

2021 Chippers Show Cancelled;  
Rescheduled for May 1, 2022

# Whittle Bits and Pieces

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Newsletter for Nov 2020 - Feb 2021

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

## Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club (MWC) Board

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



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

## Zoom Carving?

What, Who, When, Where ?

How to do Zoom?

Look Inside!

Vaccinations for the Wuhan  
Virus have begun.

Current estimates have  
people over age 70 being  
vaccinated by mid-May.

## Chippers Sponsored Classes To Be Scheduled

- Neubauer Sharpening
- Wetherbee Carving/  
Sculpting
- Jensen Chip Carving

*What Will Carving Look Like in 2021?  
Things are Looking Up as the Year Proceeds.  
See inside for more!*

## 2021 New Year's Resolutions

1. Finish a carving or woodburning you began way back when. Remember that class you took & you didn't have enough time to paint that bird or fish or finish that woodburning or ornament, or to even do all the carving or burning? Do it now!
2. Start a new project. Lots of ideas in ChipChats, Woodcarving illustrated or Carving Magazine, or in those books and magazines sitting on your shelf or workbench, or order a book from Hummul.
3. Practice a new technique. There is never a better time to work the bugs out on a new skill. Pianists practice scales; so do wood artists!

No wood? Lots of our members have wood available. Send an email to [richeson@icloud.com](mailto:richeson@icloud.com) and we'll try to match you up. Or get a Friendship cane block from Bill Tuchscherer to work on for our next show! (When meetings resume, we will try to get a wood supplier at a meeting.)

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Board had a zoom meeting on Sunday, January 10th, to review the annual show and meeting resumption timetable. The Board decided to cancel the 2021 show and schedule a 2022 show at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The Board also decided to not resume meetings at this time. The Board will meet again the first Sunday in March to discuss resuming meetings. It is hoped that there will then be more clarity and guidance from health boards, vaccination effectiveness, herd immunity, etc.

## October 4th Board & Club Meeting

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**Our October meeting** was held at the George Scherck Shelter at Memorial Park in Neenah. Attendance was poor undoubtedly due to the resurgence of the Wuhan Virus in Wisconsin. Steve Binder and Tim Gosz opened the shelter at 9 am for carving.



The Board meeting was held at 12:30 pm with Tim Gosz, Steve Binder, Dick Krummick, Barb Behm, Lee Belanger, Chris Rigotti and Cedric Richeson in attendance. The Board accepted Keith Melzer's resignation from the Board and decided to not fill his position until later. Keith has been a tremendous asset to the club and his service as Vice-President is greatly appreciated. The Treasurer's report was approved. A decision on whether or not to proceed with the spring show and resumption of club meetings was deferred until January when the Board planned to meet again. It was noted Paul Wolters' mother Helen passed away the previous day. The club sent a card of condolence to Paul. Helen Wolters was 107 years old. Some from the club may remember Helen from her visits to the carvers at Krueger Hardware's Wednesday carving sessions.

The regular meeting began at 1:30 pm with 11 people in attendance. It was noted the Berlin & Appleton Senior Centers were still open for carving as was the Birch Gallery in Oshkosh. [See current status update on "Places to Go Carving" page]. It was noted John Henry at County Line Products has some butternut available. Chris Rigotti also has some white cedar suitable for decoys. H&K Woods was mentioned as a local place that had kiln dried basswood, walnut and butternut for sale in the past.

Barb Schneider brought some wood and carving items that belonged to her father and offered them to club members for a donation. Jack Kumm showed a couple of military service plaques that he made as gifts for Paul Wolters & Gene Bengel.



Barb Behm served coffee, juice & snacks at the meeting break.



The fireplace made for a cozy room on a sunny fall day. A couple of curious visitors stopped by during the meeting.

## Show 'N Tell

Barb Behm brought carved Show Winner Table markers that were made for the show. These holders are in the shape of trees and are designed to guide Show attendees to tables having carvings awarded "Best of Class" for Novice, Intermediate, Open & Masters, and "Best of Show". They were carved by Barb, Paul Wolters, Gene Bengel, Lee Belanger & Scott Butler, respectively. The rings on top allow attachment of attention seeking helium filled ballons. The markers are not trophies, but will be on the winners' tables for the day of show only. They will stay with the club for use at future shows. Many thanks to Barb, Paul, Gene, Lee & Scott for donating their time and talent to create these markers. Special thanks to Barb Behm for leading this project to fruition.



Jack Kumm woodburned and painted military service plaques as surprise gifts for Chippers Paul Wolters and Gene Bengel.





## Show 'N Tell Continued

Bill Tuchscher (left) describes a detail of his pyrographic art to Tim Gosz (top right) and Lee Belanger (bottom right.)



Tyger! Tyger! Burning bright,  
In the forests of the night,  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?  
- William Blake 1794



# Zoom "How To" & Classes

What is Zoom? Zoom is a way to meet with people via video and/or audio on your internet connected computer or smartphone.

**You do not need a Zoom account to join a Zoom meeting as a participant.** If someone invites you to their Zoom meeting, you may participate without creating a Zoom account unless the host has restricted the meeting to users having authentication profiles (then you will need a Zoom account). Anyone can join a meeting as long as they receive an invitation and a Meeting ID. The Meeting ID is a code which bypasses the Zoom log in.

If you want to set up (host) a Zoom meeting then you will need to sign up.

You do not have to have a camera to join a meeting; you should still be able to listen to the meeting.

You do not have to have a microphone, but then you will only be able to listen to the meeting.

If you wish to sign up for a free account, visit: [zoom.us/signup](https://zoom.us/signup) and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom ([no-reply@zoom.us](mailto:no-reply@zoom.us)). In this email, click Activate Account. Once activated, you can sign in to your Zoom account.

You can join a test Zoom meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom and test your microphone/speakers before joining a Zoom meeting. Visit [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test) and click Join.

To learn how to use Zoom there are online tutorials. Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and on the far right click on "Support". The topics include "getting started". Getting to know how to use Zoom (it's quite easy) before attending a meeting helps things go smoothly.

## Oshkosh Senior Center One on One Classes

Need help with Zoom? Skype? E-mail? A new computer? Smartphone? Messaging? Etc.?  
Connect through Tech (one on one class)

The Oshkosh Senior Center (OSC) offers personal appointments to show you how to use technology to connect with friends and family. Learn about affordable technology options and how to use them!

One on One Tech Appointments in the South Building

Mondays, January 4-25 9 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Tuesdays, January 5-26 9 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Wednesdays, January 6-27 11 am or 1 pm

Cost: Resident \$2 / Nonresident \$2.75 per class

**By Appointment Only 232-5310**

Meet with an instructor one-on-one to achieve your technology goals!

*"In these sessions we will teach you the basics to achieve your goals! We are here to help you do what you are interested in. We are even available to help you purchase and upgrade your devices."*

**Oshkosh Senior Center, South Building, 200 North Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI**

**For the OSC Current Newsletter with this and other classes & programs go to:**

**<https://www.ci.oshkosh.wi.us/SeniorServices/>**

## October Meeting



Chipper Barb Schneider, who runs Birch Art Gallery & Classes, brought in a variety of wood and cutouts left to her by her father.



## **VACCINE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE for State of Wisconsin**

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the State Disaster and Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) have established the following phasing and allocation priorities for vaccination:

### Phase 1A

Healthcare workers, Long Term Nursing Homes. (550,000 people)

Administering of both doses expected to be completed by the end of March.

As of 01-18 -2021, Police and Fire personnel are included in Phase 1A

### Phase 1B (Under review)

Consists of people 70 years of age and older, Prisoners, Educators, Corrections employees, and Mink farmers. (500,000 people)

Administering of both doses expected to be completed 4-6 weeks after the completion of 1a. (May 15)

### Scheduling of the remaining phases

Under discussion. This could include 65 and older, 16 years and older.

## VACCINE STATUS of State of Wisconsin Updated 01-18-2012

Allocated by US Government:	607,650
Shipped:	373,100
Pfizer vaccine:	140,058
Moderna vaccine:	72,997

Total Vaccines Administered in Wisconsin:	213,056
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### # People Vaccinated per County as of January 15, 2021

Brown - 11,168
Calumet - 1,180
Fond Du Lac - 4,147
Green - 1,821
Outagamie - 4,946
Portage - 1,556
Shawano - 1,239
Sheboygan - 2,807
Waupaca - 1,296
Waushara - 436
Winnebago - 4,798

## The International Association of Woodcarvers - Saturday Zoom Meetings

The International Association Woodcarvers is hosting a series of Saturday afternoon carving sessions on the internet using Zoom. The sessions are at 2 pm CST. You may participate by entering the access code on their facebook page. These Zoom meetings are limited to 100 participants.

Topics in January have included:

- Going from Clay to Carving - Mike Pounders
- Painting Caricatures - Wayne Laramore
- Wood Chain Carving - Rick Bartels

The next meeting is Flat Plane Carving by John Overby at 2 pm CST on Saturday January 23, 2021. The Zoom meeting ID is 3104603575

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/intlassocofwoodcarvers/posts/>

These Zoom meetings are later posted on line at YouTube.





**Subscription Plans:**

We are glad you are here! our academy offers many hours of learning from the best woodcarvers out there. Our teachers have a combined hundreds of years of knowledge they would love to share with you. By joining, you will be able to watch as many wood carving lessons as you'd like. New content will be added as teacher make more videos.

In order for you to be able to view the great woodcarving videos, you'll need to sign up to one of our paid subscriptions. We offer a monthly, quarterly or annual plans. The longer the period the less the monthly cost.

November 13, 2020 Update – Our website is live! Choose from the subscription below to sign up.

Thank you & Keep Carving!

Free	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual
Sign up Now!	\$19.95	\$49.95 (Save \$9.99!)	\$139.95 (Save \$100!)
Free level allowing to tour our website and watch the sample videos and sample content and receive email updates as a new content becomes available.	Monthly Memberships with unlimited access to all the lessons offered. Subscription will renew every month.	Quarterly Memberships with unlimited access to all the lessons offered. Subscription will renew every 3 months.	Annual Memberships with unlimited access to all the lessons offered. Subscription will renew every year.

**Wood Carving Academy's Instructors**

**Caricature & Santa Carvers:**

- Kevin Applegate
- Pat Moore
- Ryan Olsen
- Floyd Rhadigan
- Dave Stetson

**Realistic & Western Figures:**

- Stu Martin
- Jim Redhawk

**Realistic Human & Dolls:**

- Janet Cordell
- Chip Carving:**
- Carolyn Holbrook

**Wood Spirits & Wizards:**

- Mark Gargac

**Relief & Realistic Humans:**

- Dylan Goodson

**Birds & Wildlife:**

- Donna Menke

**Give the gift of learning!**

Memberships are a great way to give the gift of learning. For that someone special in your life that loves Woodcarving and would like to enhance their woodcarving skills or maybe start a new hobby, The woodcarving Academy is a great way to get the knowledge via hours and hours of instructional videos.

The below will let you purchase an Annual Subscription to the Woodcarving Academy and email it to that someone special for you. They will receive an email with your gift and will visit our website to open up a free account which we will then upgrade to a full Annual Subscription. All they need to do then is forward their gift email to support@woodcarvingacademy.com and they can start to enjoy unlimited access to all of our videos for 12 month with your gift.

On behalf of that special person you are sending this to, Thank you!

\*Note there is a small service fee charge for a gift voucher that is charged by the gift voucher provider.





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.  
Registration required call (920) 939-3088 or register on line at [www.thetcol.org](http://www.thetcol.org)

**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. Face mask required.

**Princeton Carvers**, American Legion, 853 W. Main Street, **Princeton**, WI  
Tuesdays, 8:30-11:30 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.

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**Birch Art Gallery & Classes**, 1677 Oregon Street, **Oshkosh**, Wisconsin (920) 479-6011

Thursdays & Fridays: Noon - 4 p.m \$5 daily fee.

**(Closed for Winter Break; Will reopen for carving and classes in April).**

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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  
Woodshop currently closed.

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