



## **May 2025**

# **GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**May 12, 2025 6:30 PM**

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

## **President's Note**

Spring is in the air, lots of members are carving new things, the picnic committee has been making plans for our 50th. anniversary of the club and it is time for nominations of officers at our May meeting. Hope to see you all at our June 9th picnic when we will go over the finances and hold elections of officers.

Mike

## **May meeting information**

Our May meeting will be an auction to raise money for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Please bring hidden treasures such as a carving, knife, other tools, blocks of wood, project you will never finish, etc. We know everyone has something squirreled away somewhere.

Let's make this fun! Perhaps you have a special skill: sharpening, airbrushing, etc. that lends itself to a certificate for a one-on-one session. How about some carvings that need new homes? Some of you have hidden talents.

Jack Nettleton will be the auctioneer. Bring your auction items and cash/checkbook to the meeting.

## **New Chips off the Block**

Please welcome

Ben Adams  
Jason Brewer  
Karl Odden

Gary Knight  
Beth Hall

John Gardner  
Lisa Cox

# Show Chairman's Report - 2025

The 2025 Show was another success! Everything ran well – THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the show. It could not happen without all the volunteers who give up their time on Friday and Saturday!

There were a total of 163 entries. As usual, the quality and variety of entries was impressive. The Special Division of Spoon Carvings had 36 thoughtful entries and was well received by visitors. Congratulations to all winners!

Public attendance was in excess of 170 based on the total "Peoples' Choice" ballots cast.

Thanks to our Membership Table volunteers, the club gained 6 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	John Brinak – Yellow Bellied Sapsucker
Novice, General	Terry Brooks – Bullfight
Intermediate, Bird	Marion Warchel – Hummingbird
Intermediate, General	Marion Warchel – Frog Pond
Advanced, Bird	Alison Currie – Elegant Trogon
Advanced, General	Steve Witherow – Manta Ray
Working Decoy	Alison Currie – Bufflehead Drake
Special – Spoon	Mardou Case – Spoon with grapes and leaf
Peoples' Choice	Alison Currie – Snowy Owl

	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Working Decoys	Special
Bird	7	9	25		
General	42	11	30		
Other				2	36 + 1 Youth
Total	49	20	55	2	37
Grand Total					163 All Entries

Number of members entering items for competition: 33 out of 62 total members.

Save the date for next year's show: April 11, 2026.

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

Hats off to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Committee who has worked hard to plan the celebration. See the attached documents for information on ordering a tee shirt and complete picnic information.

It's a Party! Come Join Us! Genesee Valley Woodcarvers 50th Anniversary Celebration

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 Time: 3 pm to 8:30 pm - Attend as you can.

Location: Bushman Cabin Address: Veterans Memorial Park / Cabin Rd 595 Calkins Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467

Complete schedule information is in the email attachment. Please Read It!

## Some Show Photos







# Southtowns Woodcarvers Annual Spring Show



## Thank You to Club Class Instructors





## Gallery



### Cedar Waxwings by Aimee Nothnagle

Editor's note: I saw two waxwings in my yard on April 26.

# **Additional Carving Get togethers**

Email Susie if you need the list

## **Women with Knives and Gouges**

**Next meeting, May 15, 6:30 pm  
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**

Wow it is May,

It seems like the time is flying by. I have started an ambitious nativity scene that needs to be finished and shipped to Montana by November. My shoulder recovery is going well. I just need to be careful and not over do it which as we all know is easier said than done.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is coming in June. Please read the flyer about the party and tee shirt order.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

**June newsletter deadline: May 28 by 12:00 PM**