



October 2018

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

Meetings are held from 7 to 9 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month (except July and August) at:
The 40 & 8 Club (across the street from Gleason Works)
933 University Avenue, Rochester, New York
Web site: <http://gvwoodcarvers.com/>

Important Disclosure: Wood carving and whittling may be habit forming and could prevent you from engaging in household chores and other unpleasant tasks. Carving is enjoyable and you may be prone to share it with others: thus, causing them to experience the same distractions from less pleasant tasks as you may have experience yourself

Next Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018

Topic: Regular Meeting with carving

If you weren't at the September meeting,

bring your 2018-19 dues

GVW OFFICERS: President: *Harry Patrick* Vice President: *George Abbott* Treasurer: *Alison Currie*
Website: *Mardou Case* Membership: *Jeff O'Donnell* Show Chair: *John Currie* At Large: *Al Adaskin*
Newsletter: *Susie Nettleton* Historian: *Wayne Kidd*

GVW 2018-2019 CARVING YEAR

MEETING/ ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

October 8	Regular Club Meeting and carving
November 12	Regular Club Meeting and carving
December 10	Annual Pizza Social, Winter Class project introductions and sign up
January 14 & 29	Winter Carving Classes
February 11 & 25	Winter Carving Classes
March 11 & 25	Winter Carving Classes
April 5 (Friday)	Setup and registration for 2019 show
April 6 (Saturday)	2019 Show 10 am – 4:30 pm
April 8	Show and tell from 2019 show Bring your award winning carvings
May 13	Nominations of officers for 2020 Show wrap up
June 10	Election of officers Annual Dibella's sub social

GVW Meeting Format & Schedule

6:30-7:00 PM	Open time for socializing, informal coaching or critiquing, browse the library, & the informal "Show & Ask Me" table.
7:00-7:15 PM	Welcome new members and guests, announcements.
7:00-8:45 PM	Open carving time and/or demos.
8:45-9:00 PM	Room cleanup

President's Corner

The September meeting was our annual "clear out the garage" sale. We sold some books that were donated to the club, approximately \$92 worth. The remaining books were donated to Wood Library in Canandaigua for their book sale in October. I don't have an amount for the auction.

The show next year is on **April 6, 2019** which as of September 20th **is only 28 weeks away!** Our goal is to increase both the number of participants and the number of carvings. If you are a Beginner or Intermediate carver, any class project you complete can be entered into the show in the appropriate class. If you are an Advanced carver, you can enter class projects in the Bench Division. In addition, any carvings completed in the past two years are eligible provided they have not previously been entered in our show.

Club T-shirts and ball caps are still available for \$10 each. Club business cards are also on hand; take some to share with folks who may be interested in carving.

We are looking for volunteers to teach the winter carving classes. Please see announcements for more details.

New members are the life blood of any club. Please talk up the club whenever possible. If you know of someone interested in woodcarving but they're not sure what they would like to do, invite them to attend a meeting to see what we are doing. Currently we have 80 paid members. Dues are \$20 per year for an individual & \$25 for a family. Membership forms are on the website. Please send completed forms to Alison. If for some reason, you did not receive an updated contact list & were willing to share your contact info, please contact me & I will send you one.

We had a new member sign up in September. Please say Hi to Audrey Barnard when you see her & introduce yourself.

Remember, safety first and keep those wood chips flying and the dust collected!

Regards,

Harry

Announcements:

The club is looking for approximately 5-6 people to teach the winter carving classes that run during January, February & March. During the December meeting, all instructors will have the opportunity to present their project & signup sheets will be available. Please contact Harry Patrick if interested. Please don't make me beg people, I'm really awful at that!

We're going to have a table available for members to showcase what they're working on. It can be either a finished carving or a work in progress.

If any members have helpful hints, have seen a new product or have information on tools or fixtures that they would like to pass along, please consider a short write-up for the newsletter. Contact Susie Nettleton for more info.

Carving Groups:

[New Greece Carving Group. Contact Bob Martin at \[rjm578@aol.com\]\(mailto:rjm578@aol.com\)](#)

The Greece Carving Group will meet every Monday Morning from 9:00 to 11:30 (except Holidays) The Greece Senior Center is in the Town of Greece Town Hall complex just to the North of the Town Hall, on the West side of Long Pond Rd. approx. 1/4 mile North of Latta Rd. Bring your own project to carve. We do discourage the use of power carving because of the dust created. This is a group (not a club) No Dues, No Officers, No rules, except normal safety and clean up your own mess, Greece provides a vacuum cleaner. I may in the future have a carving class for beginner carvers.

Greece Carving Group first Meeting

The Greece Carvers got together for the very first time at 9:00AM Sept. 10, 2018. I was very pleased with the turnout, 8 carvers counting myself. One carver just stopped in with no tools, just to see what was going on. There was a lady that came in with no carving experience but a lot of enthusiasm to give it a try. After about a half hour of safety instructions a fellow carver lent her a knife and finger protector and I gave her a simple penguin cut out, she went to work and seemed to be bitten by the carving bug. She could not make our evening carving club meeting but is planning on next month (already a possible new member for our club). A lot of people that just wanted to see what was going on drifted in and seemed impressed with the work they saw being done. This will be a great place to advertise our club's April show. I do think the group will grow in numbers. I have to say, the highlight for me was Al Adaskin showed up and did some carving while sharing a conversation and no doubt a joke or two with the carvers at his table.

What made it special for me when Al Adaskin came in, is the fact that he is the person who got me started carving back about 1990 when I noticed a little note in the Greece Continuing Education booklet. The note said "Carve a bird with Al" I always wanted to give woodcarving a try so I signed up. At the very first class, Al made the learning curve seem like a lot of fun and I ended Al's 5 one night a week classes with a Green Heron that I thought at the time was pretty good. During the class Al would take the time to "talk up" the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers club and invited the class to come to a meeting. At that time Rex Mchail was giving carving classes at the Museum on East Ave. I know he also talked up our carving club and all the other instructors did the same. That is one reason the club could maintain high numbers in membership as at the time there was several carving instructors teaching classes. I love Al's humor he always knows how to get me going. Al, Thanks for all the help over the years and Thanks for being there for the first Monday meeting.

Bob Martin

Could someone please send me the info on the Chili and Irondequoit carving groups? Day, time, location and I'll include them in the next newsletter. Susie

Tips to share:

A new section of the newsletter. Send Susie your carving tips, product reviews, your favorite band aid, good websites, etc.

Mary May's School of Traditional Woodcarving www.marymaycarving.com/carvingschool

Dick Blick Art Supplies www.dickblick.com

Showcase:

Another new section of the newsletter. Send Susie photos of your projects.



Floyd's martini glass bird feeder.

Upcoming events

Oct 13 – 14, 2018 Artistry in Wood Wilmington, OH

Contact: www.daytoncarvers.com

Oct 20, 2018 Ontario Woodcarvers Association – Magic in Wood, Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Farm Valley Rd., Pickering, Ontario (east of Toronto)

Contact: www.show@ontariowoodcarvers.com

Oct 27-28, 2018 Conewago Carvers Woodcarving and Art Show and Sale, East Berlin Community Center, East Berlin, PA

Contact: Doug Gabel 717.676.7611 info@conewagocarvers.com

Oct 27-28, 2018 Sauder village Woodcarver's Show and Sale
Founder's Hall at Sauder Village, Archbold OH

Contact: <https://saudervillage.org/classes-events/special-events/woodcarvers-show-sale>

Oct 27, 2018 Mohawk Valley Arts and Woodcarving Association Annual Show & Auction
Horace J. Inman Senior Citizens Center, Amsterdam, NY

Contact: Carl Borst carvincarl@aol.com

Nov 9-11, 2018 Waterfowl Festival, various locations in Easton MD
featured carver: Jeff Rechin

Contact: 410.822.4567 www.waterfowlfestival.org

Nov 10-11, 2018 Cincinnati Carvers Guild Wood Carving Show & Competition
Clarion Hotel, Cincinnati OH

Contact: Rick Bissonnette cincycarvers@gmail.org

Mar 9-11, 2019 Ohio Decoy & Wildlife Art Show & Sale
Strongsville Holiday Inn, Strongsville OH

Contact: Bob Lund (general) 419.340.2789 woodcountydecoy@msn.com

Mar 30-31, 2019 Niagara Woodcarvers Association, Wonders of Wood
40th Annual Show & Competition,
8215 Heartland Forest Rd, Niagara Falls ONT

Contact: 905-354-8854 niagarawoodcarvers@yahoo.ca

Apr 26-28, 2019 49th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition
& Art Festival,
Roland E. Powell Convention center, Ocean City MD

SAVE THE DATE MORE DETAILS AS TIME GOES BY

April 12 -13, 2019 Rochester Woodworking Society hosts Lee Valley Tools
Friday night presentation by Lee Valley 7 pm St John Fisher
Saturday tool sale CP Rochester Winton Location Gym



Chips from the Editor

At the September meeting a couple of people mentioned to me that they had difficulty opening the newsletter. This month I am sending it as Word document and as a PDF. To open PDF files you need the current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader DC. It is a free download at Adobe.com Search for Acrobat Reader DC. www.adobe.com

Fall is here. Carving days on our Adirondack porch have come to close. I will miss just sweeping the chips outside. I must be a real woodcarver now as I started several projects this summer but didn't get anything finished.

The newsletter looks different this month. There are several new sections to which you can contribute. Send me your project photos, tips, websites, tool companies, etc. and I will include them. The newsletter deadline is the **twentieth** of the month.

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