Mid-Wis. Chippers Meeting October 4th!

Whittle Bits and Pieces

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Newsletter for October 2020

Website: http://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com/

The Chippers Club logo: "The carver on the stool" was created by Bob Yancey MWC Club President from 1984 - 1985.

Winchester Arts & Craft Show
This Saturday Sept. 12th
Rain or Shine!
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Details on page 5.

INTERESTED IN A BETSY POPP BIG HORNED SHEEP CLASS FOR 2021?

CLASSES ARE 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS (THURSDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS), 8 HOURS PER DAY.

Chippers Sponsored Classes
To Be Scheduled
-Neubauer Sharpening
-Wetherbee Carving/ Sculpting
-Jensen Chip Carving

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club (MWC) Board

Barb Behm, Lee Belanger, Gene Bengel
Steve Binder, Tim Gosz, President, Dick Krummick
Rodney Manthey, Keith Melzer, VP, Cedric Richeson, Secretary
Chris Rigotti, Bill Tuchscherer, Treasurer

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Board met on Sunday, August 23rd to consider how best to serve our members in these pandemic days.

President Tim Gosz requested an e-mail survey of the membership to assist the board. The results of that survey and comments were communicated to the Board. Of 73 members surveyed there were 26 responses. An October start date was indicated by 15 members, 6 preferred January and 5 expressed no date preference.

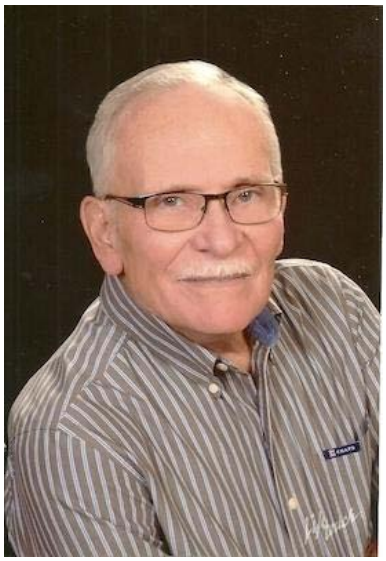
The Board discussed how best to proceed, given that many members desire to meet, and while others desire to wait. It was noted our club membership varies widely in age and health. Our club has many older retirees, not a few who have various health concerns apart from the wuhan virus pandemic. In addition, spouses and other member contacts may have health conditions which will cause members to forebear attendance for the time being.

Also, although many churchs are conducting services under a variety of conditions, our normal meeting place, Gloris Dei Lutheran Church, is not currently holding church services indoors and is limiting any indoor meetings to 10 and fewer people. Gloria Dei has not yet determined how it is going to proceed with the advent of cold weather.

After careful consideration of the above, the Board determined to hold a general meeting on the first Sunday in October at a nearby location. Our members are free to decide whether to attend or wait until a personally more propitious. No one should feel compelled to attend. Anyone who is sick is asked to refrain from attending.

The program will be modified slightly and details are elaborated on page 2. The Board is respectful of all of its members and has charted this path hoping to meet the needs of many members on an interim basis.

,James Goheen, Club Librarian, Passes



Jim Goheen passed away on August 19, 2020. Jim was Librarian for the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club for the past several years. Jim liked to carve caricatures and animals. He was a frequent carver at the Oshkosh Senior Center on Monday mornings. His obituary is reprinted below.

Oshkosh - James Leonard Goheen, age 78, of Oshkosh passed away on Wednesday morning August 19, 2020 at Theda Care in Neenah. Jim was born in Oshkosh on September 6, 1941 the son of Patrick and Leona (Coron) Goheen. Jim married Carol Jean Frank on October 25, 1969 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oshkosh. He was employed as a Pressman for many years at Castle Pierce in Oshkosh. Jim was a faithful member of St. Jude Parish (Sacred Heart Church), he loved wood carving (MWC long-time club member) and golfing. He loved his trips every February to New Smyrna Beach, FL and also to the Shallows in Door County in June.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol Goheen of Oshkosh. One daughter, Tracy (Rich) Reese and grandson Carsten Reese of Menomonee Falls. One brother, John Goheen of Oshkosh. Many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

Due to Covid 19 a private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude Parish. Father Louis will be the celebrant. Private committal services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Special thanks to Theda Care Hospitals for their excellent care of Jim.

In Lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials should be made out to St. Jude Parish 1025 W. 5th Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54902

"Jim you were not only a gentleman, you were also a gentle man. Love you, Carol."

Sunday, October 4th Club Meeting 1:30 p.m.*

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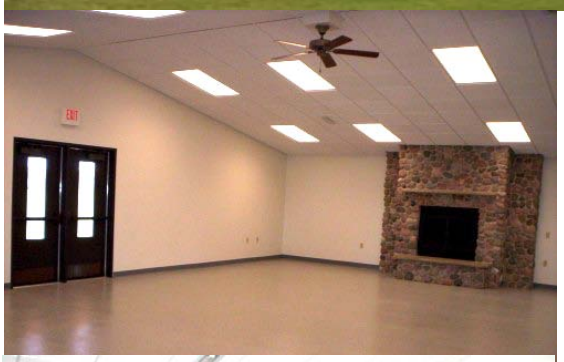
Location: Neenah, Memorial Park, George Scherck Shelter - Large Room.
1175 Appleblossom Drive, Neenah
This is a heated park shelter, behind Neenah High School, one block south and west of our normal Gloria Dei meeting site.
The room has a rated capacity of 120 people, and is equipped with 120 chairs and 20 tables (6' each).
It has restrooms, electricity, lights, utility sink, and if needed, heat.
We will space seating to social distance.
If it is a nice warm day, the patio may also be used.



The Board has rented this shelter for the day (cost is $130). The Board will consider the current state of pandemic information at the October meeting in deciding upon future meetings.

Directions:
Breezewood to Tullar.

North on Tullar to Apple Blossom Drive. *This will be one block south of Gloria Dei Church (before you get to the church).*

Turn left off Tullar heading west onto Apple Blossom Drive.
Park entrance is on right just past ball diamond.

After entering park, bear left to big parking lot by large shelter. The George Schenk Shelter Large Room entrance is on the building's southwest side by the patio.

***Regular Meeting Times ***
for October Meeting:
Board Meeting 12:30
Club Meeting 1:30 p.m.
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However!*

Since the club is renting the shelter for the day, Tim Gosz & Steve Binder ***will be opening the shelter for carving and pyrography at 9:00 a.m..***
Bring an extension cord for power if needed, and a dust collector if you are power carving.

The 1:30 Meeting will be run generally following our usual format. No demonstration is planned, but members have the opportunity to carve (see above). **There will be Show 'n Tell!!!** Also, snacks and drinks will be served by the masked (and gloved) carver, Barb Behm. If you would like to help serve, see Barb.

Safety:
The Club will social distance and have hand sanitizer & masks available. Whether or not members choose to wear a mask will be left to each club member's discretion regarding their personal circumstances. Please respect members' choices in these difficult times. There are no current plans to take temperatures. If you have a fever or feel ill, please do not attend this meeting; stay home and get well. If you have conditions or concerns that make it inadvisable to attend, we understand. Check the next newsletter for photos and updates from the meeting!

Sunday, October 4th Club Meeting

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Club Library:
There will be no club library at the October meeting. However, feel free to return books that you have taken out over the summer. If you would like to check out a book, send an e-mail reply to richeson@thechieftain.us with your name and the book title. The club will try to accommodate requests received by Friday September 25th.
A copy of the club library holdings is attached to this newsletter. Please save for future reference.

Club Logo Shirts & Name Tags!

If you have not yet received a club shirt or name tag that you ordered last spring, it will be available at the October meeting.

August Board Meeting

The Club Board met on Sunday, August 23, 2020 to address moving forward in the face of pandemic uncertainties. The Treasurer reported that refunds were made for table fees for our cancelled 2020 show, and for cancelled classes. It costs about $3500 to run our show. Currently the Club has over $5,000 in the bank.

Club Elections:
The pandemic and meeting cancellations have disrupted our club elections. The position of Secretary was up for election as were 4 board seats. In view of these extraordinary times, the Board decided that the current Board and Officers should remain in place until such time as regular meetings are resumed. The October meeting is not appropriate for an election because the majority of the club membership may not feel safe attending. It is expected that this situation should be resolved by April, 2021, if not sooner. The current Board will remain on the job until then.

Club Meetings:
The Board took up the issue of when to resume meetings. The results of the survey and Board action is further described on page 1. The October meeting was scheduled as a trial event to address the wants and needs of a significant number of the club members. However, it is uncertain how many will feel comfortable attending. Not all Board members or Officers may attend the October meeting. The future availabilty of our normal meeting place Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is uncertain. The Board plans to meet on Sunday October 4th, at the George Schenk Shelter in Memorial Park at Neenah to review how best to proceed in view of the pandemic circumstances at that time. It is expected that a decision on whether to hold a November meeting will be made at that time. The patience of club members is appreciated in these uncertain times.

Jim Goheen:
The Club made a donation of $25 in memory of Jame Goheen to St. Jude Parish. Jim's obituary is included in this newsletter.

Sunday, October 4th Club Meeting

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August Board Meeting continued

Club 2021 Show:

The Board decided to take no action at the August meeting on promoting a 2021 Show. Whether to hold a Show in 2021 will be addressed at future Board meetings. Currently the club has a 2021 Show date reserved for May 2, 2021.

Club Dues for 2020-2021 Club Year:

The Board considered the uncertainty regardng club programming for the coming year and the effect on the membership. The Board voted to make 2020-2021 renewal dues voluntary for all members currently in good standing. To support the club, all members are encouraged to voluntarily pay their 2020-2021 club year dues ($20). Send dues to Bill Tuchscher, 714 Coolidge St., Neenah, WI 54956. The Board members including the officers (who were exempted) also agreed to set the example by paying their 2020-2021 dues. New members joining the club will still need to pay 2020-2021 dues.

2020 Winchester Craft, Farm & Holiday Fair

The annual Winchester Craft, Farm & Holiday Fair will be held **Saturday, September 12, 2020** at the Town of Winchester Town Hall/Nelson Park, 8522 Park Way, Larsen, Wisconsin from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**. This event will have **97 booths**. It is hosted by the Fire Protection Auxiliary and supports the Town of Winchester Fire Department. **Event is rain or shine!**

Several Mid-Wis Chippers will be selling items at the event. In addition to carvings, woodburnings and crafts, and there will be a farm market.

The Town of Winchester is located in northwest Winnebago County, Wisconsin. The Town has a blend of family farms and residential development. The township is 36 square miles and home to 1,700 people. Photos from last years Fair are below.

Barb Behm & Wisconsin's Finest.

Jack Kumm

Irene Petrick

Whittle Bits & Pieces Visits Open Carving Venues

With so many places closed to carving these days, where can a carver go?

Further details on page 8 for all these places.

On Tuesdays, the Princeton Carving Group in Princeton, Wisconsin is reportedly still open.

On Wednesdays, the Berlin Senior Center in Berlin, Wisconsin meets from 9 a.m. to noon. Masks are required. If you forget your mask, ask at the desk. Here is a photo from a recent Wednesday.

Josie Hartzke, Duane Foote & Eleanor Wesner at the Berlin Senior Center carving various projects. It looks like Duane has a Santa Claus sleigh and reindeer in preperation for Christmas.

On Thursday & Friday afternoons, the Birch Art Gallery in Oshkosh has carving from Noon to 4 p.m. for a $5 fee that includes a bottle of water. In the photograph at right, Gene Bengel and Duane Foote are working on their carvings.

The Birch Art Gallery also sells art including carvings by several members of the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers. There are also classes offered in a variety of arts. See related article in this newsletter.

Whittle Bits & Pieces Visits Open Carving Venues

On Friday mornings, The Thompson Center on Lourdes in Appleton has a thriving group of carvers meeting. The carving room on the second floor, due to pandemic restrictions is limited to ten people, but there are two carving rooms with the second room nearby. The Appleton group has a bandsaw and there are three carvers authorized to use it. They are willing to make a cutout for you. Just ask. Here are some recent photos from Appleton.

Judy, Barb, Lee, Gary, Scott, and others, my memory and in some cases masks defy me to name them are working away .

If you are aware of any other carving venues currently available in the Mid-Wisconsin area please send a note to richeson@thechieftain.us for inclusion in future newsletters.

The Janesville, Madison, and Stevens Point carving shows are all cancelled this fall.

The Rock River Valley Club, The Capital Area Carvers, and The Wisconsin River Carvers are using a variety of ways to stay connected. From Zoom meetings to members e-mailing photos of their carvings for the newsletters to outdoor carving sessions in parks to renting park shelters, everyone is trying to stay safe and also stay connected and carving.

Josh Guge 4 Day Perch Carving Class in October 23-26

The Josh Guge is offering a four day class in **carving and painting a perch** at his studio in Elgin, Illinois. About 5 Mid-Wisconsin Chippers have already signed up for this class.

The Class fee is $320 for the 4 days. The supply fee TBA , paid at the class.
The deposit to reserve a spot for this class is $160. The balance of $160 is due at the class.
All payments should be made to Guge Art Inc. 1963 Diamond Head Trl, Pingree Grove, IL 60140. **Be sure to send your name, email and phone number along with deposit payment.**

Students will create a full detailed project through step by step instruction. All students start with a tupelo wood cut-out. Josh will do a series of demonstrations that will teach students every aspect of carving and painting a realistic fish. Josh instructs with power tools in his seminars. Students are welcome to use knives or other tools if that is what they are comfortable with. The tool list for the class is at his website. **https://gugeinstitute.com**
The Class will run from 8 am - 5 pm everyday with a break for lunch.

There will be a material fee (TBD) which will include wood cut out, eyes, paint, pattern and reference materials. A study cast will also be provided to use throughout the class and can be purchased at the end, if desired.

If you have any questions, please call Josh 224-629-0581 or e-mail josh@gugeinstitute.com.

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Josh Guge 4 Day Bird of Prey Class $320 January 22-25, 2021 for details see his website https://gugeinstitute.com/events/4-day-bird-prey-tbd-elgin-il-320/

Krausman's Woodcarving Studio

In view of the Michigan Lockdown, Krausman's is offering Virtual on-line carving classes.
They have a sample 30 minute Keith Mueller episode for free on their website.
https://referencephotos.com/virtual-seminars/

Marc Adams School of Woodworking

This well known Indiana school has reconfigured with spacing, masks, etc.
Here is a link to their carving classes this fall.
https://www.marcadams.com/product-category/index/carving/

Barb Schneider - Birch Art Gallery & Classes

Classes:

Barb Schneider is offering art classes at her gallery at 1677 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, Wi.

Birch Art Gallery's Art Classes - *Oct. 2020* **Class = small groups. 4 - 8 students.**
(21 years of age & older) (WI. Licensed Instructor & WI. Curriculum Based) Class Hrs: 9-11 am
Register in Person, ½ Down - week in advance.....door opens 15 before start time.

***Wood Burning/drawing **(4 Day Class) (Oct. 7-14-21-28, Wednesday's = $45)**
Very Basic/get your feet wet in drawing with a wood burner on wood. It's fun, open to your creative juices, Many ideas to pick from. All materials included in the price. Wood burners supplied

***Basic Watercolor **or** Acrylic Painting **(4 Day Class) (Oct. 8-15-22-29, Thursday's = $65)**
- Mixing, tints and shades and basic techniques, first painting. Rag paper/Watercolor, Canvas/Acrylic.

*** Basic/Intermediate/Advanced Jewelry **(4 Day Class) (Oct. 9-16-23-30, Friday = $65-75-85)**
- Basic, Intermediate and Advance mixed together, great for learning. Many projects, learn to design metal, saw, file, sand, pierce/drill, and more. Advanced - bezel & gem stone project created, more techniques.

***Intermediate Stained Glass **(4 Day Class) (Oct. 10-17-24-31, Saturday's = $75)**
- Trickier patterns/cutting/grinding/soldering/layering. Lead came & copper foil, *Kaleidoscope project **or** 3D box with hinge project created, more techniques.*

Once you're a student, you can come to open studio. Wed. - Sat. 12-4 to get a head. Current students = free, others are $5.oo fee, plus extra materials if needed. ***Remember your art class punch card!***

Birch Art Gallery & Classes - Class Registration Form

Student Name: _____(print) **Today's date:**____ ____ ____

Mailing Address:_____ **Birth Mth:** _____ **Day** _____

Best Phone Number: (____)_____ **Email:** _____@_____

Class Title:_____ **# of days**_____ **Start Date:**____ ____ ____

Half Fee:_____**or Full**_____ **(Office Use:** _____**pd. / Date:**_____**)**

All class prerequisites must be met before registering in a class. When registering for a class: Option #1 - minimum half payment, up front, Option #2, Full payment. The remaining balance is due the first day of class. ***Students age 70+, pay $10 less in class fees. All material fees still apply. If you need to cancel, 48 hour notice required, by phone, half your down payment is returned. (No people under age 21 allowed in active classroom.)***

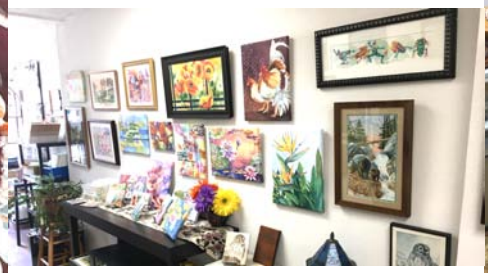
We have open studio, Saturday afternoons. Work on projects from existing classes, 11:30 am - 4 pm. There will be a $5.oo fee for the ½ day..... Pay at front counter, please. :0)

Birch Art Gallery & Classes

The Birch Art Gallery offers a variety of items from jewelry to rocks and minerals, to teasets and tea, but it also offers woodcarvings. Club members Nancy Nieto, Gene Bengel, and Jerry Lindow have their work on dispaly and for sale at the gallery. With the holiday season approaching, here a few photographs showing items for sale at the gallery. The gallery is open 11:30 - 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, until December 19th.

Intarsia by Nancy Nieto

Jerry Lindow wood transportation pieces and Gene Bengel animals and relief carvings are for sale at the gallery. There is work by many artists and carvers.



Places to Go Carving: Appleton, Berlin, Fond du Lac , Neenah, Oshkosh, Green Bay, Princeton, Waupaca, Wausau

Thompson Center on Lourdes (TCoL), at St. Bernadette Center, 2331 E. Lourdes Drive, **Appleton**, WI
Room 209 at South Building (St. Bernadette School), (door by elevator).
Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to noon - Cost: $2 daily fee.
New carvers are welcome! We typically have ~ 12-22 carvers each Friday.

Berlin Senior Center, 142 Water St., **Berlin,** WI 54923 (920) 361-5422
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Cost: Free.
Generally we have about 6-8 people for woodcarving.

Birch Art Gallery & Classes, 1677 Oregon Street, **Oshkosh,** Wisconsin (920) 479-6011
Thursdays & Fridays: Noon - 4 p.m $5 daily fee.

Princeton Carvers, American Legion, 853 W. Main Street, **Princeton**, WI
Tuesdays, 8-11 a.m. - Cost: $2 daily donation to the Legion.
An informal group of 4-6 people meet Tuesdays to carve and woodburn. New carvers welcome.

OPEN FOR CARVING

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The following Places are currently closed for carving due to the China Virus Pandemic.

Fond du Lac Senior Center Woodcarving Club, 151 East 1st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Currently Closed!

ADRC Woodcarvers Group (Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County)
300 S. Adams Street, **Green Bay**, Wisconsin, Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Cost: $2/day
Bring hand tools (no power allowed), wood & project e.g. caricature, chip carving, bark, fish, animals, holiday, etc. No classes, but experienced carvers will help re: tools, sharpening, painting, etc.

Kruegers True Value Hardware, 999 Winneconne Avenue, **Neenah**, WI
Group not currently meeting!

Oshkosh Seniors Center (OSC), North Building Woodshop, tel: (920) 232-5311
Carving currently closed.

Waupaca Senior Center , 407 School Street, **Waupaca**, WI (715) 258-4437
Carving currently closed.

CLOSED FOR CARVING