



Celebrating 50 years 1975-2025

## **March 2025**

# **GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**March 10, 2025 6:30 PM**

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

## **President's Note**

Hello members: First of all, I want to thank everyone for the get well card and to let you know I am feeling better. We have a lot of things going on now with our upcoming carving meetings as well as our April show. Since this is our 50 year celebration, we are in need of possible donations to raise money for the club. If we could get donations from businesses such as tool suppliers, wood suppliers, arts and craft suppliers, etc. that we could raffle off at our picnic in June or even at our Show in April would be helpful. If you can think of anything of that nature, please let one of the officers in the club know and we will pursue it.

Thanks,

Mike

## **Club Classes start March 10**

Everyone is welcome at Steve Gilbert's Qigong session starting at 6:15 before each club class.

The Carver's Qigong Sessions will be focused on reducing the tension and pain, that commonly results from a long session of carving, knitting, crafting, computing, etc. The sessions will last about 10 minutes, each session being different than any other. They will be held a few minutes prior to the start of all other classes, so that you won't miss any carving classes. They will be held outside if weather permits, or in the downstairs lobby or library.

Material fees are due to each instructor at the beginning of class. If you signed up for a class and haven't yet paid the \$10 registration fee, please have it ready for Bill at the meeting.

If you didn't sign up for a class, bring your carving stuff and work on a block for the Friendship cane or carve your spoon for the show.

## **Club Calendar for 2025**

### **March 10: Meeting and Club Carving Classes #1**

March 14 & 15: Chip Carving presentation & workshop by Dennis Wilson (ADK carver)

### **March 24: Club Carving Class #2**

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

**April 14: Meeting Club Carving Classes #3**, including new member welcome class part 1

**April 28: Club Carving Classes #4** last one

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

May: 50th Commemorative Show at local library

**June 9: Annual Meeting with cookout and 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at Roberts Cabin**

## **2025 Show and Competition**

The 2025 GVW Show and Competition will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the RMSC Eisenhart Auditorium from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Set up and carving registration is Friday afternoon, April 4, 2025 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

As always, we need volunteers on Friday and Saturday to help make the show a success. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets which will be available at the February 2025 meeting. In particular, we need at least 4 more volunteers on Friday to help with registration and entry placement. On Saturday, there are openings for Raffle Ticket Sales and Entry Greeters, plus additional people at the Club table will be appreciated.

This year's Special Division is spoon carving. You can use a spoon blank supplied by the club or one of your own design. Any and all subjects are encouraged.

Floyd Lombardi is still collecting items for the annual raffle. The most sought after items are always carvings. Please have a look at home and find something special for Floyd to add to our offerings. He will be delighted to receive your donated carvings. The raffle is the club's primary fundraiser and is critical to funding the annual show.

I look forward to seeing you at the show!

John Currie, Show Chairman

# 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.

## February Timed Carving Contest



All the Carvings



1<sup>st</sup> place: Marion Warchol  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Gayle Schneider  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Alison Carrie  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Rick Reber



Carvers busily carving against the clock.

## Friendship Cane

We cannot have another friendship cane to raffle at the 2025 show unless you carve some blocks. 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. Editor note: a lot of you have blocks out there Please carve them and bring them in.

## Raffle Update

Bring your raffle donations to any meeting or connect with Floyd to get them to him. Carving donations are especially needed. Maybe you have some carvings that need new homes. The raffle helps pay for the show so please donate.

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

When: Monday, June 9, 2025

Time: Regular meeting time +

Where: Roberts Cabin

Veterans Memorial Park

Cabin Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467

Join us for a cookout and celebrate the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers' 50th Birthday. Lots of surprises in store. Stay tuned for details.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Committee is actively planning GVWC's celebratory party. If you'd like to help prepare for this event, please attend our next meeting on March 3, 2025, from 6:30-7:30pm. Contact Carla at [alacarla@hotmail.com](mailto:alacarla@hotmail.com) for the Zoom links.

## Chip Carving Program

CHIP CARVING - AN INTRODUCTION

Dennis Wilson, a chip carver, will be visiting Rochester as part of Rochester Woodworkers Society's Visiting Speakers series. GVWC members are invited to attend his free presentation about chip carving on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 6:30pm at St. John Fisher Campus. Check the RWS website to learn if there is space in Saturday's workshop. A fee will apply. More information: <https://www.rochesterwoodworkers.org/>

## New Community Outreach Opportunity

Maple Sugar Weekend at Genesee Country Village and Museum, Mumford, NY

Saturday & Sunday, March 29 & 30, 10am-3pm (arrive 9:15/depart 3:15)

We will carve in the museum's Town Hall. Bring carving projects/tools and items to display, along with lunch, snacks, and drinks. There is no charge for GVWC participants; regular admission for family and friends. Please sign-up!

A sign-up sheet will be available during the March club meeting. Please contact Carla if you'd like to participate but are unable to attend our club meeting (alacarla@hotmail.com).

Also, mark your calendars now for GCV&M's Agricultural Fair on Oct. 4 & 5!

## Al Jordan's Bird Carving Class

In February, GVWC continued its 50th anniversary celebration with the second of two classes underwritten by a \$5,000 Arts-in-Education grant awarded to us by Genesee Valley Council on the Arts (GVCA). A total of 16 members worked with acclaimed carvers in the caricature and bird disciplines. Although very different experiences, both events received high marks from all participants. Both groups made requests for more learning opportunities in the future.

Al Jordan is a world-class bird carver who uses power tools exclusively in the creation of his carvings. He taught the three-day class by a combination of lecturing, demonstrating and guiding the students one on one as they transformed their tupelo roughout into a carved, painted and mounted blue jay smoothie. All the participants reported that this intense class increased their skills and knowledge of power carving tools, bird anatomy and paint application.

This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts.





# Gallery



By Steve Witherow



Spalted Basswood Comfort bird by Don Rowe

## A Fun Story Worth Reading

By Larry Moss

<https://www.larrymoss.com/2025/01/07/a-whittle-accident-with-a-bear/>

Editor's note: I hope we get to see Larry's bear in the show.



## Help Wanted

Trudy is looking to buy a new knife and carving tools. If you have advice for her or tools to sell, please give her a call 585-410-0559 or email [trudymunding@gmail.com](mailto:trudymunding@gmail.com).

## Additional Carving Get togethers

Email Susie if you need the list

## Women with Knives and Gouges

**Next meeting March 20 6:30  
at 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

Think Spring,

My recovery is going slowly. I finished a 500 piece puzzle, a 1,000 piece puzzle and am on my seventh book. I am now sling free! PT starts next week. I plan to get back to painting my Red Headed Woodpecker.

Please carve your friendship cane block. It would be great to have a friendship cane for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

**April newsletter deadline: March 26 by 12:00 PM**