



April 2024

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

April 15, 2024 6:30 PM

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

Important Note from the Board Regarding Safety

Recently, a member's car was stolen from the parking lot the 40 & 8 Club overlooks and a number of cars were broken into at a near-by apartment complex on East Avenue. These events are upsetting and unsettling. They undermine our feelings of safety and security. We want GVWC members know that the Board is working in conjunction with our landlord to address the situation. At the same time, please recognize that there are things that we can do as individuals to help restore our feelings of security:

- remember that our meeting place is in a traditionally safe location - the club is in a residential area, with active industry and retail nearby, and a fire station two-doors down. It has a lit parking lot and is the meeting hall for ex/retired armed forces personnel.
- be aware of the surroundings and walk in groups through the parking lot
- hide valuables, keep windows up and lock car doors

Tom, our 40/8, contact is available to walk anyone to their car who would like his assistance.

Unfortunately, the bad guys are mobile. They drive around looking for opportunities to take what they want from any parking lot they want. Be aware and be safe.

President's Note

Hello members: It is spring and there is a lot going on. Our annual show is coming up fast, so we hope most of you plan to enter a carving in this years' contest - please bring your carvings to the show on Friday afternoon between 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The Southtown Wood carvers are having their show April 20th and 21st.in Elba, NY. Rob Lucci and Jim Butlin are manning tables at that show on Saturday and Floyd Lombardi and myself are manning the tables on Sunday. If anyone would like to help Floyd and I on Sunday we would be very grateful.

Hope you all had a Happy Easter, see you at the show.

Mike

Club Calendar for 2024

Please note: April dates are moved because of the solar eclipse.

April 12	Carving Show Set up
April 13	Carving Show
April 15	Club meeting followed by small group class #3
	Intro to carving for folks who joined at the show class #1
April 29	Small group class #4
	Intro to carving for folks who joined at the show class #2
May 13	Guest speaker
June 10	Sub Social
September 9	Regular meeting
October 14	Regular meeting
November 11	Regular meeting
December 9	Pizza meeting

2024 Carving Show and Competition

The 2024 GVW Show and Competition is all set to go on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Carving registration will be Friday afternoon, April 12, 2024, 3:30-5:30 pm.

We still need a few volunteers to help greet the public at the door (2-4pm) and at the Club table (10-12pm) on Saturday. Please email me at jcurrie.rr@gmail.com if you can help out.

This year the special competition features carved Bottle Stoppers. If possible, please bring an empty bottle to display your stopper. Any and all subjects are encouraged.

We will have a (non-judged) display of members' holiday ornaments. 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 and your wonderful carvings at the show!

John Currie, Show Chairman

Attached to the newsletter will be PDFs with all the show information and flyers.

2024 Show Special Category: Bottle Toppers

Susie has the stopper part if you need it for your carving. Give her a call 585-734-0266 and she will have one for you to pick up when you register your carvings.

Bring your Bottle topper in a bottle for display. Bottles can be beer, wine, soda, olive oil, etc. It will be a unique display of bottle toppers.

Small Group Classes

Small group classes continue April 15 and 29,

If you did not sign up for a class, bring your carving stuff and carve.

Steve Gilbert will be offering Qigong for Carvers **April 15 and April 29 at 6:15 pm** downstairs. You did not need to register for this mini course. Qigong is stretching to help you limber up for carving. Find Steve's Qigong tips attached to the email.

Volunteers Needed

The club will be offering a free introduction to carving class for new members April 15 and 29. The project will be a Simple Santa. We need volunteer instructors to help teach the basics of carving to the new members. You can share your love of carving with a novice. It would be nice to have "carving buddies" to pair a club member with a new carver. Think of it as getting a jump start on your Christmas carving. Let Susie know if you are willing to help with this project. If you don't volunteer, look for Susie to draft you at the April 15 meeting. Blanks and pattern provided.

2025 50th Anniversary

From the GVWC 50th Anniversary Committee

50th Anniversary Planning Committee is forming now. Please join us.

Contact Carla: alacarla@hotmail.com

Friendship Cane

We will plan to have another friendship cane for the 2025 show. Blanks are available for you to start carving. If you have finished your cane piece, please give it to Jim.

Quilt Squares

Look for the "quilt" on display at the show. If we have more squares than spaces in the current quilt, we will make a second one. Many thanks to Jack Nettleton for building the quilt frame.

Loaner Tools

Floyd put together a kit with loaner tools for guests to use at a meeting. The kit is in the library. See Floyd for more information.

Do you have extra carving gloves? We could use gloves in a variety of sizes.

Additional Carving Get togethers

If you need the Carving Gatherings PDF, email Susie.

Women with Knives and Gouges

Next gathering April 18, 2024 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 585-734-0266

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alison and John Currie and Jack Nettleton for winning ribbons in the Northeast Woodworkers Association show in Saratoga Spring Mach 23-24.

Alison: Pyrography 2nd, Oriole on orange 3rd, Bottle stopper 2nd, Stylized Coyote 1st

John: Skin on frame canoe 2nd

Jack: Scale Dutch tool chest 2nd

Chips from the Editor

The show is 11 days away. My plan for the week is to finish the painting my birds. Good thing the forecast is for rain, so I won't be tempted to play in the gardens.

The show information is attached to the email. Read the competition rules so you can figure out what category your carvings go in. Help spread the word about show wherever you go.

Thanks to Steve Gilbert for offering Qigong for Carvers before the carving classes. Qigong is stretching to help your limber up for carving. If you have not tired it, join us. I found it helpful.

Enjoy the eclipse. See you at the show.

Happy Carving,
Susie Nettleton editor

May newsletter deadline: April 28