



## **May 2023**

# **GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

### **May 8 6:30 PM Regular Club Meeting and Club Classes**

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

#### **Interim President's Note – May 2023**

First of all, thanks to everyone for a wonderful show. Read more about it in the Show Chairman's Report. The Eisenhart Auditorium has been reserved for next year's show on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Mark your calendars now!

#### **Elections:**

Thanks to Suzanne Keller, Mike Morgan, and Carla Watkins for stepping up to fill vacant positions and complete the club Board. Per club bylaws, the slate of officers will be presented formally at our May meeting and elections will be held at the June Meeting. Because many members will be offsite for Tony's sharpening workshop, we are presenting the list here:

**President:** Mike Morgan

**Vice President:** Carla Watkins

**Treasurer:** Jeff O'Donnell

**Secretary/Membership:** Suzanne Keller

**Website Editor:** Tony Filetti

**Newsletter Editor:** Susie Nettleton

**Show Chairman:** John Currie

**Club Member at Large:** Don Buss

**Note:** Jim Butlin will continue in the appointed position of Property Chair (Library). Alison Currie will take over from Harry as past President.

#### **Club Classes:**

##### **Remaining sessions at 40 & 8 Club, May 8 & 22, 2023**

- Antique Canvasback Decoy w/ Robin
- Carving Faces w/ Rob
- Goldfinch smoothie w/ Alison

### Mini-classes

- Sharpening w/ Tony at his house May 8 [more info on this class in newsletter](#)
- Basic Cuts and Safety w/ Jeff May 22 at 40 & 8 Club

**Feather carving with Harry:** Canceled.

Keep carving!

Alison Currie

## Show Chairman's Report - 2023

The 2023 Show was another success! Everything ran well – 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!

There were a total of 154 entries, which is more than average, although less than the 266 we had last year (but last year had three years' worth of entries). As usual, the quality and variety of entries was impressive. The Special Division of quilt square carvings had many clever entries and was well received by visitors. Congratulations to all winners!

Public attendance was more than the average of the previous two shows with 164 "Peoples' Choice" ballots cast. The show weekend was at the end of school break which may have helped increase attendance.

Thanks to our Membership Table volunteers, the club gained 6 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, as usual did a great job.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. There were some exceptionally nice items.

Best in Class Winners (Best in Class winners are *encouraged* to move up to the next higher class):

Novice, Bird	Larry Beuchel – Ollie Owl
Novice, General	Gayle Schneider – Looking For Snacks
Intermediate, Bird	Earl Frech – Red Breasted Nuthatch
Intermediate, General	Donnis Morgan – Round Chip Carving
Advanced, Bird	Alison Currie – Oriole on Orange – Best in Show Bird
Advanced, General	James Butlin – Quite Time – Best in Show General & People's Choice
Working Decoy, Dabblers	Alison Currie – Wood Duck, relaxed
Working Decoy, Divers	Robin Salsbury – Bufflehead
Quilt Squares	Jeff O'Donnell – Santa

	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Working Decoys	Special – Quilt Squares
Bird	7	16	24		
General	17	20	42		
Other				4	24
Total	24	36	66	4	24
Grand Total					154 All Entries

Save the date for next year's show: Set up Friday April 12, 2024 Show Saturday April 13, 2024

Cheers,  
John Currie

## New Chips on the Block

Please welcome

Kris and Earl Miner  
Leslie Raymond  
Rick Raber  
James Robert  
Bob Burroughs  
Anne Pepe

## Upcoming Class

### Sharpening Basics - Tony Filetti

Date: Monday, May 8, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm sharp (pun intended)

Location: Tony's house

209 Pinebrook Dr.

Greece, NY 14616

Phone: (585) 737-2674

**Notes:** Group will be introduced to sharpening equipment and sharpening options for their tools. Students should bring a couple of tools they would like touched up should time allow.

**Safety:** All members should wear appropriate clothing for the operation of machinery (no loose clothing) and safety glasses if so desired. **Editor Note: wear your safety glasses!**

Please RSVP to Tony directly and cc Alison to let them know whether or not you will be attending. [anthonyfiletti@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyfiletti@gmail.com) [alison.c.currie@gmail.com](mailto:alison.c.currie@gmail.com)

# 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. **If you are not a resident of Greece, the annual fee is now \$150**

The Chili woodcarving group meets every Wednesday morning 9:00 to 11:30 at the Chili Senior Center. Our room is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor just to your left as you exit the elevator. If you are not a resident of Chili, you need to register at an annual fee of \$25.

Carving outside at Sawyer Park is always free. It is almost carving in the park season.

## Women with Knives and Gouges

May 18 6:30 pm  
Nettleton's in Victor



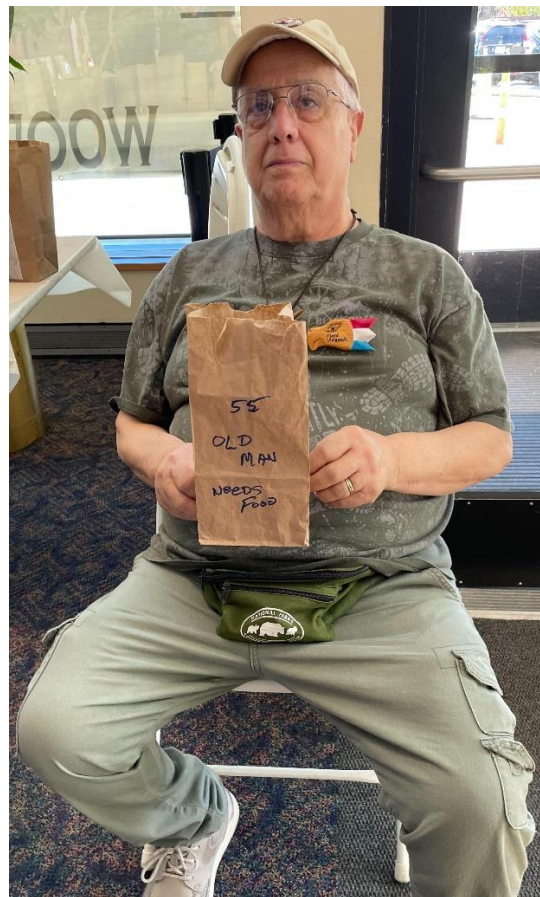
We are having a great time getting together. If you are interested in joining, contact Susie.  
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# 2023 Show







Show Raffle item with NO tickets.

# Southtowns Show

Thanks to Bob Martin for the photos.





## Congratulations to Alison



Remember you can showcase your carvings by sending them to Susie to include in the next newsletter.



# **Chips from the Editor**

It was great seeing everyone and all the carvings at the show. My screech owl will be painted in time for the 2024 show.

It is gardening season, but as long as it keeps raining, I can get some carving projects moved along.

If you find things in the newsletter that are incorrect, please call me 585-734-0266 or email [susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com). I did not know the non-Greece resident cost had increased so much.

The following poem was shared by Earl. He does not remember where he acquired it.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

## ***The Carver's Worry Jar***

We make some people laugh,  
We make some smile.  
We make some stand in awe,  
But they all love our style.  
We are carvers. We are artists.  
We use our tools – only the sharpest.  
U-gouges, V-tools, skewers, and a knife,  
We sit and do our best to bring wood to life.  
We carve and our chips  
Fall where they may.  
At the same time,  
Our worries whittle away.  
These chips are the worries,  
But they are mine no more.  
Because, as I carve,  
My worries are there with my chips on the floor.

Shared by Earl Frech