaching available if desired.

October 10: Bill Reifsteck - bark carving.

November 14: Dick Pierce – pyrography.

December 12: Rob and Tony- holiday theme

January 9: Jeff O'Donnell - pumpkin.

February 13: Alison Currie - bird feather.

March 13: Rob Lucci - basics of 3D views and pattern making or TBD.

April & May: Club Classes.

June 12: Sub Social and additional class sessions if desired.

## **New Officers**

Robin Salisbury, Bill Reifsteck, and Annita Breitweiser have graciously agreed to serve on the nominating committee. The positions of President, Vice President, and Membership are open. Please consider stepping up. Many hands make light work.

Hope to see you at the September meeting,

Alison Currie

# **Annual Show**

April 7 – 8, 2023

Floyd is collecting donations for the raffle. Bring your donations to any meeting or connect with Floyd. The raffle covers the cost of having the show. Please donate carvings to the raffle.

# **Membership Time**

It is membership time again. Fill out the attached form and bring it to September meeting or mail it in. Make things easier on the treasurer and pay by check.

If you joined at the April show, your membership is good until September 2023.

# **Women Carvers**

September 22 at 6:30 pm  
Nettleton's in Victor

We are having a great time getting together. Seven carvers at the August meeting. If you are interested in joining, contact Susie. [susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com) 585-734-0266

# Additional Carving Get togethers

Bring your own carving projects. Share and carve.

**A couple more Mondays** Sawyer Park nice weather 9:30 am  
Nice weather at Sawyer Park bring a chair

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](mailto:rjm578@aol.com)

Starting September 12, the group will be back at the Greece Community Center.

The Chili woodcarving group meets every Wednesday morning 9:00 to 11:30 at the Chili Senior Center. Our room is on the 2nd floor just to your left as you exit the elevator.

If you are not a resident of Chili, you have to register at an annual fee of \$25.

If you are not a resident of Greece, the annual fee is \$35.

Carving outside at Sawyer Park is always free.

## Upcoming Class

Our Fall 2022 Bird carving class will be a Wood Thrush, life size, which are frequently found in wooded areas throughout the Eastern United States.

This class is geared toward the beginner and intermediate carver. The class fee is \$84.00 call the school to register and pay. A Materials fee of \$15, for blanks, glass eyes, wire for legs and cast feet, a simple base and paint supplies is payable to the instructor at the first class. Students should supply their own knives and paint brushes.

Classes are held 8 Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 from September 20 to November 8 at W. Irondequoit High School. Call 336-3014 for information or to register. You can register starting August 29.



# Gallery



Blue jay



Killdeer in flight

By Amiee Nothnagle



Floyd's woodpeckers  
"You talking to me"



Floyd's toothpick holders



Earl's finished Cardinal

## Comfort Bird Idea

From Floyd

Do not throw away the leftover right & left segments when cutting your Comfort Bird blank on the band saw, but leave at least 1/8" on each side & save them. I give you the Segment Comfort Bird - By shaving the right & left uneven sides to flatten them & gluing multiple pieces & woods together, you have a unique Comfort Bird blank. Once dry, overnight, I use a Dremel to shape the bird. As you can see, it gives the bird a unique stripped look. A little messy & requires extra work but well worth it!



# Chips from the Editor

Wow, it is almost September. Summer seems to fly by. I did carve several comfort birds. I made some clothespin puppets of “woody” things for the children of the Big Moose Chapel. They had fun coloring them.

I still have lots of projects that didn't get completed. I have blocked out some Christmas presents that need to be started. I hope to get those roughed out before Robin's class begins. My friendship cane piece still needs some work. It takes a long time for the vision to become reality.

The October newsletter deadline is: **September 26, 2022**

Happy carving,

Susie Nettleton, editor



First meeting of the Women Carvers group. We have added three more carvers to the group.