



December 2022

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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



December 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 – December 2022

Hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with family. Seeing the Bills put another check in the win column was a bonus. Cooler days and earlier darkness are conducive to finishing those carving projects put on hold over the summer. As you can see, my sheepish contribution to the friendship cane is finally complete.

Thanks to Jeff O'Donnell for sharing his carved pumpkins with us at the November meeting. Thanks also to Rob Lucci for masterfully demonstrating the necessary steps to carve a completed piece. If you were inspired to carve a mini pumpkin, please bring it along to the December meeting. It will be fun for everyone to see where creativity has taken you.

The next club meeting is Monday, December 12th at the 40 & 8 Club. We'll be carving holiday ornaments courtesy of Jack Nettleton with assistance from Tony, Jeff, Rob, and Jim. Also, Alison and Susie will share some information on carved Quilt Squares, the Specialty Category for the 2023 Show. While health concerns have us passing on the pizza social again this year, there WILL be some surprise holiday treats!

Please remember to pay your annual membership dues to Jeff O'Donnell. Payment by check is preferred.

Annual Show

Next year's show is scheduled for April 8, 2023. Scour the house and shop to see if you can find some nice carving donations to give to Floyd for the raffle. He's already off to a great start.

Friendship Canes

Jim Butlin continues to collect finished segments. We have an incredible variety of pieces so far. Take time to stop by Jim's table for a look.

Opportunities

Club classes of 4 sessions, 2 each in April and May, are on the calendar for 2023. We still need teachers so please consider leading a class. The offices of President, Vice President, and

Secretary/Membership are open for 2023-2024. Talk to Annita, Robin, and Bill R. on our nominating committee if you are interested.

Monthly meeting programs / project presentations

December: Jack Nettleton's Santa pattern with technical assistance from Rob, Tony, Jim, and Jeff.
January: Alison Currie - bird feather.
February: Guest presenter Dick Pierce - Pyrography
March: Rob Lucci - basics of 3D views and pattern making or TBD.
April & May: Club Classes.
June: Sub Social and additional class help if desired.

Keep carving!

Alison Currie

From the Nominating Committee

No organization can exist unless its members are willing to donate something to the universal whole. In this case, that donation is two or three tasks. Only three small tasks for a club President and two small tasks for a Vice President are required. Boiled down to the most basic form, the officers' duties are as follows:

President:

- *Responsible to the Board and preside at Board and Club meetings; schedule annual planning meeting.

- *Appoint committees and chairs; be an exofficio member of same

- *Approve expenditures under \$150.

Vice President:

- *Take over for President if he/she is unable to officiate

- *Any additional duties assigned by the Board or President

That's it. Three tasks for President; two for Vice President. One is not sacrificing tons of personal time. However, without individuals willing to step forward and become officers, an organization cannot function. If you have enjoyed the many carving classes, the highly informative presentations, or just the camaraderie of fellow carvers, please consider signing up for one of the two offices.

Contact Annita Breitweiser abreitweiser75@gmail.com, Robin Salisbury robinsalsbury@outlook.com, Bill Reifsteck willmary5758@gmail.com or Alison Currie alison.c.currie@gmail.com through email or at the December 12th meeting.

Important for the December 12 meeting

The December project is carving a Santa ornament. **Bring your carving stuff to the meeting.** It will be a sit and carve project. Jack cut out the ornaments. Technical assistance provided by Rob, Tony, Jim and Jeff.

Pumpkin Carving



Thanks to Jeff for the presentation.

Search for Doug Linker videos on Youtube.com

Woodcarving How To: Carve A Pumpkin Head From a Block of Wood -Full Start to Finish Tutorial

Rob's demo pumpkin



If you carved a pumpkin, bring it to the meeting for show and tell.

Gallery



Cooper Hawk
By Amiee Nothnagle



Steve Withrow Santa's

Kudos to Robin

Check out page 72 of the November/December issue of Life in the Finger Lakes magazine. The article "The Carver and the Goldsmith" feature Robin and his wife, Jackie.

Comfort Bird Update

Jacquelyn Donahoe of the Northeastern Woodworkers reported that seven different carving clubs and some individuals sent a total of 438 comfort birds to Uvalde. 44 of those birds were from our club.

George Rutledge of the Arts Center Woodcarving Club reported that his club and ours sent 63 birds to Buffalo. 6 of those birds were from our club.

Those little birds provide a lot of comfort to folks. Keep carving them.

Additional Carving Get togethers

Bring your own carving projects. Share and carve.

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

Greece group meets every Monday morning at 9:30 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.

Women Carvers

No meeting in December.
We meet the third Thursday of the month
Nettleton's in Victor

We are having a great time getting together. If you are interested in joining, contact Susie.
susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com 585-734-0266

Chips from the Editor

I just finished painting my Christmas present projects. Now, I can get them ready to ship. I have so many "in progress" projects. It would be nice to get something else finished.

I hope your holiday season is healthy and full of memories. May Santa bring you time to carve and whatever tools are on your wish list.

The January newsletter deadline is: **December 27, 2022**

Happy carving,

Susie Nettleton, editor