



Celebrating 50 years 1975-2025

## **April 2025**

# **GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**April 14, 2025 6:30 PM**

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

## **President's Note**

Greetings members, Spring is upon us and once again it's time to consider election of new officers. We currently have a couple positions open if anyone would consider helping with the club. First, the position of Vice- President is open, second is a position of recording secretary for our monthly meetings and third is someone to help Floyd to manage and document all the donations we get each year for the annual show. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me or any officer of the club so we can get you nominated by our May meeting, and elected at our June (picnic) meeting.

Next, our annual show is coming up fast, I hope everyone is planning to enter something in this show, we have lots of donations to raffle off this year - hope to see you all there.

Thanks,  
Mike

## **Club Calendar for 2025**

**April 5: Annual Show and Competition Friday, April 4 set up**

**April 14: Meeting Club Carving Classes #3 , including new member welcome class part 1**

**April 28: Club Carving Classes #4 last one**

**May 12: Member Auction (tools, supplies), new member welcome class part 2**

**May: 50th Commemorative Show at local library**

**June 9: Annual Meeting with cookout and 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at Roberts Cabin**

# 2025 Show and Competition

**It's show time!** This is our 39th Annual Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Show and Competition. In addition, the club is celebrating its 50th birthday! Our Show and Competition features carvings of all shapes and sizes. Enter, volunteer, drop by; be amazed; vote for People's Choice; buy raffle tickets. We hope to see everyone there. There's something to please everyone so encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

**Volunteers:** Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help at the annual show. You will receive a call this week from our illustrious Show Chairman reminding you of what you said you'd do and when you said you'll do it.

## **Club Display Table - not judged:**

Members are encouraged to bring past winners and favorite carvings for display.

## **Decoy Display Table - not judged:**

Members are encouraged to bring past decoy contest winners and favorite decoys for display.

## **Competition Divisions and Categories:**

**Bird Division:** waterfowl, sea, shore, and wading; prey and upland game; songbird; all other birds; decorative smoothie; primitive/antique smoothie; interpretive sculpture; miniature; and miscellaneous.

**General Division:** caricatures, human figures, animals, marine life; holiday and mythical, bark, relief, miniature, and miscellaneous.

**Bird and General Classes:** Novice, intermediate, and advanced

**Special Division:** Wooden spoons

**Youth Division:** 16 years and under

**Working Decoy Division** - judged in a water tank

**People's Choice**

**Information for Competitors:** All are encouraged to enter their work in the show. There is no charge for club members to enter carvings. Gather up all your carvings and come to registration on:

**Fri. Apr 4th 3:30–5:30 pm for all**

**Sat. Apr. 5th 7:30-8:30 am for out-of-town competitors**

## **Event Details**

Saturday, April 5, 2025

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Rochester Museum and Science Center

Eisenhart Auditorium

657 East Avenue

Rochester, New York 14607

## **Schedule of Events**

10:00 AM Show Opens

10:30 AM Working Decoy Judging

3:00 PM Raffle sales close

3:30 PM Raffle drawing - need not be present to win

4:00 PM Peoples' Choice Award

4:30 PM Show Closes

# Friendship Cane

We will have a Friendship cane for the 2026 show raffle. We need 6 – 7 more cane blocks and a topper to complete the cane. I know there are blanks out there to be carved! You can carve, wood burn, chip carve; the design is totally up to you. If need help or ideas, reach out to another club member. When you have finished your cane piece, please give it to Jim. Be sure to sign you piece somewhere on the **face** of the carving. Editor note: a lot of you have blocks out there Please carve them and bring them in.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

50th Anniversary Celebration - Save the date!

When: Monday, June 9, 2025

Time: Regular meeting time +

Where: Roberts Cabin  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Cabin Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467

Join us for a cookout and to celebrate the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers' 50th Birthday. Details to follow - watch for emails with information and sign-ups!

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Committee is actively planning GVWC's celebratory party. If you'd like to help prepare for this event, contact Carla at [alacarla@hotmail.com](mailto:alacarla@hotmail.com) for the Zoom links.

## Community Outreach

On March 29 and 30, eleven GVWC members displayed their work and talked with visitors during Genesee Country Village and Museum's Maple Sugar Days. The event was well-attended and well-timed for inviting families to our upcoming Show and Competition. All ages were captivated by the range of imagery and the quality of the carvings on display. Many people wanted to learn more about carving and carving clubs. Thank you to Terry Brooks, Rick Flynn, Alex Hrabko, Steve Piecuch, Rick Reber, Bill Reifsteck, Robin Salsbury, Brooks Schneider, Gayle Schneider, Carla Watkins, and double-thanks to Paul Yarrows, who attended both days!

Also, mark your calendars now for GCV&M's Agricultural Fair on Oct. 4 & 5!

# Upcoming Class

Robin's class will be carving and painting a life size American Goldfinch. This small bright yellow and black bird is found throughout much of the United States and can be seen most frequently in open meadows and gardens searching for seeds. This class is geared toward the beginner and intermediate carver and we welcome experienced carvers as well. A materials fee for basswood blanks, glass and paint supplies is included in your registration fee. Students should supply their own knives and paint brushes. Some knives, brushes and other supplies are available for purchase from the instructor.

Course Code: ART1255SP Ages: Adults Days: Tuesday Dates: April 8-June 10 No Program: April 15 & June 3 Time: 7:00-9:00 pm Fee: \$105 (8 classes) GC Fee: \$100 (8 classes) Location: IHS , Room 1144 Instructor: Robin Salsbury

REGISTER ONLINE [registration.xendirect.com/wisd](http://registration.xendirect.com/wisd)

Register by Phone (585) 336 - 3014 9 am-3:30 pm

## Southtowns Woodcarvers 48th Annual Spring Show

Saturday, April 26th (10 am-5 pm)

Sunday, April 27th (10 am-4 pm)

Elma Senior Center

3007 Bowen Road

Elma, NY

Looking for volunteers to represent and promote the art of woodcarving. Bring some pieces to display and something to carve on.

You will have the opportunity to meet other carvers, see some great carvings and (if you need to) purchase carving supplies.

We have had representatives from our club at the Southtowns show for a few years and would like to continue to support them.

**Please contact Rob Lucci if you are interested. Would like to get a response back to Southtowns by April 7th if possible. Email Rob at [rlucci169@gmail.com](mailto:rlucci169@gmail.com) to volunteer**

# **Additional Carving Get togethers**

Email Susie if you need the list

## **Women with Knives and Gouges**

**Next meeting, April 17 6:30 pm  
at 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**

Happy April,

Are your carvings ready for the show? I am still putting some finish on my spoon.

This is the first newsletter that I haven't had any photos to include. Please remember to send me your carving photos for the newsletter.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

**May newsletter deadline: April 27 by 12:00 PM**