



Special Edition June 2024 GENESEE VALLEY WOODCARVERS

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Auction Results and Insights from the treasurer

It was a success! The "It" was the sort notice auction we held at our last meeting before the summer. A thank you to Alison for the idea, a big thank you to those who brought in items for the auction and an even bigger thank you to those who purchased items. The buyers got some tremendous deals and we increased our coffers by \$329!

Based on this I would like to make a suggestion. Why don't we do an auction like this every June as part of our June Social? This provides a chance for all of us to recycle tools, wood, patterns and other items for the new folks (who joined as a result of the Show and are buying tools and supplies) as well as the established carver who always wanted a rough out or particular tool.

A second idea (suggested by Donna, Harry Patrick's wife) is a silent auction. I suggest we hold it during our Christmas Social. We would need several items of good quality, new or slightly used and affordable. Sheets would be drawn up for each item and while we are enjoying each other's company and the food, people could walk around and bid on items they would like. The items in the auction do not need to be carving related, as it is the time of the year where gifts are being picked up and there might be that treasure one was looking to get for someone special.

Both of the above ideas can be discussed at the September meeting. If acceptable by the membership, guidelines and forms would need to be established.

Finally, we had some discussion on increasing dues. Our dues are currently at \$20 per person or \$25 per family. The general consensus was to go with a \$10 increase for each category. Also, we would remove the special prices offered during our show (which were \$15 and \$20). It was further suggested we could have different level of membership; Basswood level, Chisel level, Knife and Gouge level for example. These would be set at different pricing levels.

According to our bylaws, it is required we published proposed changes in the newsletter and then vote on the changes at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Assuming we agree on an increase, it would go into effect for the 2024 – 2025 year.

Another suggestion made was to have a donation box at our show. We do not charge admission, but we have heard some people would like to make a donation.

Summary of this year's (September 2023 -> August 2024) income/expenses (as of June) is we took in \$2974 and spent \$3706.62. We spent \$732.62 more than we took in. Our current bank balance \$2054.42 and we have \$34 on hand. We still have July and August but these should be minimal impact.

We are looking for additional income ideas especially since next year will be our 50th anniversary and we may want to have a special get together with past members or some other special event(s).

If you have comments on the above or suggestions for other sources of income, please forward you comments/ideas to any of the board members. Our board members (and email addresses) are:

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Bylaws

At the June meeting we discussed the club's finances. There was concern about the effect of rising prices and additional expenses on our financial future. To increase the funds available to support member activities and to help keep our bank account over the minimum no-fee balance required, an increase in the annual dues was suggested. It is proposed to raise dues from \$20 to 30 for individuals and \$25 to 35 for families. The attached draft of updated bylaws reflects this change. In addition, the club name was amended to Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Corporation to match our recent New York and 501(c)(3) application filings.

Part X of our bylaws states:

CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS may be made by:

- A. Publishing the amendment in the newsletter
- B. Passing it by a majority vote at a subsequent regular meeting

Please review proposed changes. A vote to approve them will be taken at our September 2024 meeting.

Special Thanks to Bill Keller for his work as treasurer and to Alison for slogging through the 501(c)(3) paperwork.

Erie County Fair

The Erie County Fair has a large wood carving category. Consider submitting some of your pieces to the fair. Entries must be submitted online by July 12.

Drop off your carvings Friday, August 2 12 pm -7 pm or Saturday, August 3 12 pm – 6 pm.

Pick up your carvings Wednesday. August 21 11 am – 7 pm

The fair website for information on entering your pieces:

<https://www.ecfair.org/p/competitions/woodcarving>

Friendship Cane

Your summer homework assignment is to carve your friendship cane blank. If you didn't pick one up at the meeting get one from Mike or from Susie. Bring your finished cane pieces to the September meeting. Remember to sign your name somewhere on the front of the piece

Something Fun

Thanks to Steve Gilbert for sending this link. <https://www.alisoncrowther.com/projects>

To do this type of carving you need a bigger bench.

Chips from the Editor

It is too hot to garden so hide in your basement and do some carving. Have a great summer and keep cool.

Susie Nettleton
GVWC newsletter editor

September newsletter deadline: August 21