



February 2024

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

February 12, 2024 6:30 PM

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

President's Note

Our February meeting is coming up fast and theme for this month's meeting is "Painting and finishing". For our new members, this could prove to be very helpful. Also, Valentine's Day will also be here soon so if anyone has a carving for this occasion, please bring it to the meeting on February 12th.

Thanks,
Mike

Painting and Finishing

The format for the February meeting will be a short business meeting which included signing up for club class followed by information on painting and finishing. We will divide the room and members can choose which presentation to attend. Members can move between the presentations.

Presenters will be:

Robin - wood prep / paint mixing / applications

Jim - wood prep / diluted acrylic / application

Bob - wood prep / oils & other wood finishes / applications

Club Calendar for 2024

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

February 12	Regular meeting Topic: Painting and Finishing
March 11	Club meeting followed by small group class # 1
March 25	Small group class #2
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

Small Group Classes

Attached is a sign up form for the classes. Please list your first, second and third choices. There is a \$10.00 registration fee which helps pay for the extra room rentals. Instructors may charge a material fee. **Bring your form and \$10 to the February meeting or mail it to Carla.**

Mardou Celtic Knots April 15 29

Celtic knots can be carved as pierced work or shallow relief. This class demonstrates both styles and the student will choose one. Blanks will be provided and the pattern will be a simple tricetra.

Annita Letter Carving April 15 29

Ever wanted a family name sign for the mail box or camping site? How about "Fido" on the dog house or a quarter board for the fishing boat? Here is your chance to learn basic letter carving and sign making. Letter patterns and a practice blank will be provided. Bring a sharp 1/2" chisel, a wood mallet or soft headed hammer and #2 soft pencil.

Susie Relief Sampler board March 11 25 and April 15

Carve a relief sampler board from the relief carving book Santa brought Susie for Christmas. Learn as we go.

Alison Peep March 11 25 April 15 29

A small stylized shorebird. Look for photo in the gallery section.

Jim Tom Wolfe style caricature dog March 11 25 and April 15

The carving will be approximately 2x5x5 in size. Students choose one of two positions to carve. Look for photo in gallery section.

Rob Greenman or Wood Spirt March 11 25 April 15

Rob's choice for the project. Best for intermediate and advanced carvers.

Steve Qigong for Carvers March 11 April 15 29

Qigong is related to yoga, tai chi, etc. This will be a 15 minute session involving movements and pressure points to relieve the tension any carver gets in their upper body, arms and hands. You can take other classes leave for a few minutes to do Qigong and return to your class.

2024 Carving Show

Friday, April 12 set up Saturday, April 13 show

More show info in the March newsletter

Carving Show Raffle

Floyd is collecting items for the raffle. **Please consider donating carvings to the raffle.** You can bring them to any meeting or connect with Floyd to make your donation. The current list of raffle items is attached to the email.

2024 Show Special Category: Bottle Toppers

Blanks are 3" x 2" horizontal or vertical and 4" x 2" horizontal or vertical. See the Nettletons for a blank. When you are ready for the stopper parts, get them from Susie.

Comfort Birds

From Don Rowe: I delivered over **65** comfort birds to Golisano Children's Hospital. They were **thrilled** to get them. I would like to thank all the carvers that contributed to this amazing program.

Keep carving those little birds. You never know who will need some comfort. If you are cutting out comfort bird blanks, make a few extra to share.

Friendship Cane

At the September meeting, we decided to do another friendship cane. Blanks are available for you to start carving.

Quilt Squares

Did you carve a quilt square last spring? We are going to assemble a "quilt" from the squares. Bring your finished square to any meeting. Currently, we have 10 quilt squares. We need 24 to make something. That something could be a table top stand to display at events or a quilt to hang on a wall. Our squares are 4x4x1/2". The Nettletons are collecting your squares.

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.

Survey Update

Thanks to everyone who completed a survey. We had 25 people return surveys. The survey resulted in several club class offerings, lists of folks willing to demonstrate carving at events like the Genesee Country Museum, folks to cut out blanks, and a good group to work on outside speakers.

A special thank you to Gayle who volunteered to be the web master/ web goddess.

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.

Special Events

Al and Brenda Cretney's Feathers and Fur show is on display for the month of February at the Seymore Library on East Ave in Brockport. If you missed their show in Canandaigua, now is the time to see it.

Western New York Antique Tool Collectors March 3 Batavia

The March 3rd meeting presenter is Dennis Wayne, a saw maker from Buffalo, NY. He will talk about making one-of-a-kind hand saws. To learn more about Dennis and his fine hand saws, check out his website <https://denniswaynewoodshop/>

If you are interested in the WNYATCA, talk to Annita or Jack.

Additional Carving Get togethers

If you need the Carving Gatherings PDF, email Susie.

Women with Knives and Gouges

Next gathering February 15, 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

Gallery

This month's gallery is not available due to Microsoft file system error 2147219196.

I spent time trying to fix it. From several chat streams, it appeared that many folks far more computer savvy than I am have spent hours trying to fix the error. They gave up and decided it was a Microsoft issue to fix. At some point, Microsoft will figure out how to fix the error that their update created.

Pictures you are missing:

Pileated Woodpecker and Red Bellied Woodpecker photos by Aimee Nothnagle

Alison's photo of her project Peep a stylized shore bird

Jim's photo of the two different dogs you could choose to care.

A photo Jim's latest carvings

I will send all the photos when the problem is fixed.

You can continue to send me your carving photos. I will save them and share when things work again.

Chips from the Editor

Happy Ground Hog Day!

No matter what Phil saw, we will have six more weeks of grey drip. Use those grey days to spend time on your carvings. The show will be here before we know it.

So far, my resolution to do hand stretches every day is working. I have carved out some time to carve and finished my Tufted Titmouse. Now, on to the rest of the unfinished flock.

Happy Carving,
Susie Nettleton editor

March newsletter deadline: February 28