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Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Newsletter for May 2023

Club President : Tim Gosz Vice-President: Duane Foote
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Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club (MWC) Board

Barb Behm	Lee Belanger	Dick Krummick	Gene Bengel
Steve Binder	Rodney Manthey	Chris Rigotti	plus the Officers

Visit our Website at: <http://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com/>

The Mid-Wis. Chippers Through the Years Slideshow Photograph Presentation

by Paul Wolters

Sunday, May 21st!

Visitors Welcome!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Road, Neenah, Wisconsin

Board meeting 12:30 p.m. General Meeting 1:30 p.m. Library Open.

See 48 years of carving in the Club History Books.

SHOW 'N TELL Let's Hear What's New!

Special Show Edition!!!

*Welcome to the Mid-Wis. Chippers
47th Annual Woodcarving Show!*

The Chippers' Show is the oldest woodcarving show in the state of Wisconsin. Since 1974 our club has promoted the art of woodcarving. Our shows have been held in Shawano, Appleton, Manitowoc, Neenah, Green Bay, Menasha, New London, Darboy, Madison, Oshkosh and surrounding areas. We have club members in many cities and meet monthly in Neenah. For 49 years we have celebrated artistry in wood!

Look Inside for: Events; Classes; Places to Carve & More!

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Regular Club Meetings

The Mid. Wis. Chippers Club meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Road, Neenah, Wis. (by Neenah High School) on the first Sunday of each month (except as noted.)

Meetings are at 1:30 p.m. (except our December potluck with a noon setup & lunch at 1:00 p.m.)

Board meetings are at 12:30 p.m. (No Board meeting in December.)

2022-2023 Club Meeting Calendar

It's been a good club year with many great presentations.

Don't forget our post-show meeting is one week after Mothers Day on May 21st.

- ✓ August 28 *Show 'n Tell (or "How I spent my summer vacation")*
- ✓ October 2 *Power Carving Demonstration Part 1 by Chris Rigotti, Steve Binder & Gene Bengel
Flexible shaft, micromotor, rotary and reciprocating tools plus dust collectors
plus Betsy Popp 2023 Buck Class Preview*
- ✓ November 13 *Power Carving Demonstration Part 2 by Keith Melzer & Patrick Pelkey
Bit shapes, sizes, brands, materials from diamond, steel, ceramic, and ruby to
sanding drums, Attachments for hogging, texturing, both rough and detail work*
- ✓ December 4 *Christmas & Holiday Potluck*
- ✓ February 5 *Creativity, Inspiration & Skill Development Panel Discussion
by Barb Behm, Linda Gomach, Betsy Popp, Virginia Temme*
- ✓ March 5 *Choosing & Applying Protective Coatings to Woodburnings & Carvings by Jeff Becker*
- ✓ April 2 *Relief Carving Demo & Presentation by Gene Bengel*
- May 7** **47th Annual Show at Oshkosh Convention Center**
- May 21** **Mid-Wis. Chippers Carver Slide Show by Paul Wolters & Annual Show Review**

Membership- Our Club has **80** members including 17 new members in the past year.

The **Mid-Wisconsin** Chippers Woodcarving Club has members from Appleton, Berlin, Clintonville, DePere, Eau Claire, Fish Creek, Fond Du Lac, Fox Crossing, Greenleaf, Hortonville, Kimberly, Larsen, Manitowoc, Menasha, Milton, Neenah, New London, Oshkosh, Pine River, Ripon, South Milwaukee, Townsend, Watertown, Winneconne, Wisconsin Rapids; and Glenview, Illinois.

The Chippers welcome new people to visit & join; they invigorate our Mid-Wis. Chippers Club with their questions, ideas, and talents. Please be an ambassador to help someone else join today.



Suggestion Box

To facilitate communications a Suggestion Box is set out during meetings to collect your ideas, and comments about club matters. The Board will review the submissions.

Do not use this box for payments, e.g. dues, class fees, table registrations, etc.

See Club Treasurer Bill Tuchscherer for payments to ensure proper credit.

April Club Report

The meeting was opened at 1:32 pm by Tim Gosz. Total attendance was 39.

The Treasurers report was deferred until next month. Elections were held. Tim Gosz & Bill Tuchscher were re-elected as President & Treasurer, respectively. Rodney Manthey and Keith Melzer were elected to two Board positions. Keith will assume his duties at the start of the new club year in August. The Board thanks Lee Belanger for his years of valuable service on the Board.

Club shirt orders were finalized on a sign up sheet. Shirts will be ordered and delivered before the show. Debra Terry was treat host. Barb Behm volunteered to host snacks for the May meeting.

After Library Time & Snacks the club held Show 'n Tell and Gene Bengel's Presentation on Relief Carving. The meeting ended at about 3:05 and volunteers helped pack up the library and place the room in order.

2023 Election Results for Mid-Wis. Chippers Board

President - Tim Gosz
Treasurer - Bill Tuchscherer
Board member - Rodney Manthey
Board member - Keith Melzer

Elections are held in April, but newly elected members assume their duties beginning with the August meeting to ensure an orderly transition in alignment with the club year which runs from August to August. The Chippers have 11 Board members including the four Officers. Terms are staggered. Officers serve a two year term: VP & Secretary elections will be held in April 2024. Non-officers serve 3 year terms. The next Board seats up for election in April 2024 are held by Steve Binder & Dick Krummick.

MID-WIS. CHIPPERS CLUB LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARIANS: JOHN GOHEEN & DUANE FOOTE



The club has over 40 casts of birds and fish which may be checked out. They are cataloged. A listing will be placed inside the Club Cabinet Door and added to our online catalog. To examine or check out a cast see one of the Librarians who will retrieve it for you.

The casts and quantities include:

Songbirds

Barn Swallow
Bluebirds (3)
Bluejays (2)
Cardinals (2; one is large)
Chickadees (6) includes one
Muehlmatt Chickadee
& 2 baby chickadees (tail up
& tail down)
Goldfinch (1)
Hummingbirds (one pair)
Nuthatch (1)
Oriole (3)

Other Birds

Puffin

Other Casts

Easy Eyes Stick

Birds of Prey

Eagle
Eagle Head
Merlin Falcon
Owls (3) Great Horned, Screech & Saw-Whet
Red Tailed Hawk (2)

Waterfowl & Shorebirds

Bluewing Teal
Canvasback Duck (Bill only)
Kingfisher (1/2 size)
Common Merganser Duck
Pintail Duck (Bill only)

Fish & Sea life

Bluegill
Walleye
Sea Turtle



Also, plans are afoot for late spring arrival of an additional new & improved book cabinet to hold our growing library.

We have lots of reference materials.

Club members! Look at our website for the carving library catalog. Search our club library book & magazine holdings by *category, title or author* on-line at: <http://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com/>

Just bring your list to the meeting, retrieve the wanted books from their bins on the tables and check them out. See a librarian for assistance.

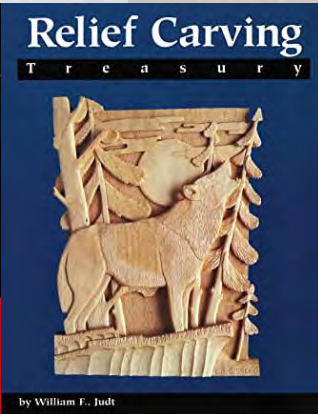
Relief Carving Presentation - Low, High & Pierced

by Gene Bengel

In April Gene Bengel delivered his long awaited presentation and demonstration on relief carving. Gene explained low, high and pierced relief carving techniques and methods. He exhibited several books on the topic and discussed using palm tools, two handed chisels and mallet and chisel work. Gene emphasized the necessity to firmly hold the work against movement by clamping our use of a bench hook depending upon the method. Gene has taught several classes in relief carving at the Oshkosh Senior Center.



Virginia Temme & Richard Young enjoy the presentation. Gene learned some of his carving techniques fom Richard.



Gene showed several books on relief carving including these two by William Judt.

His tool roll with mallet (upper left). Gene prefers using a neoprene headed mallet. In the low relief of the oak leaves above, the knot wasn't carved; it was just Gene incorporating a knotty board to the design.



Relief Carving Presentation by Gene Bengel



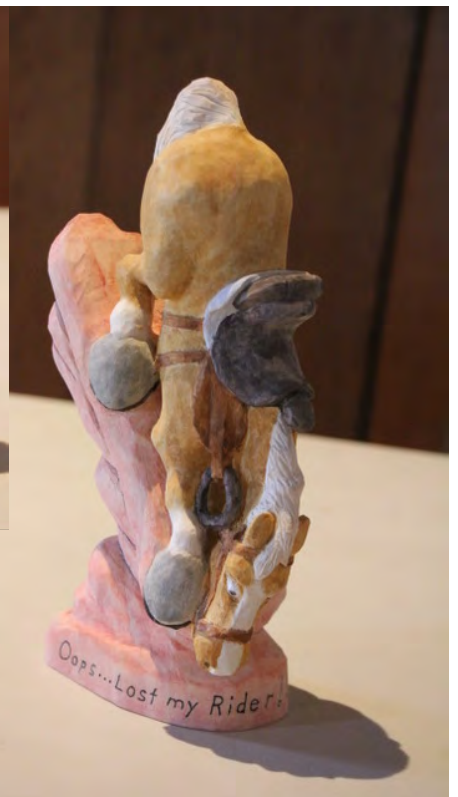
Pierced relief beginning with the design followed by making a cut out. Drilled holes and use of a scroll saw can advance the work of preparing the carving blank. A finished project at right can be left natural, enhanced with only a wax finish such as Howard's Feed 'N Wax.



Show 'N Tell Photos - April 2nd Meeting



Gene Bengel went whole hog carving these two caricatures from Rich Wetherbee cutouts.



Last month I missed one; and asked who's bird is this? Answer: It was carved by Tony Resop and donated to the club from his estate.

Show 'N Tell Photos - April 2nd Meeting



John Goheen showed his classic Scottie dog carving.



Patrick Pelkey carved these two comfort birds from acrylic polymer which is available from Woodcraft of Appleton. Carol Brawn noted that pouring your own acrylic is possible too.

Thanks to everyone who contributed a Friendship Cane block to our annual fundraising project for the Club! 22 blocks were turned in to Bill for assembly.

Our club Friendship canes are a staple in our Show Raffle and very popular with attendees.



This is the third set of skaters carved by Richard Young and it won't be the last.



2023 MID-WISCONSIN CHIPPERS WOODCARVING SHOW, SALE & COMPETITION A GREAT SHOW - SUNDAY MAY 7TH

Presentations & Demonstrations

- ✓ Texturing Bird Feathers by Ray Claussen
- ✓ Fish Carving by Harold Mohr
- ✓ Making Bird & Fish Cutouts with a Bandsaw by Patrick Pelkey
- ✓ How to Get Started in Woodcarving by Patrick Pelkey
- ✓ Chainsaw Carving by Ken Milbrandt

The Competition

- ✓ 3 Judging Teams: 7 Judges, 3 Recorders & 3 Ribbon Runners
- ✓ 5 Skill Levels: Master, Open, Intermediate, Novice, Youth
- ✓ 28 Categories including a new one: Pyrography - Human
- ✓ 1st - Blue Ribbon; 2nd - Red Ribbon; 3rd - White Ribbon
- ✓ Best of Show and Best of Class Ribbons (Look for the Balloons!)

The Exhibitors & Vendors

- ✓ 80+ carvers & 2022 Best of Show Winner Charlene Lynum
- ✓ 7 vendors: Whittlin' Shack, Good Wood, Chief Books, Badger Blades, The Carving Glove Guy, Woodcraft of Appleton, & the Best Western Food Concession
- ✓ 5 Club Tables from Waupaca, Berlin, Oshkosh, Neenah, Ripon/Princeton; carvers from over a dozen clubs & four states.

2023 MID-WISCONSIN CHIPPERS WOODCARVING SHOW, SALE & COMPETITION

The Raffle

- ✓ \$1 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$5, or best deal 30 tickets for \$20
- ✓ Raffle held at 2:30 pm; Do not need to be present to win.
- ✓ Carvings, Friendship Cane, Books, Ceramics, Packer Flag, Tools, Club Patch Hats, Dust collector & more!

Tickets available at show. Write name & phone # on ticket. Keep ticket stub.

Deposit in bucket for chance on item.

Or Put Your Name, Address & Phone # on our Raffle Log & use your Log # to make it easy.

Collectible Embroidered Carving Patches

- ✓ "Fish Carver" New for this Year!
- ✓ "Myth Carver"
- ✓ "Bird Carver"
- ✓ "MWC Club"

Patches are \$5 each.

Available at:

the Mid-Wis. Chippers Club Table.

Homage
to
Gnome
Carver
Lyle Krause!



New!



Last Chance to Register!

TWO DAY CHIP CARVING CLASS BY JAN JENSON

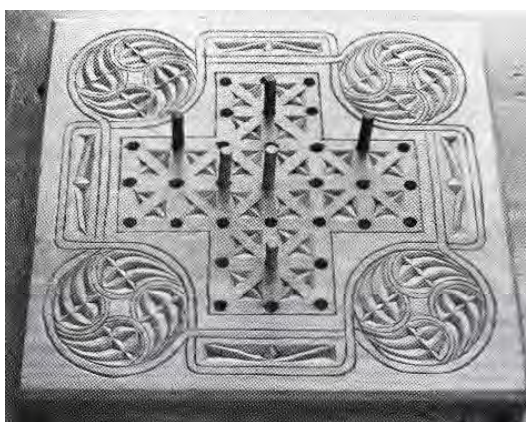
May 4-5 (Thursday & Friday) in Neenah
\$75 (\$85 for nonmembers) plus material cost.

It has been said that if you want to be a better carver, then learn & practise chip carving.

Chip carving uses simple cuts yet it trains the eye and hand to make those cuts perfectly.

Chip carving is a training tool in traditional woodcarving.

Very intricate & pleasing geometric designs create beautiful ornamentation.



Jan Jenson books on right. A chip carved Fox & Geese game board (above) from



THE KETTLE KARVERS SHOW IS BACK!

The Kettle Karvers Klub 30th Annual Artistry in Wood Woodcarving & Wood Sculpture Show was held on [April 23, 2023](#) at [Emil Mazey Hall in Sheboygan](#). There were a lot of familiar faces at the Sheboygan show last weekend. Check out these folks, their carvings and the many ribbon winners in the competition.



Richard Young checks out the equipment used by a wooden shoe carver at the Kettle Karvers Show on April 23rd.



THE KETTLE KARVERS SHOW IS BACK!



These smiling blue ribbon winners are: Linda Gomach, Virginia Temme, Rosemary Katz & Tom Katz.



More winners: Jack Kumm, John Brad and Richard Krummick show the breadth of talent in our club.



I'm not sure, but that just might be Chet James whose carvings are being admired by Gene Bengel & Cedric Richeson. At right Jim Craig displays a wonderful variety of his carvings.

THE KETTLE KARVERS SHOW IS BACK!



Linda Gomach (left), Greg Wirtz and Ashten Brown of Badger State Blades (center), Ron Engen (right), a bird carver of repute (birds like Ron so much there is one perched on his hat.



Betsy Popp's White Tailed Deer Class

Things were jumping during the first week's sessions of Betsy Popp's Buck Class. Paul Wolters gives us a peep inside how everyone is doing during the roughing and shaping phase of bringing the deer herd to life.





**46th Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest & Display
May 19-21, 2023
A Nautical Research Guild Associated Contest**

Category V: Nautical Crafts

Models and craft items that are nautically related such as cannons, anchors, figureheads, nautical decorations, maritime carvings (figureheads, fish, water creatures, waterfowl)

Gordon Stiller Best Maritime Carving Award

"Within the category of nautical crafts we're highlighting a call-out for maritime carvings (figureheads, fish, water creatures, waterfowl).

*This award is for the single best carved nautical craft **or** for exceptional wood carving on a ship model.*

<https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/programs-and-events/midwestern-model-ship-contest/>

This is the Midwest's largest model contest.

The models will be on display to the public on Saturday and Sunday May 20th & 21st.

Museum hours are 9-5; admission is typically \$15.



The Wisconsin Maritime Museum and its Cobia submarine (above).
A past entrant in the Model Contest (left).

2023 International Waterfowl Carvers Association (IWCA) Working Decoy Championship

**Wisconsin Waterfowl Association
5th Annual Decoy Carving Competition and Exhibition
August 25–26, 2023 at Sunnyview Expo Center
500 Cty Y, Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

1st Best of Show - \$200 2nd Best of Show - \$100 3rd Best of Show - \$50

Contact: Bruce Urban E-Mail: burben@netnet.net

Website: WisDucks.org

MAIL-INS ACCEPTED



5th Annual Decoy Carving Competition & Exhibition **Wisconsin Waterfowl Association**

The WWA Decoy Carving Contest and Exhibition has been awarded the International Waterfowl Carvers Association's (IWCA) Working Decoy Division Championship competition.

All Carvers in the “open” class will be competing for the Championship IWCA title in Best of Show categories.

Check the IWCA website for rules and requirements.

The WWA objectives for the Competition are as follows:

1. To honor the traditions of hand-carved working decoys that have played an important role in water fowling in Wisconsin and throughout much of the United States
2. To showcase the decoys of the best carvers in Wisconsin and the United States, providing opportunities to compete, learn, and network for carvers of all levels, from first time competitors to world champions.
3. To encourage and influence waterfowlers and artists to continue the practice and art of making hand carved decoys for actual gunning, for competition, and as unique pieces of art.
4. To include vendors, displays, and demonstrations at this competition that will initiate participation by Wisconsin hunters, artists, and youth in decoy carving and decoy competitions.
5. Identify Wisconsin decoy artists by region, location, and interest, forming a database of talent that can be contacted to assist as judges, instructors/demonstrators, volunteers, committee members, and mentors.



<https://www.wisducks.org/wisconsin-waterfowl-association-decoy-carving-contest-exhibition/decoy-carving-competition-entrant-information/>

17th ANNUAL Show & Sale

Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin, Inc



Saturday, September 9, 2023

9 AM to 4 PM

Featured Carver: **Bud Cunningham**

Free Admission – Donations Welcomed

Raffle, Food Stand

Wood and Tool Vendors.

Spiral Carving Class

Demonstration Carving Cottonwood Bark



Rock County Fair Grounds - Craig Center

1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, WI 53545



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM ATTACHED

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
29
2023**

**Capital Area Carvers of
Wisconsin
&
Badger Woodturners
32nd Annual Show and Sale**

**OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC
9 am
TO
4 pm**

**Over 100
Tables of Art**

**DeForest Area
High School
815 Jefferson Street
DeForest, WI 53532**

**Featured
Carver
Greg Curless**

Free Admission

RAFFLES

CONCESSIONS / FOOD TRUCKS

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATIONS

CARVING DEMONSTRATIONS

TURN YOUR OWN PEN

WOOD & TOOL SALES

YE OLDE CARVERS' SHOPPE

CHAIN SAW CARVING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**WWW.CACW.CLUBEXPRESS.COM
WWW.BWT.CLUBEXPRESS.COM**

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DAVE HILLER, 608-444-8695 DAVE@DAVEHILLER.COM**

Whittlin' Shack has a Youtube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@whillockwoodcarving3467/videos>

The Carving Glove Guy has a website with a link to
sharpening Dockyard tools. <https://thecarvinggloveguy.com>

Badger State Blades is a new Wisconsin knife maker with a
website: <https://badgerstateblades.com>

Woodcraft of Appleton, 4731 Michaels
Drive, Appleton, WI has demonstrations
on: (1) outdoor finishes on Saturday,
May 13th; and (2) finishing choices on
Saturday, May 20th, both at 1 p.m.

Josh Guge - Loggerhead Shrike Carving & Painting Class

The Loggerhead Shrike is a predatory songbird that eats mice, large insects and small birds. It is 8-10" long with a short hooked black bill. The bird is gray with a black mask, wings and tail with a grayish-white underside. These birds are solitary, hunt in open country, and can be found in Wisconsin. They winter in the south.



Dates: August 11-14, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Marks Lutheran Church
140 S. Green Bay Rd.
Neenah, WI

Cost: \$400.00 + Supply Fee

Students will create a full detailed loggerhead shrike wood carving throughout the four days. 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 bird. Josh instructs with power tools. Students are welcome to use knives or other tools if they are comfortable doing so.

Student supplied tools & materials are listed on the registration form at <http://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com/> and also on Josh Guge's website. \$100 deposit at registration.

Josh Guge - World Class Fish Carver, Painter, Teacher.

"This art form has captured my family because of its uniqueness. Wood sculpture incorporates drawing, wood-carving, 3-D design, sculpting, and painting. The challenge of this art form is mastering these different forms of art.

My sculptures range from primitive decoys to highly detailed realistic depictions. Each piece is carved with the use of high-speed power tools and wood burners. They are hand painted or airbrushed original works of art. The materials I use are tupelo wood, metals, epoxy, and acrylic paints. My sculptures feature a variety of diverse wildlife, but my passion is for depicting tropical ocean fish and their habitat.

Today I strive to create art that will inspire others. I try to capture the essence of wildlife in my work. My goal is to evoke a mood or emotion. I have a desire to communicate to my audience how God's creation makes me feel. I want to express the emotion I experience when observing something beautiful in nature. With this form of art, comes an intense love not only for creating, but also a lifetime of studying the natural world around me.

Like my father, I have the desire to pass this art form on to others. The past decade of my life, I have taught hundreds of students all over the country from youth to seniors. I want to expose this unique art form to as many people as possible, giving others the opportunity that I was fortunate enough to grow up with. Maybe someday I will accomplish my goal to see wood sculpture thrive in mainstream art. Until then, I will keep creating and sharing my God-given gift to the next generation of artists.

2004 - Josh co-founded The Guge Institute and Art Studio in Elgin, Illinois with Bob Guge. Guge Institute classes include painting, carving, sculpting, drawing, airbrush, and design.

Awards include:

Best of Show – Song Birds, Congress Show, Davenport, Iowa (2008)

Best of Show – Song Birds, World Show, Ocean City, Maryland (2008)

Woodcarving & Woodburning Classes

Carving & Pyrography Classes held at the Oshkosh Senior Center (OSC)

200 North Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI tel: (920) 232-5311

Handtool Carving & Woodburning in the South Building; Power Carving in the North (Woodshop).

Tuesday Afternoons in May - Wood Block Printing A Beginner Class - Gomach & Curtis

A great class with a historical art.

Carve an impression into basswood to make a printing block. Using the carved block, ink is applied and the image transferred to canvas tote, cards, & cardstock for framing. No experience necessary. All materials supplies. Basswood included.

Tuesdays, May 9-30, 2023

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$25 Oshkosh Resident / \$3) Nonresident
(4 week session)

Enrollment open; Limited enrollment. Maximum 6.

Deadline to Register: Thursday, May 2, 2023



Pyrography Unfinished Projects Classes - Richeson & Krummick

Thursdays 1 - 3 pm

One Day Class on May 25; Cost: \$5 Oshkosh Resident / \$7.50 Nonresident

5 Day Class June 1-29; Cost: \$30 Oshkosh Resident / \$35 Nonresident

These classes provide an opportunity to finish up old projects or start new ones with the guidance of experienced instructors.

Students will bring their pyrography set up including burner, nibs and graphite transfer paper.

One Day Class is Thursday May 25, 2023 The 5 day class is Thursdays June 1 -29 (5 sessions)

Class size will be a minimum of 3; maximum of 10.

Cost for May 25 class is: \$5 Oshkosh Resident / \$7.50 Nonresident;

Cost for the five June sessions is \$30 Oshkosh Resident / \$35 Nonresident

Registration is open for the One day class; watch June Current for June registration dates.

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced. Pre-requisite Woodburning Basics or permission of Instructor.

These are two separate classes with separate sign ups. Neither one is required for the other.

Woodcarving & Woodburning Classes

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200 North Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI tel: (920) 232-5311

Handtool Carving & Woodburning in the South Building; Power Carving in the North (Woodshop).

Monday Morning Woodshop Power Tool Carving under guidance of Gene Bengel & Don Schettl Bring your dust collector!

Bring your power carvers & dust collectors or your hand tools. Work on your own projects with a group of fellow carvers. Master Carver Gene will be available to guide you. Basic Machine Safety Training required for use of OSC shop power machines otherwise bench pass. Machine assistance by monitor will be available.

The Oshkosh Senior Center Woodshop has benches with wood vises, bandsaws, miter saws, various sanders, drill press, scroll saws and more available to those with safety training. Monitors can also help you with your project if use of resaw bandsaw, table saw, jointer or planer is needed.

Mondays, June 5-26, 2023

Time: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Cost: \$40 Oshkosh Resident / \$45 Nonresident (4 week session)

Enrollment open; Limited enrollment. Maximum 12.



Monday Afternoon Carving Class Sunflower & Butterfly Gene Bengel & Don Schettl

This 12 week, intermediate class features a carved sunflower and butterfly.

Create head of flower both face and back. Hand tools and power may be used. The calyx (green leaf-like structure) behind the head will be made to fit the flower. 90 degree stem will be carved to fit. Dowel completes the stem. The three leaves will be made with paper & wire. The butterfly involves mostly sanding and painting.

The image at right shows a fabric flower, but the flower will be carved in this class.

Basic machine safety is required for this course.



Monndays, May 15 - August 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45 Oshkosh Resident / \$50 Nonresident (12 week session)

Enrollment open; Limited enrollment. Maximum 6.

Register by Monday May 8.

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200 North Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI tel: (920) 232-5311

Handtool Carving & Woodburning in the South Building; Power Carving in the North (Woodshop).

Basic Machine Safety Training (Woodshop) - Jeffrey Becker



Any NEW participants wanting to use the OSC woodshop machines for classes or "Guided Hours" are required to attend machine safety training class.

Both days are required. Training materials will be provided.
Facilitator: Jeff Becker

Upon completion of this class participants may use designated machines in the woodshop.

Training is good for one year from date of training.

Fridays, May 12 & 19 10 am - Noon

Cost: \$5 Oshkosh Resident / \$7.50 (nonresident)

Registration open; closes May 5, 2023

Woodshop Guided Hours - Two Sessions Wednesdays

2 1/2 hour woodshop time slots when you may use machines to work on your own projects.

Experienced volunteer woodworkers supply support as needed.

Each session costs \$5 Oshkosh Resident or \$6.50 for Nonresidents.

Wednesday Morning Session 9-11:30 am is walk in;

Afternoon session Noon - 2:30 pm is pre-registration only; 2 days in advance.

Prerequisite: Machine Safety Training required to use shop machines.

A beginning woodburning class is being scheduled for October at the Oshkosh Senior Center. Other **future pyrography** classes being considered for this fall and going forward include leather bookmarks and coasters, a totem pole, landscape, trout, chipmunk with flower, portrait, western theme. This is tentative so stay tuned.... Send ideas for classes to cedricheson@icloud.com

Relief Carving Links

Relief carving **techniques for creating the illusion of depth:**
https://canadianwoodworking.com/techniques_and_tips/relief-carving/

Sample videos from Chris Pye's Woodcarving Workshops
<https://www.woodcarvingworkshops.tv/videos/sample>

Here is a Lora Irish tutorial on a sailboat relief carving:
<https://www.lsirish.com/tutorials/woodcarving-tutorials/woodcarving-projects/relief-carving/sailboat-relief-carving/>



Roadtrip Woodcarving Retreats, Workshops & Seminars

The Doane Experience, Doane University, 1014 Boswell Avenue, Crete, Nebraska
46th Annual week long residential woodcarving classes on the campus of Doane University
sponsored by the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association
June 3 - 9, 2023

Classes are offered for beginner, intermediate, and advanced carvers. Instructors include: Minske (Bark Carving); Langenberg-Curtis (Jaguar Bust); Irish-Nehl (Vase); Leavy (Holiday carvings); Driscoll (Caricatures); Nadrchal (Polar Bear from roughout); Hood (Human Bust); Wagner (Woodburning); Wise (Blue Jay or Cardinal); Russell (Chip Carving)
Click on link for mailing list.

The 55th International Woodcarvers Congress

Jackson County Fairgrounds, Maquoketa, Iowa
June 10-17, 2023

Instructors include: Engler (Relief), Goodson (Relief), Hood (Bust), Lynum (Chip Carving), Thalacker (Bird Painting), Jansen (Chip Carving), Parsons (Pyrography), Olsen (Caricature), Phares (Bark Carving), Hendrix (Ornament Walking Stick Carving).

For more information: www.woodcarverscongress.org

North House Folk School, 500 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais, Minnesota

Chip Carving

July 8-9, 2023, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Class Cost: \$210 plus \$35 material fee. Materials fee includes a basic kit with templates for gears.

Instructor: Charlene Lynum Winner of Best of Show at 2022 Mid-Wis. Chippers Annual Show

Author of "Chip Carving Starter Guide: Learn to Chip Carve with 24 Skill-Building Projects"

This Chip carving project adds skills as the project proceeds. Small chips are removed from a wood surface to create shadows that transform a very plain item into an ornamental keepsake having beautiful, intriguing designs. We will start with basics: safety, materials, knives and how to hold them, sharpening, wood types, grain & sanding, and applying a pattern. Next we learn how to use a stab knife & four basic chips in chip carving: triangle, 4-sided chip, line and a 2-sided crescent. Additional topics include: how to carve back-to-back chips, undercutting, fixing a chip out, and how to finish a project.

For more information: <https://www.campusce.net/nhfs/>

Marc Adams School of Woodworking

5504 East 500 North Franklin, Indiana 46131

Carving in the Style of Grinling Gibbons: Foliage Carving With Alexander Grabovetskiy

July 10-14, 2023 5 days Instruction 8-5 pm;

Cost: \$980 includes material fee.

Registration Begins December 1, 2022

<https://www.marcadams.com/workshop/carving-grinling-gibbons-foilage-grabovetskiy/>



For on line courses go to: <https://schoolofwoodcarving.com>

*Places to Go Carving: Appleton, Berlin, Fond du Lac ,
Scandinavia, 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. All ages.
New carvers are welcome! You must register ahead of time (920) 939-3088.

Berlin Senior Center, 142 Water St., **Berlin**, WI 54923 (920) 361-5422
Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Cost: Free.
We typically have about 12 people woodcarving.

Fond du Lac Senior Center Woodcarving Club, 151 East 1st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
tel: (920)322-3630, Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Yearly membership (age 50+) is \$10. New members always welcome.
Call to register (920) 322-3630.

ADRC Woodcarvers Group (Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County)
300 S. Adams Street, **Green Bay**, Wisconsin, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 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.

Iola Chippers & Sippers, Scandihaus Coffee Shop, 280 N. Main St., **Scandinavia**, WI
Tuesdays, Noon - 3:00 p.m.
No Fee. Informal group. All skill levels. New carvers welcome.

Oshkosh Seniors Center (OSC), North Building Woodshop, tel: (920) 232-5311
200 North Campbell Road, **Oshkosh**, Wisconsin
Woodshop safety training required for machine use in woodshop. (See Current newsletter).
Woodshop has Guided Hours to work on projects in woodshop on Wednesdays.
Classes offered in both Woodshop (North) and South Bldg. See Newsletter.

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.

Waupaca Senior Center , 407 School Street, **Waupaca**, WI (715) 258-4437
Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enter at School Street entrance.
Yearly membership (age 55+) is \$15 -\$20 depending on residence. Waupaca
Woodcarving Club plus Senior Center carvers, typically 20-25 people meet.
New carvers welcome.

Wausau Area Carvers, Forest Park Village, 2901 N. 7th St., **Wausau**, WI
(South side of Building, Ground Level; door is marked "Legacy Woodworking Academy")
Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Contact Cheryl Ruplinger at cherriruplinger@gmail.com

Woodcarving Annual Show Calendar

Annual Oshkosh Bird Fest

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 6:00 am to Noon

Rainbow Park, Shelter #2, On the Fox River by the Oshkosh Avenue bridge, **Oshkosh**, WI
6 a.m. Big Sit; 7-10:30 am Bird Banding Demo by Dick Nicolai; 6:30 & 8 a.m. Bird Walks
10-Noon Live Birds of Prey by Aves Wildlife

Contact: <http://www.oshkoshbirdfest.com>

The 47th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale

"The Oldest Annual Woodcarving Show in the State of Wisconsin"

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: \$5 Age 12 & under free

The Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 North Main St., **Oshkosh**, WI

between the Leach Amphitheater & the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel.

17th Annual Show & Sale Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin, Inc.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Rock County Fairgrounds - Craig Center, 1301 Craig Avenue, **Janesville**, WI

9 am - 4 pm; Free Admission

Wood & Tool Vendors; Raffle, Food Stand

For more info: Brad Crandall at bwkicrandall@gmail.com or John Railsbeck at jraisbeck@gmail.com

2nd Annual Carve In on the Chippewa hosted by West Wisconsin Wood Carvers Guild

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Brick House Pub & Banquet Room (not handicap accessible; 6 stairs), 2233 Birch Street, **Eau Claire**, WI

10 am - 4 pm; Free Admission Demonstrations; Door Prizes; Used Tools & Books

Contact: Charlene at (715) 497-6296 or thelynums@gmail.com

The 32nd Annual Show & Sale - Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin & Badger Woodturners

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Deforest Area High School, 815 Jefferson Street, **Deforest**, WI. 53532

9-4 pm; Free Admission. Peoples Choice Award; Wood & Tool Sales; Concessions, Raffle

Art for Sale! Wood Turning Demonstrations & More.

For info: www.cacw.clubexpress.com

The Second Annual Waupaca Woodcarving Show, Sale & Competition

Sunday, November 5, 2023

407 School Street, **Waupaca**, WI.

9-4 pm; Admission is \$4. Ages 6-16 \$2; 5 & under free

Tool & Wood Vendors; Art for Sale! Demonstrations

Contact: Harold Mohr 715-281-4923 or Kathy Brehm 920-740-1986

The 40th Annual Northeast Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild (NEWWG) Show

November 11 & 12, 2023

Denmark High School, 450 North Wall Street, **Denmark**, Wisconsin

9:30 - 4 Saturday; 9:30 - 3 Sunday Food Concession; Bucket Raffle; Tools, Wood, Art for Sale!

Admission \$5; under age 12 free Free Parking

Contact: www.newwg.org

Mid-Wis. Chippers Club Table Can Answer Your Questions

The Mid-Wisconsin Chippers (MWC) have a Show Table with our Club Ambassadors ready to answer your questions about the show & how to get started in woodcarving. Both budding and experienced carvers are encouraged to join our club to share their talents and learn from others. Stop by to learn more. Current members may renew membership for next year & also register for next year's show. Exhibitors and vendors who sign up for 2024 Show Table receive a free patch of their choice.

Also, at the Chippers Club Table: a limited number of the Club Newsletter for May, handouts on the Woodcarving Competition, flyers for next year's show, and a bench full of advice.

Exhibitors & vendors are encouraged to visit the Chippers Club Table today to register for their 2024 tables at next year's show at early bird prices. Registering today enables the club to better advertise vendors and exhibitors and this results in greater attendance and sales. Early registrants will be identified by name and location in next year's Show Program & Floor Map. The 2024 Show is at The Oshkosh Convention Center.

Pick up some handouts advertising our 48th annual show at the Chipper Club Table. Promote woodcarving, our annual show and the Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club; buy a new sew-on "Fish Carver", "Myth Carver", "Bird Carver" or MWC Club Patch, only \$5 each.

SIGN UP FOR AN ADVANCED CLASS AT THE CLUB TABLE TOO!

Josh Guge Loggerhead Shrike Class

Over the summer the Club Program Committee and Board will be planning presentations, demonstrations, activities & events for our 2023-2024 club year.

Please let us know your ideas! Whether you want to do a demonstration or tour or know of a class, teacher, or have another suggestion, etc. drop a note to a Board member or Officer. New members for 2023! Please fill out a club survey at our May meeting (available on Show 'n Tell Table) & return it to the table or give to the Club Secretary.

Everyone! Give the Board feedback on what you liked this past club year? What you liked about the annual show? What do you want to see or do again? What new things & changes?

Just drop a note to the Secretary, Website editor, or anyone on the Board.

2023-2024 Chippers Club Meeting Schedule - These are our *tentative* Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club meeting schedule for our next Club Year! Our kick off meeting is very likely to be August 27th. The remaining dates are October 1, November TBD, December TBD, January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, and May 19. We should have firm dates by our May 21st meeting. Our normal meeting date is the first Sunday of each month. The September meeting is normally moved ahead one week to August 27th due to Labor Day. The November and December dates are TBD due to area clubs having shows on three consecutive Sundays. Our May meeting is later because May 5th is our 2024 show date.

The Mid-Wis-Chippers Club website has current information, forms, articles, and photographs from club events and meetings. Go to: <https://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com>
