



Celebrating 50 years 1975-2025

December 2024

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

December 9, 2024 6:30 PM

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

President's Note

Hello members,

I hope everyone had a great and thankful Thanksgiving. Now it's the last month of the year and the President must appoint a nominating chairperson who is not already a member of the board of directors to prepare a list of candidates for our upcoming election by our May meeting. We can discuss this more at the upcoming meeting.

Also, this upcoming meeting is our potluck social and we like everyone to bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there.

Mike

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership. Don't miss out on speakers and classes, both local and national, and a wealth of information in our monthly newsletter. Download the membership form from our website or pick up a form at the next meeting **DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.**



Potluck Social December 9th 6:30 pm

**Please bring your favorite dish to share.
Beverages will be provided.**

Also

Bring your holiday carvings to show

Club Calendar for 2025

December 9: Potluck social

January 13: TBD - Speaker or open carving

February 10: 1-Hour Carving Competition

February 7 – 9: Bird Carving class (Al Jordan) – weekend event

March 10: Club Carving Classes

March 21 & 22: Chip Carving presentation & workshop by Dennis Wilson (ADK carver)

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

April 14: Club Carving Classes, including new member welcome class part 1

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

May: 50th Commemorative Show at local library

June 9: Annual Meeting

June: Carvin' Cookout (weekend event, date & details TBD)

Special Category

April 5, 2025 GVWC Show and Competition Special Project

Show your love with a carved spoon!

This year's special project for the GVWC show will be carved spoons. Spoon carving is a Welsh tradition. Lovespoons were meticulously carved and given as a token of love and affection. Here is an example of a spoon lovingly made back in 1667. Join in the fun of this traditional artform and carve a spoon for the show!



Spoon blanks are still available if you need one.

You can use the blanks provided or use any wood you like. Your spoon can be any size or style. If you have carved a spoon, please bring it to the meeting to show our members. Photos of carved spoons will be available to inspire you.

Spoon display at the November meeting.





Club Class Recruitment

Instructors Wanted - Yes, You Can!

Club Classes for 2025 are forming now! GVWC members seek information and experience about all things carving. Share your in-depth knowledge about a topic, your specialized approach to a subject and/or your honed carving techniques with us. Classes will be held March 10 & 24 and April 14 & 28 (Mondays), 6:30-8:30pm, at the 40 & 8 Club. The fee for materials is payable to you. Please provide the following information about the class for publication

Please send Susie the following information by December 20

Topic:

Max # of students:

Approximate materials cost (or actual, if known at this time):

Summary of project for the January newsletter (include a picture, if available):

Coming in February

All members will be invited to take part in a timed carving contest. At the beginning of the contest, you will be handed a pattern and a wood cutout. When the timer begins, you will have 1.5 hours to carve your piece. At the end of the timed portion, everyone present will have a chance to vote on their favorite creation. Prizes will be awarded!

This should be a fun, no-pressure way to try your hand at a timed contest. The pattern will be easy enough for beginners but will allow for everyone to personalize their carving. We hope you give it a try.

More information will follow at the January meeting.

Friendship Cane

We will plan to have another friendship cane for the 2025 show. You can pick up your cane blank at the meeting. 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.

Show Raffle Update

Bring your raffle donations to any meeting or connect with Floyd to get them to him. Carving donations are especially needed.

Upcoming Class

Robin Salsbury's winter class will be carving and painting a Brown Thrasher. The class is a Community Education class at West Irondequoit High School begins on January 14 and ends March 11. Class time 7 to 9 pm. Wood for the bird and the base, glass eyes, paint and cast feet are provided. Please contact the school to register online or call them at 585-336-3014.

<https://www.westirondequoit.org/community/community-education>

New Chips off the Block

Please Welcome

Timothy Murphy

Gallery

Remember to send Susie your photos for the gallery



By Paul Yarrows

Can You Help Us Carve Out A Place In The Community?

Friends and acquaintances are usually surprised to learn that Rochester has an active woodcarving club. Especially with our 50th anniversary, we want the whole community to know about GVWC and the talented people who are part of it. Please contact Carla if you can see yourself promoting our club via print and/or broadcast media, such as writing an article, attending a radio discussion or meeting with a print-based interviewer. Email: alacarla@hotmail.com

Loaner Tools

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

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

Additional Carving Get togethers

Email Susie if you need the list

Women with Knives and Gouges

No meeting in December or January

We are having a great time getting together. If you are interested in joining, contact Susie.
susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com 585-734-0266

Chips from the Editor

Happy December,

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving. Are your Christmas carvings underway?

As it is too cold for any outside chores, I am getting my Red Headed Woodpecker and another carving for the show painted. I need to get those projects finished before the Christmas baking starts.

Happy Carving,
Susie Nettleton editor

December newsletter deadline: January 2 by 12:00 PM