



Celebrating 50 years 1975-2025

November 2024

GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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

November 11, 2024 6:30 PM

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

President's Note

Hello members,

With Halloween behind us we can concentrate on the months ahead. We have a few new members who joined us at the last meeting and I hope you will come to the next meeting and welcome them. With our weekend at the Genesee Country Museum a few weeks ago and our Pumpkins on Parade last weekend in Webster we are getting the word out about our organization and letting people know we've been around for 50 years. There's a lot of carving classes coming up in the next few months so get involved and sharpen your carving tools.

Thanks,
Mike

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership. Don't miss out on speakers and classes, both local and national, and a wealth of information in our monthly newsletter. Download the membership form from our website or pick up a form at the next meeting. For your convenience, a membership form is attached to the newsletter email.

November Meeting

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 will be available at the November 11 meeting.

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.

Bring your carving stuff to get a start on carving your spoon for the show.

GVWC Steps Out

During the first weekend in October, 17 GVWC members attended the Genesee Country Village & Museum's two-day Agricultural Fair in Mumfords, NY. We enjoyed carving and displaying our work in a beautiful lattice-walled pavilion, sharing the space with local historians, a fall garden in full bloom and large displays of freshly harvested vegetables and fruits. Many people visited our area, giving us many opportunities to talk about our club and wood carving. The following week, we welcomed several new members into the club, recruited from this event. Thank you goes out to Terry Brooks, Jim Butlin, Al Cretney, Rick Flynn, Floyd Lombardi, Rob Lucci, Bob Martin, Mike Morgan, Steve Picuch, Bill Reifsteck, Robin Salsbury, Brooks Schneider, Gayle Schneider, John Shubuck, Marion Warchol, Carla Watkins, and Nick Whitley!

During the last weekend of October, five GVWC members attended Pumpkins on Parade, a community event sponsored by the Town of Webster. Designed to celebrate an abundant fall harvest and a spooky Halloween, the event attracted many families. Our display and demonstration of pumpkin carving was well received – a real “Wow!” within other fun seasonal activities. Participating in this event gave us the opportunity to speak with many people about GVWC and carving. We hope to welcome additional new members during November's meeting. Thank you goes out to Jim Butlin, Rob Lucci, Susie Nettleton, Robin Salsbury, and Carla Watkins!

Remember, we've been challenged to double our membership in two years. Contact a board member if you know of other opportunities where we can display our work and talk-up GVWC.



Club Calendar for 2024

This is the proposed calendar for our 50th year. These events are in the planning stage and you are welcome to help make this year a success.

November 11: Open Carving Show Special Category revealed and blanks available

December 9: Potluck social

January 13: TBD - Speaker or open carving

February 10: 1-Hour Carving Competition

February 7 – 9: Bird Carving class (Al Jordan) – weekend event

March 10: Club Carving Classes

March 21 & 22: Chip Carving presentation & workshop by Dennis Wilson (ADK carver)

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

April 14: Club Carving Classes, including new member welcome class part 1

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

May: 50th Commemorative Show at local library

June 9: Annual Meeting

June: Carvin' Cookout (weekend event, date & details TBD)

Friendship Cane

We will plan to have another friendship cane for the 2025 show. 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.

Show Raffle Update

Bring your raffle donations to any meeting or connect with Floyd to get them to him. Carving donations are especially needed.

New Chips off the Block

Please Welcome

Trudy Munding
Larry Moss
Joel Moss

Can You Help Us Carve Out A Place In The Community?

Friends and acquaintances are usually surprised to learn that Rochester has an active woodcarving club. Especially with our 50th anniversary, we want the whole community to know about GVWC and the talented people who are part of it. Please contact Carla if you can see yourself promoting our club via print and/or broadcast media, such as writing an article, attending a radio discussion or meeting with a print-based interviewer. Email: alacarla@hotmail.com

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.

Additional Carving Get togethers

Email Susie if you need the list

Women with Knives and Gouges

Next gathering November 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 585-734-0266

Gourds

Arlene Schlueter, a member of the Central NY Woodworkers, gave a very interesting presentation on carving, painting and embellishing gourds.



Gallery

Remember to send Susie your photos for the gallery





Chips from the Editor

Happy November,

Did you enjoy your extra hour of sleep? As the days get shorter, it is time to figure out your winter carving projects. Need to do carvings for Christmas gifts? Now is a good time to get started.

The newsletter got long again. I hope you enjoy the photos. If you have things to share for the gallery section, please email them to me.

Happy Carving,
Susie Nettleton editor

December newsletter deadline: November 24