



**June 2023**

**GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**June 12 6:30 PM Regular Club Meeting and Club Classes**

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

**President's Note – June 2023  
It's my last one!**

Join us at 6:30 pm at the 40 & 8 Club on Monday June 12, 2023 for the election of officers. This will be followed by our annual DiBella's social featuring submarine sandwiches, salty snacks, and refreshing water. We're bringing this back after a much too long hiatus.

My term as president has finally come to an end. Heartfelt thanks to Suzanne Keller, Mike Morgan, and Carla Watkins for stepping up to fill vacant positions and complete the club Board. Please join me in voting for and welcoming our 2023-2024 Board.

**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, and Harry will replace Don Buss as Member at Large.

**Our April and May club classes** were well received and enjoyed by all. There were no complaints this year about driving in inclement weather. Thanks to instructors Jim Butlin, Alison Currie, Tony Filetti, Floyd Lombardi, Rob Lucci, Jeff O'Donnell, and Robin Salisbury. We couldn't have done it without you.

**The comfort canes were a big hit.** Rob Lucci presented one to the Southtown Carvers and they were incredibly touched and grateful. The second cane was featured in our annual raffle and raised a

substantial amount of money for the club. We're considering making another cane if there's adequate interest. Stay tuned...

**Calling all quilt squares!** The club would like to assemble these into a wooden quilt; Jack Nettleton has kindly agreed to do this. We may have the opportunity to exhibit it at a quilt show at RIT as well as other carving shows. After that, we could feature it in our annual show raffle. Please bring your squares to the June meeting if you'd like to contribute to this project.

**The annual show is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024.** The Specialty Division will be bottle stoppers. Like the quilt squares, the club will provide starting blanks to anyone interested in making a piece. Stay tuned!

Hope to see you all at the June meeting!

Alison Currie

## Friendship Cane Update

Attached to the email with the newsletter are two files with pictures of the friendship cane pieces.

Who carved the Buffalo Bill piece? Please let Rob know. Thanks to the contributors and please consider carving another segment for the next cane.

## Shopping Opportunities

### House Sale of Carving, Turkey Hunting, and other related items

Due to health issues, former Club member Phil Marra is holding a giant garage sale in June. He is offering an incredible variety of carving books, patterns, and tools as well as turkey calls, decoys, and other hunting items. All reasonable offers accepted. It's truly a treasure trove. For an extremely fair price, we've purchased some very nice bass wood from him to use in future club projects like the quilt squares and friendship cane blocks.

**Time:** 8 am to 4 pm

**Hosts:** Phil and Suzanne Marra

**Dates:** Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th

**Location:** 64 Hermitage Rd

Rochester (Irondequoit), NY 14617

### Wood for Sale

My name is June DiClementine. I live in Webster, and I have wood to sell, that is used for woodcarving and woodburning. Selling this for my sister, as my brother-in-law passed away 5 years ago. He did a lot of wood carving, woodburning, etc.

I have lots of different wood. All different sizes. I plan on being reasonable with prices.

You can reach me on my cell: 585-278-8951. If I don't answer, please leave me a message with your phone number and I will call you back as soon as possible.

# Coming in 2024

The Rochester Woodworkers Society (RWS) will have as a presenter Emilie Rigby.  
May 17 lecture May 18 workshop. Check out her work at <https://www.emilierigby.com>

To learn more about RWS <https://www.rochesterwoodworkers.org/> or talk to Bill Keller or Jack Nettleton.



## By Request

Someone asked me for this and I finally found it.

A Bird to Bring You Comfort

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? Matthew 26: 26-27

## **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**

**June 15 6:30 pm**  
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](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com) 585-734-0266

## **Chips from the Editor**

It sure feels like summer. Last month I was mentioning the rain and now my gardens wish it was raining. If it is too hot to garden, I have a pile of unfinished carving projects that need attention.

This is the last regular newsletter until the September issue. If you have announcements, items for sale or news to share that needs to get out before September, please email it to me and I will send out a blast with the information.

A special thank you and round of applause to Alison for steering the club through the Covid years and getting things back on track. We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for her leadership.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

September newsletter deadline: August 28