



Celebrating 50 years 1975-2025

## **October 2024**

# **GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS**

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

**October 14, 2024 6:30 PM**

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

## **President's Note**

Hi everyone, can't believe it's almost October! Please don't forget that it's time to pay your dues again for the upcoming year. The club voted and approved an increase this year to \$30 per member. We are now officially a "not-for-profit organization", so we depend on the dues to keep us going. Also we are planning to have a couple tables at this upcoming weekends Genesee Country Village & Museum in Mumford, NY October 5th & 6th.- hope to see you there.  
Mike

## **Important Updates**

There have been changes to the Genesee Valley Woodcarvers club over the last few years. Most recent is the approval of our application to become a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit tax exempt organization. Consequently, an update to the club bylaws was in order.

The Proposed Bylaws change will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting.

## **Synopsis of Bylaws changes**

Changes on proposed bylaws

Overall - General cleanup for consistent wording and removal of redundant wording.

IV Meetings - allowing general meetings during the summer by Board decision

V Dues – Removes dues amount from bylaws and allows changes at a regularly scheduled meeting by active members present at a scheduled meeting after the change in dues has been published in the newsletter

Allows special rate dues to be used as a promotion during the Annual Show.

VI. Board of Directors – identifies elected and appointed members, also has the immediate predecessor President as a member.

VIII Split Secretary and Membership into two positions, each a Board Member

## Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership. Dues are \$30 for individual and \$35 for families. You can pay at the October meeting or print out a membership form off the website and mail along with payment to Suzanne Keller

A membership form is attached to the newsletter email.

## Genesee Country Museum and Village

Community Outreach Carving Opportunity

Are you interested in joining our carving circle at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Two spaces are available on Sunday, October 6. Morning (9:45-1), Afternoon (1-4:15), or All day (9:45-4:15). **Contact Carla at [alacarla@hotmail.com](mailto:alacarla@hotmail.com) for more information by Wednesday, October 2.**

**Bring:** Carvings to display, carving(s) to work on, tools, snacks/drinks/lunch (also available for purchase at GCVM).

## October Presentation

October's meeting will feature Arlene Schlueter, a member of the Central NY Woodworkers. She will talk about drying, carving and painting gourds. Arlene lives in the Syracuse area and has been carving for 20 years. She is an accomplished bird and character carver but also an experienced woodworker. Arlen enjoys many aspects of woodworking - carving, scrollwork and turning (pens being her current specialty).



# Club Calendar for 2024

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

## **October 14: Bylaws and budget vote; Gourd Carving presentation**

October 5 & 6: Genesee Country Village & Museum - weekend event

## **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

From Floyd: To date I have collected, most of which are from one carver's estate, 13 birds, 1 reference book, 1 stylized carving & 1 donation of misc. tool items.

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

# New Chip off the Block

Please Welcome

Stephen Wolak

## 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Al Jordan Class

***This information is provided for you to start thinking about attending the class, save the dates, requirements, etc. Complete sign up and cost information will be announced in the future.***

The club is thrilled to host World Championship Bird Carver Al Jordan for the second of two classes funded by the Arts in Education Grant from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts. Al is a gifted teacher and many of his students have gone on to win awards at the local and national level. He is willing to share all his "secrets" and techniques. A licensed falconer, Al's intimate knowledge of bird anatomy makes his classes lessons in both art and nature.

### **Class details:**

**Time:** 9 am to 5 pm

**Dates:** Fri. Feb 7, Sat. Feb 8, and Sun. Feb 9

**Location:** Al's home studio

17 Holmes Road

Rochester, NY 14626

**Maximum attendees:** 8

**Price:** Similar to that of the Rich Wetherbee class. Details forthcoming.

Al will teach the carving and painting of a male Blue Jay smoothie. This means there will be no detailed texturing or woodburning. The bird will be mounted on a stump created by the student. The class fee covers the blank, eyes, cast feet, and paint. To save time, Al will mix paint colors for the entire class. Students should be able to complete the project in the time provided.

**This is power carving class. Each student should provide:**

Foredam and bits

Micromotor and bits

Dust collector

Painting supplies (brushes, mixing plates, water jars, paper towels, etc.)

If you do not have power tools, don't let this be a barrier. We will try to arrange loaners.

**Proposed schedule - flexible of course**

**Day 1.** Discussion of bird anatomy, major feather groups, and the art of creating a complete bird sculpture. Begin shaping bird.

**Day 2.** Continue shaping body and head. Define feather groups. Discuss mounting of bird on stump.

**Day 3.** Paint, finish stump, mount bird.

This is an amazing opportunity. Let's fill all 8 spots.

*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.*



## **Additional Carving Get togethers**

Email Susie if you need the list

# Women with Knives and Gouges

**Next gathering October 17, 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

## Chips from the Editor

Happy Fall,

I know it is fall because it gets dark so early and is dark in the morning. I seem to be doing more gardening than carving. I know that will change with the weather. I am working on a comfort bird for a friend in need and started Robin's Red Headed Woodpecker class. The tail may prove to be the challenging part of this project. Woodpeckers have interesting tails.

Here are a couple of videos to watch if you need a distraction.

Search YouTube for LINKER He is a Canadian character carver with fun simple carvings. Check out the one where he carving blueberries.

Search YouTube for Epic Woodworking Check out Shop Night Live, Series 25 Carving a Comfort Bird. Tom uses a few different techniques and does a nice finish on his bird. It is always good to see how someone else approaches a project.

Happy Carving,  
Susie Nettleton editor

**November newsletter deadline: October 24**