



## January 2024

# GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

**January 5, 2024 6:30 PM**

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

## President's Note

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday season. Attached to the newsletter is a club survey. We hope you will fill it out and get it back to us at the upcoming meeting Monday night. We need your input and ideas to help our club grow. See you at the meeting.

Mike

## Club Calendar for 2024

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

- January 8 "Carve In" Bring your carving stuff and a project to work on. Project ideas: comfort birds, bottle toppers or any other project you have in the works. Stuck on a project? Bring it to get help from the carving club brain trust.
- 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 (volunteer to be the speaker committee)
- June 10 Sub Social
- September 9 Regular meeting
- October 14 Regular meeting
- November 11 Regular meeting
- December 9 Pizza meeting

## Small Group Classes

These classes will work if you volunteer to share your interest with others. You do not need to be a master carver to share your interest and enthusiasm with others.

The classes dates March 11 and 25 and April 15 and 29. Your class could be all four dates, three dates, two dates or even one date. You pick the topic/project, decide on the date (s) and how many fellow carvers you want to have in your group. You set a price for materials the students will pay you.

Please use the member survey form to express your willingness to host a small group class.

For example: I would like to learn relief carving. Santa brought me a beginning relief carving book with a sampler board. I will run a relief carving sampler board class. We will look at the pictures, read the directions and carve along. Susie

Do you have a project you would like to do? Do you think if you had a small group to do it with that you might actually get the project done, learn something and have fun along the way?

Is there someone who carves something that you would like to learn how to do? Encourage them to offer a small group class.

We need the information for the small group classes available for sign up at the February meeting.

Help is available if you think you might do this but don't know how to get started.

## 2024 Carving Show

Friday, April 12 set up Saturday, April 13 show

## 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 raffle item count is 23. We need at least **40** items for the raffle. The raffle pays for the show. We need lots of carvings to generate lots of income. Go through your carvings and see if any need a new home or carve something just for the raffle.

## 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**

Golisano Children's Hospital has requested more comfort birds both adult and child size. They need 40 birds. 10 adult size and 30 child size. Don Rowe has some blanks to distribute for carving.

Bring your finished birds to the meeting. Remember to sign your birds. If you don't want your name on it, sign it GVWC 24

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.

## **Upcoming Class**

Robin Salsbury is teaching a Stellar's Jay carving class. A Stellar's Jay is a blue and black western bird. It is a relative of our Blue Jay. Class meets at Irondequoit HS room 1150 7:00-9:00 pm Tuesdays January 16- March 12. No class February 20. Cost \$105 which includes materials. Call 585-336-3014 to register.

## **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 a very pair in a variety of sizes.

# Gallery

Remember to send Susie pictures of your carvings to include in the gallery section.



By Rick Reber



By Mike Morgan

Rob visits Chili carvers





Bark Santa



Snowman

by Earl Frech



Butterfly Clock Gift by Earl



By Steve Withrow

# Additional Carving Get togethers

See the attached PDF with all the gathering locations

## Women with Knives and Gouges

**Next gathering**            **January 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](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com)    585-734-0266

## Chips from the Editor

Happy New Year,

Did you make any carving resolutions? My resolution is to remember to do the finger/hand exercises every day. I also want to get more of my flock finished by the show. The goldfinch, titmouse and wedding present loon all have eyes! The goldfinch and titmouse are half way painted. I just need some more dedicated time to work on them. Guess that should be a resolution also: make time to carve and paint.

**Please complete the survey.** We need your help to implement new projects and ideas. You can fill in the survey and email back to me. [susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com](mailto:susie.nettleton@rochester.rr.com) Fill out a survey at the next meeting. Or give me a call 585-734-0266 and give me your survey answers over the phone.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

February newsletter deadline: January 28