



**March 2023**

**GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**March 13 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 – March 2023**

Greetings,

The next meeting is Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the 40 & 8 Club. We will talk briefly about our show and have a sign up for spring classes. Rob Lucci will speak about the basics of 3D views and pattern making.

To bring everyone up to speed on the April 8<sup>th</sup> show, we'll explain how to enter carvings. In addition, we will be asking for volunteers for set up and registration on Friday as well as during the show on Saturday. All members are encouraged to enter their carved Quilt Squares in the Special Division. In addition, all are encouraged to bring their finished ornaments from December's meeting to the registration table on Friday. These ornaments will be displayed at the show. Printed copies of the show publicity flier and a member signup for posting a local libraries, shops, etc. will be available. Fliers and prize lists are posted on <http://gvwoodcarvers.com>

Thanks to Jim Butlin for assembling our two completed friendship canes. Thanks also to Jack Nettleton for turning bottom stoppers, Alison Currie for making a Canvasback duck head topper, and to all members who contributed carved segments. The cane with a topper by championship carver Mitch Cartledge will be offered as one of our raffle prizes. The second cane will be gifted to the Southtown Carvers.

To date we have 39 raffle prizes. Tickets for the friendship cane and all other raffle items cost \$1 each or six for \$5. Raffle tickets will be available at the March meeting for anyone who wishes to do some presales.

The club will host classes of 4 sessions, 2 each in April and May. They are:

Antique Canvasback Decoy - Robin

Carving Faces - Rob

Goldfinch smoothie - Alison

Four mini-classes – Floyd (Dremel); Tony (Sharpening); Jeff (Basic Cuts and Safety); Jim (Painting)

Please sign up for classes at the March meeting. Cost \$10 payable to Genesee Valley Woodcarvers. Materials costs will be paid separately to the instructor.

The offices of President and Vice President remain open for 2023-2024. I am willing to stay on as president for one more year and mentor a new VP to take over as president the following year. Please consider stepping up.

Hope to see everyone at the March meeting. Keep carving!

Alison Currie

## From the Nominating Committee

As you finish projects for the April show, consider the importance of the parent organization that makes the Annual Carving Show possible. Without officers, Genesee Valley Woodcarvers cannot function. Only a minimum of time is needed to complete the three Presidential tasks or two tasks for Vice President. Please contact Alison Currie, Robin Salsbury or Annita Breitweiser. Your club needs you!

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## 2023 Show and Competition

We are finalizing plans for the 2023 GVW Show and Competition on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Set up and carving registration will be on Friday afternoon, April 7, 2023. We need volunteers to set up and help with registration on Friday, greet the public and clean up, etc. on Saturday. We will circulate the sign-up sheet at the March meeting. If not attending in March, you may email me at [jcurrie.rr@gmail.com](mailto:jcurrie.rr@gmail.com) to sign up for your desired volunteer position.

This year the special competition features carved "Quilt Squares." The starting blank is a 4" X 4" wood block, approximately 1/2" thick. Any and all subjects are encouraged.

We will have a (non-judged) display of members' holiday ornaments from this year's club project. Also on display will be members' previous winning entries plus a separate section with decoys from the past.

Same as last year, there is no registration fee for club members and no limit on number of entries. The complete competition rules and entry tags are attached. Also attached are show announcements for you to help publicize our show.

I look forward to seeing you at the show!

John Currie, Show Chairman

# **New Chips on the Block**

Welcome to folks who joined since the 2022 show.

Carla Watkins  
Steve Withrow  
Julie Tatakis  
Steve and Kathleen Gilbert

## **Gallery**



Northern Flicker  
Aimee Nothnagle



Steampunk Series # 2  
Earl Frech

**Showcase your carvings by sending them to Susie to include in the next newsletter.**

## **Additional Carving Get togethers**

Bring your own carving projects. Share and carve.

Need more information: contact Bob Martin [rjm578@aol.com](mailto: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 with Knives and Gouges

New Name Same Group of Great Women

March 16, 2023

Nettleton's in Victor

We are having a great time getting together. We have a logo and are ordering shirts. Watch your email for ordering information. If you are interested in joining, contact Susie.

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

585-734-0266

## Chips from the Editor



The challenge of the newsletter is getting the text and photos where you want them. Sometimes it is easier to just do things where they fit best. That is the case with the photo of one of the friendship canes. This is the cane with the topper by the championship carver Mitch Cartledge. Buy lots of raffle tickets for a chance to win it.

The Bufflehead is finally finished. It has been in my unfinished carving pile for five years. Next up is a blue jay but that has only been around two years.

I hope your carvings for the show are coming along. Remember to plan ahead to let the paint dry.

Please consider becoming vice president. It is a lot less work than being the newsletter editor.

Happy carving,  
Susie