



## March 2024

# GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

**March 11, 2024 6:30 PM**

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

## President's Note

Spring is in the air. The Solar Eclipse is coming but most importantly our annual show is just around the corner. We are also celebrating our club being around for fifty years. We also have a few new members who joined the club during the last couple meetings, so come to our March 11th. meeting and introduce yourself, and who knows maybe we will have some new members at this month's meeting too.

Thanks,  
Mike

## Club Calendar for 2024

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

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| 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  |

# New Chips off the Block

Please welcome

Nick Whitley

Marion Warchol

Sherri Rinebold

Steve Piecuch

Jason Woodward

## Small Group Classes

Some classes start March 11 with Celtic Knots and Lettering starting April 15. Everyone got their first choice of class. Instructors contacted their students with information.

If you did not sign up for a class that starts March 11, bring your carving stuff and carve.

Steve Gilbert will be offering Qigong for Carvers **March 11, April 15 and April 29 at 6:15 pm** downstairs. You did not need to register for this mini course. Qigong is stretching to help you limber up for carving.

## 2024 Carving Show and Competition

We are finalizing plans for the 2024 GVW Show and Competition on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Set up and carving registration will be on Friday afternoon, April 12, 2024. We still need a few volunteers to help greet the public at the door and at the Club table on Saturday. We will circulate the sign-up sheet at the March meeting. If not attending in March, you may email me at [jcurrie.rr@gmail.com](mailto:jcurrie.rr@gmail.com) to sign up for your desired volunteer position.

This year the special competition features carved Bottle Stoppers. The starting blank is a 2" X 2" X 4" wood block plus a cork stopper, supplied by the club. Any and all subjects are encouraged.

We will have a (non-judged) display of members' holiday ornaments from this year's club project. Also on display will be members' previous winning entries plus a separate section with decoys from the past.

Same as last year, there is no registration fee for club members and no limit on number of entries. The complete competition rules and entry tags are attached. Also attached are show announcements for you to help publicize our show.

I look forward to seeing you at the show!  
John Currie, Show Chairman

**Attached to the newsletter will be PDFs with all the show information and flyers.**

## 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. I promise to bring them to the March meeting.

## 2025 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

From the GVWC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**We need your ideas - ASAP!** In the next few days, please provide the following information:

-The names of people on your visiting carver wish list

-Name of location or event *within Monroe County* where we could promote the club.

Email to Carla: [alacarla@hotmail.com](mailto:alacarla@hotmail.com) or Gayle: [night10gayle@gmail.com](mailto:night10gayle@gmail.com)

## Friendship Cane

At the September meeting, we decided to do another friendship cane. Blanks are available for you to start carving. If you have finished your cane piece, please give it to Jim.

## Quilt Squares

We are going to assemble a "quilt" from the squares. Bring your finished square to any meeting. The Nettletons are collecting your squares. Six more quilt square blanks will be available at the March meeting. Thanks to Jack for assembling the quilt. Please be sure to sign your quilt square!

## 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.

# 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.

## Tips to Share

Remember to send your tips to Susie to include them in the newsletter.

These tips are from Earl Frech:

Put dried out basswood in Ziplock bag wrapped in a wet paper towel for four days. It absolutely made a difference and softened up the dried-out wood.

For hard spots like end grain use a spray bottle to soak the area with a 50/50 mixture of water and rubbing alcohol.

## Additional Carving Get togethers

If you need the Carving Gatherings PDF, email Susie.

## Women with Knives and Gouges

**Next gathering      March 21, 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

## Gallery



Jim Butlin





Pileated Woodpecker

By Aimee Nothnagle



Red-bellied Woodpecker



Mardou for a friend



Earl for grandson

# Chips from the Editor

The show is rapidly approaching. Do you have your carvings done for the show? I am still working on painting three birds and I have one to finish mounting. I need to just make some time to work on them.

Remember the whittling author at Woodcraft on Saturday, March 9.

If you are thinking about carving the loon for the Adirondack Council, Robin has a pattern if you need one.

The show information is attached to the email. Read the competition rules so you can figure out what category your carvings go in. Help spread the word about show wherever you go.

Additional tip to share: Mardou shared the Flexcut left pattern which is also attached to the email.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

April newsletter deadline: March 28