



May 2024

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

May 15, 2024 6:30 PM

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

May meeting Guest Speaker

World champion bird carver Al Jordan will be the featured speaker at our May meeting. Al will talk about the thought process required to take your carving from a simple stand alone piece to a finished work of art. His talk will include creating a habitat as well as things to consider when trying to best present your carving. Al is open to questions and keeps no secrets from his fellow carvers. Join us for an informative and fun time.

President's Note

The Southtowns Carvers annual show in Elma, New York was a great success and I would like to thank them for having us at their event. I would also like to thank members Rob Lucci, Jim Butlin, Tony Filetti and Floyd Lombardi for taking the time out of their weekend to man the tables at this event. We only have a couple months left before our summer vacation, so let's start thinking of what we are going to carve for OUR show next April.

Thanks,
Mike

Club Calendar for 2024

April 29	Small group class #4
	Intro to carving for folks who joined at the show class #2
May 13	Al Jordan
June 10	Sub Social
September 9	Regular meeting
October 14	Regular meeting
November 11	Regular meeting
December 9	Pizza meeting

2024 Carving Show and Competition

The 2024 Show was another success! Everything ran well – THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the show. About half the club membership turned out on Friday and Saturday to help set up and run the show - it could not happen without all the volunteers who give up their time on Friday and Saturday!

There were a total of 150 entries, which is almost the same as last year. As usual, the quality and variety of entries was impressive. The Special Division of Bottle Stopper Carvings had 22 inventive entries and was well received by visitors. Congratulations to all winners!

Public attendance was more than the average of the previous two shows based on the 205 “Peoples’ Choice” ballots cast.

Thanks to our Membership Table volunteers, the club gained 13 new memberships at the show.

Thank you to all the demonstrators and the other clubs in attendance. Speaking with the carvers is a highlight for many of the people who attend.

A special thank you to the judges who, as usual did a great job.

Finally, thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. There were some exceptionally nice items.

Best in Class Winners (Best in Class winners are *encouraged* to move up to the next higher class):

Novice, Bird	Marion Warchel – Blue Jay
Novice, General	Marion Warchel - Leprechaun
Intermediate, Bird	Susie Nettleton – Steller’s Jay
Intermediate, General	Steve Witherow – Hawksbill Turtle
Advanced, Bird	Al Cretney – Purple Honeycreeper – Best in Show Bird
Advanced, General	James Butlin – Bout A Tank – Best in Show General & People’s Choice
Working Decoy	Andy Hildreth – Ruddy Duck, tail up
Bottle Stopper	Gayle Schneider – Gnome Home

	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Working Decoys	Special
Bird	10	12	21		
General	18	23	36		
Other				8	22
Total	28	35	57	8	22
Grand Total					150 All Entries

Number of members entering items for competition: 27.

Save the date for next year’s show: Saturday April 5, 2025

Cheers,
John Currie

New Chips Off the Block

Welcome to the following members

Bill Kenny
Karen Falconer
Robert Falconer
Bob Falconer
Cody Falconer
Larry Bovenzi

Denise Dee
Greg Capone
Kathy Yanklowski
Brad Robinson
Doug Angold
Nancy Steedman

Andy Hildreth

Small Group Classes

Small group classes April 29

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

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

2025 50th Anniversary

Contact Carla, alacarla@hotmail.com, you want to be part of the 50th Anniversary committee.

Friendship Cane

We will plan to have another friendship cane for the 2025 show. Blanks will be available at the June meeting for you to start carving. If you have finished your cane piece, please give it to Jim.

Loaner Tools

Floyd put together a kit with loaner tools for guests to use at a meeting. The kit is in the closet with the vacuum. See Floyd for more information.

Do you have extra carving gloves? We could use gloves in a variety of sizes. We could also use some straight carving knives.

Show Photos







Southtowns Show

Photos by Floyd and Mike









If you have more show photos or pictures of your carvings to share in the newsletter, send them to Susie

Additional Carving Get togethers

PDF with locations attached to the email

Women with Knives and Gouges

Next gathering **May 16, 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

Chips from the Editor

The show was a great success. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. We have 13 new members from the show. Keep up the good work talking to people about joining us.

Gardening season is upon us so I haven't done any carving. I need to spend some quality time with the band saw cutting out a couple projects. There is only one bird left from my unfinished flock. It has been unfinished for years so I guess it is time to take the plunge and drill the eyes. I have several months before the next show so I should finish it.

Happy Carving,
Susie Nettleton editor

June newsletter deadline: May 28