

Club Meeting  
Schedule Inside!



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

# Whittle Bits and Pieces

## Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Newsletter for October 2023

Club President : Tim Gosz    Vice-President: Duane Foote  
Treasurer: Bill Tuchscherer    Secretary: Cedric Richeson  
Annual Show Director: Paul Wolters

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

### *Carver Competitions - Part I The Basics*

**Why, What, Where, When, Who, How**

### **Next Meeting Sunday, October 1, 2023**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1140 Tullar Road, Neenah, Wisconsin  
Board meeting: 12:30 p.m. General Meeting: 1:30 p.m. Library Open.

***Bring your carvings & pyrography for Show 'N Tell!***

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

Barb Behm      Rodney Manthey  
Gene Bengel    Keith Melzer  
Steve Binder    Chris Rigotti  
Dick Krummick & the Officers

*Register now!  
2024 MWC Show  
18 Tables booked so far!  
Whittlin' Shack  
is comin' back!*

*2023-2024 Club Year Begins  
Dues \$20 are now due*



*Thanks to the many people who  
have paid their 2023-2024  
dues!*

Club Webmasters:  
Josie Hartzke & Jackie Silva

Librarians:  
John Goheen & Duane Foote



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### 2023-2024 Club Meeting Calendar:

✓ August 27	Visual Aides for Woodcarving by Chris Rigotti
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Carving Competitions Part I The Basics</b>
November 4	<i>Ice Sculpture Carving Demonstration by Paul Salmon of Krystal Klear Ice Sculptures</i> <i>(Note: Saturday Meeting!)</i>
December 3	Christmas & Holiday Potluck
January 7	Carving Competitions Part II Making a Blue Ribbon Winner by Master Carver Bill Kempen
February 4	TBD
March 3	<i>Panel - Pyrography Challenges - skin tones, clouds, foliage, feathers, scales &amp; more</i>
April 7	<b>Show Preview, Judging Pre-registration, Friendship Canes, Elections</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>48th Annual Show at Oshkosh Convention Center</b>
May 19	1:30 p.m. Show Review

### 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.)

**Membership-** Our Club has over **80** members including **16** new members in 2023.

The **Mid-Wisconsin** Chippers Woodcarving Club has members from Appleton, Berlin, Brookfield, Brown Deer, DePere, Eau Claire, Eldorado, Fish Creek, Fond Du Lac, Fox Crossing, Green Bay, Greenleaf, Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberley, Larsen, Manitowoc, Menasha, Milton, Neenah, New London, Oshkosh, Ripon, Stevens Point, Townsend, Waupaca, Winneconne, and Wisconsin Rapids.

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.

## August Club Report

Tim Gosz opened the Board meeting at 12:36. All members were in attendance.

The Board discussed the Judging Rules, recapping the June Board meeting. The need for Judges Training was raised. The status of the club cabinet build project was updated. The upcoming Winchester Craft Show was mentioned as were possible future carving classes, including upcoming OSC classes. Club finances & other activities and carving related matters including the Deforest (Madison area), Janesville, Denmark (NEWWG) & Waupaca Shows were reviewed. The status of presentations for the 2023-2024 club year was reviewed.

The general meeting was opened at 1:33 pm by President Tim Gosz. Total attendance was 34. Following the Treasurer's Report, Tim Gosz provided a review of the Judging deliberations and upcoming Presentation on Competition. Barry Bender from NEWWG talked about the NEWWG show scheduled for Denmark in November and said exhibitors can sign up for a single day of the two day show if they wish. Library time, snacks, Show 'N Tell and a Presentation by Chris Rigotti on Visual Aides for Carvers (see page 4) were held.

A request for treats host volunteers was made by coordinator Barb Behm. The meeting closed at 3 pm.

### **MID-WIS. CHIPPERS CLUB LIBRARY HAS A NEW CABINET!**

Many thanks to Tod Raehl who offered the use of his shop (and advice) for the construction of our Club's new cabinet to house our library of carving books, magazines and related materials. Our old cabinet has been crammed full with no place for new additions. The additional new cabinet is designed to hold books in both shelves and doors so that it may be opened for ready access to the materials. This eliminates the burdensome task of hauling out crates at each meeting. The old cabinet will be retained and now coffee/snack related supplies, club casts, and other club equipment can be stored in a more orderly fashion.

Club Members Rodney Manthey, Chris Rigotti, Steve Binder, Tim Gosz, Bill Tuchscherer all had a hand in the construction assisted by Tod's Goldendoodles Theo and Oliver.



Tod, Rodney, Steve and Chris (at left) stand in front of the nearly completed cabinet. Rodney and Bill (above) working away.



# Visual Aides for Wood Carving

## Presentation by Chris Rigotti



Chris Rigotti began his presentation with an overview of the 3 big carving magazines today: Chip Chats, Wildfowl Carving & Woodcarving Illustrated.

Chris related his carving journey with teachers such as Pete LeClair and the Guge family, and showed study casts of birds and fish. For caricature carvers, study sticks are very important to aid carving anatomical features such as face, eyes, ears, noses, and mouths. Ivan Whillock's booklets on proportions of the head & hand carving are all very helpful, as are illustrated articles & diagrams on feather grouping. Chris gave special emphasis to measuring tools, such as vernier calipers, ruler, along with the Jerry Simchuk series of books. Chris donated several handouts to the club.





## Show 'N Tell Photos - August 27th Meeting



Gene Bengel started Show 'N Tell with a Black Cat caricature adapted from a Rich Wetherbee pattern. Gene made the sand texture by bouncing a metal engraver on the wood. Acrylic paint was used.

The soap patterns at left were made by Carol Brawn.

Carol, along with Chippers Richard Young, Sara Richards, Jackie Silva, Josie Hartzke, John Brad, Steve Binder, Barb Behm, and Gene Bengel went through 68 bars of soap teaching carving at the Winnebago County Fair. Jack Kumm demonstrated woodburning too.

The Chippers set up at the fair inside the exhibition hall adjacent to 4H Club participants and had a steady flow of interested fair goers.

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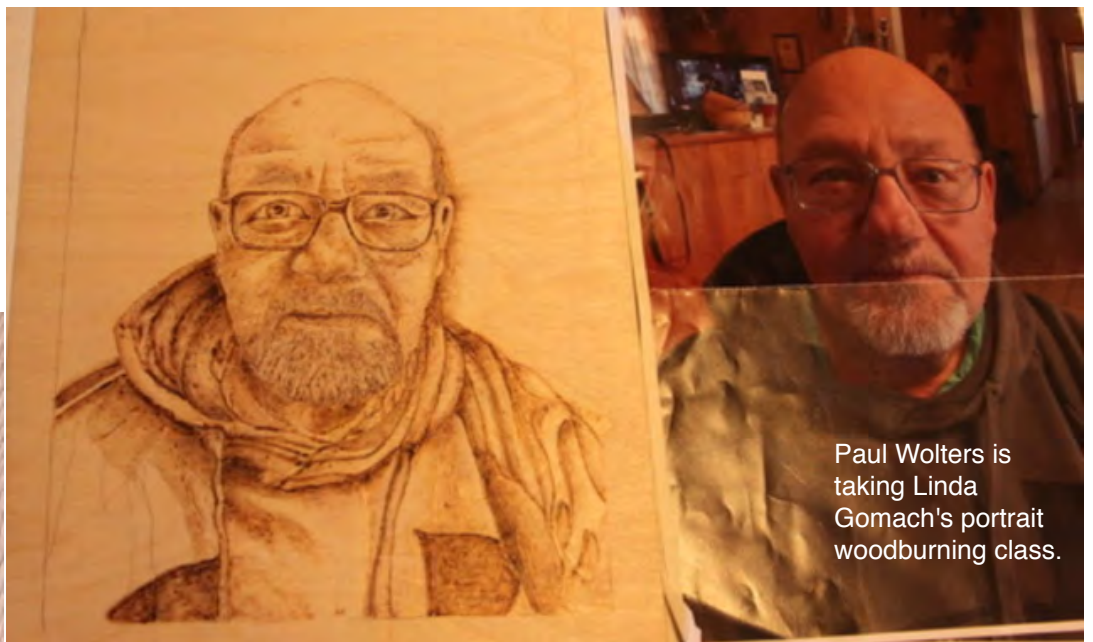
Rich Goodell carved this Stone Sheep, which is a subspecies of Dal sheep. Stone sheep can be seen along the Alaska Highway in northern British Columbia.

The sheep was carved from tupelo wood while the rocks are basswood.

Rich carved a nice presentation with the sheep both turning and descending.

This is Paul's first pyrography portrait effort and he chose for his subject a photograph of our club's Treasurer Master Pyrographer William Tuchscherer.

Very nice work Paul!



Paul Wolters is taking Linda Gomach's portrait woodburning class.



## Show 'N Tell Photos - August 27th Meeting



Master Carver Richard Young is a versatile carver with interest in many subjects.

Richard lamented that he could have used a bigger piece of wood for the King Charles III bust. At right Richard points to a carved mitten illustrating that even common objects can take on a special beauty when carved in wood.



### CALLING ALL CARVERS!

### SUGGEST THE FRIENDSHIP CANE THEME FOR OUR 2024 SHOW!

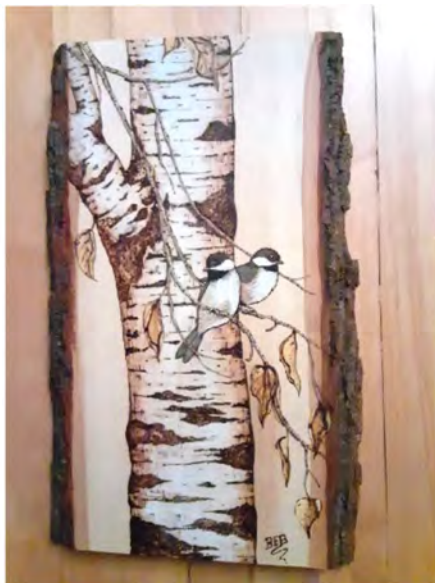
PUT YOUR THEME SUGGESTIONS IN THE SUGGESTION BOX AT SUNDAY'S MEETING.  
PICK UP A BLOCK TO CARVE OR WOODBURN TOO!

# Chipper at the Winchester Annual Craft Fair



The Winchester Annual Auxiliary Craft Fair was held Saturday, September 9, 2023.

This Annual Craft Fair benefits the Town of Winchester Fire Department. During the day long event Chipper Barb Behm displayed and sold woodburned and painted crafts.



## Bird Study Skins Available for Check Out in Kaukauna

The 1000 Island Environmental Center has study skins of birds available for free loan to carvers. They may be checked out for a week or a month.

For more information visit the Center at:

1000 Beaulieu Cort, Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Hours: Tue–Fri 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM • Sat 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM • Closed Sun & Mon

Or contact Debbie Nowak, Director & Naturalist (920) 759-5673.

<https://1000islandsenvironmentalcenter.org>

The Center is owned and managed by the City of Kaukaun.



# 17th Annual Rock River Valley Carvers Show - September 9



The Rock River Valley Woodcarvers held their 17th annual show in Janesville. This year's show included a Judged competition with many notable carvers in attendance. Denny Neubauer and Ron O'Kray were Judges. Hummul Carving Company is always in attendance here as it is close to their Beloit store and factory. Hummul will also be at the DeForest Show in October.



Jim Trumpy (left) gave a demonstration of carving cottonwood bark.



Jack Kumm's Pyrography shows his interests.

Gerry made his own woodburning tips to do the job.

Gerry Lesch formed these tiny rocks and wood grain by burning.



# 17th Annual Rock River Valley Carvers Show



Gene Bengel won a Blue ribbon for his ram ascending a snow covered rocky ground.



Angus Richeson left helped Dad Cedric with a display of the meager burning and carving output done between newsletters.

Cedric's first portrait got a blue ribbon.



Denny And Becky Neubauer's last show before their move to Mesa.



# Block Carving Class at the Senior Center, Oshkosh. Linda Gomach taught the September Class.

Block carving uses knives and palm tools to engrave a flat wood block which is then inked and used to print the engraved image on flexible media such as paper, cards and cloth. A wash of violet acrylic paint can be useful to visualize the printing surface which will be reversed from the carved image.



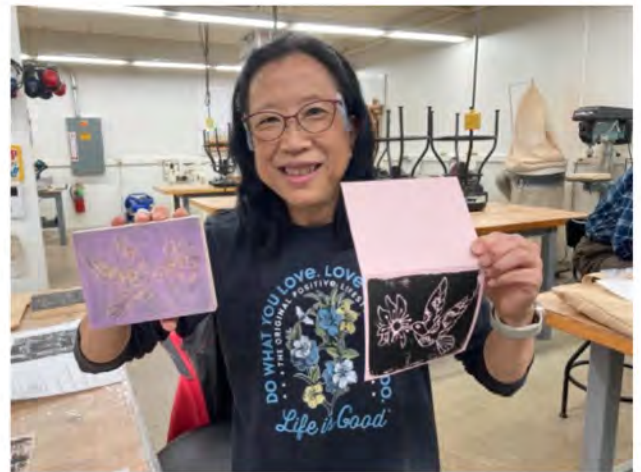
**Wendy**



**Jack**



**Darla**



**Terry**



**Diane**



**Cedric**



**This is the Pyrography Portrait Class taught by Linda Gomach, September 2023 at the Senior Center Oshkosh**





DEMONSTRATIONS!

SEE ARTS & CRAFTS!

# Open House at Oshkosh Woodshop!

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9 o'clock to Noon

Go visit the Oshkosh Senior Center (OSC) woodshop! See what they're all about. Meet the volunteers dedicated to helping others grow their craftsmanship and hobbies.



Here are photos of **some** of the current OSC woodshop volunteers. Many of whom are Chippers members.

If they're not wearing glasses with sideshields, then the photos weren't taken in the shop!



*Carving & Pyrography Classes held at the Oshkosh Senior Center (OSC)  
200 North Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI tel: (920) 232-5311*

## **Richeson & Krummick Woodburning Class- Beginning Pyrography Thursdays 1-3 pm October 12 - November 9 Woodburning Bootcamp - All materials & equipment available.**

Course covers:

- Safety
- Woodburner Types & Use
- Nlb/Tip Types & Usage
- Types of Wood & Media
- Pattern Transfer Methods
- Hatching & Crosshatching
- Stippling
- Shading & adding color
- Fixing Mistakes
- & much more.



Learn fundamentals with a lot of practice & hands on experience.

Learn temperature control, burn contact time, layering, & various techniques using practice boards.

Students will burn a coin or postage stamp image selected from many available patterns on basswood and burn a flying mallard duck on baltic birch plywood.

Woodburning books & resources are discussed and available for review.

We recommend that you **not** buy a woodburner before the first class. Equipment types, selection, brands & pros and cons will be discussed. The Senior Center has burners that you may reserve when you sign up. If you have a burner bring it.

Woodburning Basics Class: Thursdays 1-3 p.m. October 12 - November 9, 2023

(5 day class - 10 hours total)

Class size: minimum of 3; maximum of 12.

**Cost: \$15 Oshkosh Resident / \$20 Nonresident;**

Registration open; closes when full or October 10, 2023.

**No experience needed.** This Beginner Basics Class has ten (10) hours of instruction and hands on practice. Take it to learn pyrography for the first time, or use it as a refresher course.



## Woodcarving & Woodburning Classes

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

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

*Woodburning in the South Building; Carving in the North Building Woodshop.*

### **Gene Bengel - Project Wood Carving**

Refresh skills and work on projects alongside fellow carvers.

**This class is open to wood carvers using either power or hand tools.**

Power tool carvers must bring a bench fan dust collector.

Only carvers with current machine safety training may use designated OSC shop power equipment.

Carvers without current machine training may carve using handtools and their own hand rotary tools (e.g. Dremels) using a bench pass available from Gene.

Gene is available to instruct, guide, and problem solve to help you with projects.

Mondays, 8:00 a.m. to Noon, October 2 - 23 (4 days; 16 hours total.)

Class size: minimum of 3 / maximum of 14.

Cost: \$40 for Oshkosh residents and \$45 for non-residents. Register by Friday, September 29th.

### **Basic Machine Safety Training (Woodshop) - Jeff 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. Upon completion of this class participants may use designated machines in the woodshop. Training is good for one year from date of training.

Fridays, October 20 & 27 10 am - Noon Register by Friday, October 13

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

### **Woodshop Guided Hours**

**Wednesdays from 10 am - 2:30 pm**

Woodshop time for you to use machines to work on your own projects.

Experienced volunteer woodworkers supply support as needed.

Cost \$5 (Oshkosh Resident / \$6.50 (Nonresident)

Prerequisite: Machine Safety Training.



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### **John Goheen & Dick Krummick - Beginner Carving Mondays in October Baying Hound Dog Woodcarving Class**

This is a great class to begin or continue your woodcarving journey.

Using techniques and methods taught by John & Dick, you will carve a little baying hound dog. Class will cover the basics of carving and finishing. Basswood cutout included. Similar to dog at right.

Carving tools available for beginners; reserve at registration. Power carvers will need to use a bench fan dust collector.

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., October 2-30  
(5 day class; 10 hours total)  
Class size: Minimum 3 - Maximum 6.

Cost \$30 for Oshkosh residents and \$35 for non-residents.  
Register by Friday, September 29.



## WOODCRAFT®

Woodcraft of Appleton, 4731 Michaels Drive, Appleton WI (920) 730-9663 frequently has free in store demonstrations. Here are a couple demos scheduled for October.

### **Introduction to Knife Making - Saturday, October 14th, 1 pm**

*"Let us show you how to create a custom knife handle from any of our knife kits. We'll show you how to cut the wooden scales that make up the handle, bond them firmly to the blade's tang using epoxy and pins, and then shape and finish the scales for a dazzling look."*

### **Cuttin Boards - Saturday, October 21st 1 pm**

*Cutting boards, are classic woodworking projects and especially useful gifts. We will show you how to use our precut cutting board stock to quickly and easily make a beautiful cutting board. We have removed some of the steps and waste by milling the stock for you. All you need to do is select the wood, arrange it in your own pattern, glue, clamp and sand."*



# CARICATURE CARVING CLASS WITH RICH WETHERBEE AT WAUPACA

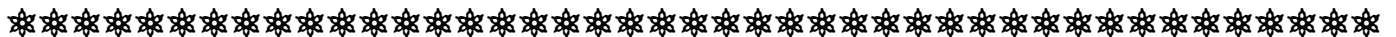
Dates: Thursday & Friday, November 2-3, 2023

Cost: \$85 per day plus roughout cost (~\$25-45 per roughout)

Place: Waupaca Recreation Center, Waupaca, WI

Sponsored by the Waupaca Area Woodcarvers

For more Info/registration contact: Kathy Brehm (920) 740-1986



**WOOD SANDING BLOCKS WITH ABRANET SANDING MESH  
& BENCH HOOKS FOR SALE AT OSHKOSH SENIOR CENTER!**

The Oshkosh Senior Center (OSC) Woodshop has bench hooks for sale.

There are both left handed and righted versions available. Bench hooks protect table tops when carving and are very useful for chip carvers, relief carvings, and other small carving projects. The 10" x 12" Bench hook has a carving surface between the wood stops of approximately 8 3/4" x 10 3/4".

The price is \$25. Proceeds support the OSC Woodshop.



The OSC Woodshop also has a sanding kit for sale for \$20.

The kit includes: 2 wood sanding blocks and 8 pieces of Abranet sanding mesh. Each block has a hook fastener surface to removably affix loop backed sanding mesh (Velcro type attachment).

Large block is 2 1/2" x 5".  
Small block is 1" x 3 3/4".  
Sanding mesh grit sizes are: P80, P120, P240 & P400.

Sanding mesh is wonderful stuff, better & more long lasting than regular sandpaper.

# 3RD ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR CARICATURE CARVING CLASS WITH FLOYD RHADIGAN IN APRIL 2024 AT STEVENS POINT

Dates: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, April 3-5, 2024

Cost: \$ 160 for 3 days plus roughout cost (~\$15-40 per roughout)

Place: Waupaca Recreation Center, Stevens Point, WI

**Sponsored by the Wisconsin River Woodcarving Club**

See Registration form attached to this Newsletter.

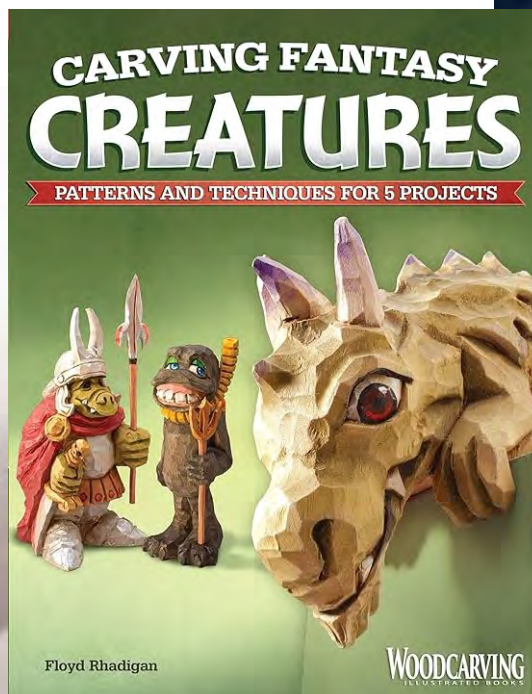
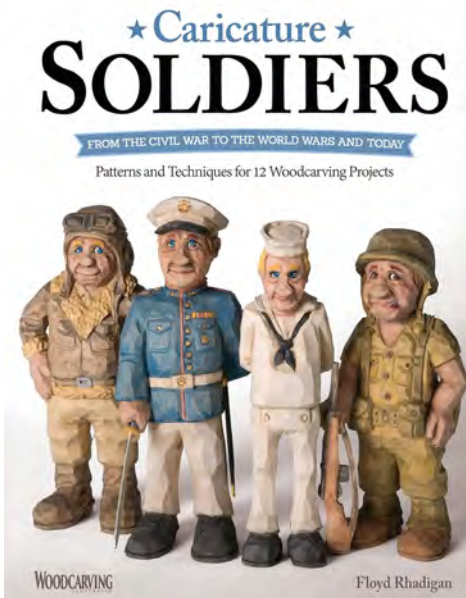


Floyd Rhadigan describes his style as a mixture of Ozark & Scandinavian Flat Plane Carving.

He has been carving for over 50 years and has authored several books on caricature carving. Floyd won Best of Show in the 2005 CCA competition and is a member of the Caricature Carvers of America.



A couple of Floyd's books.



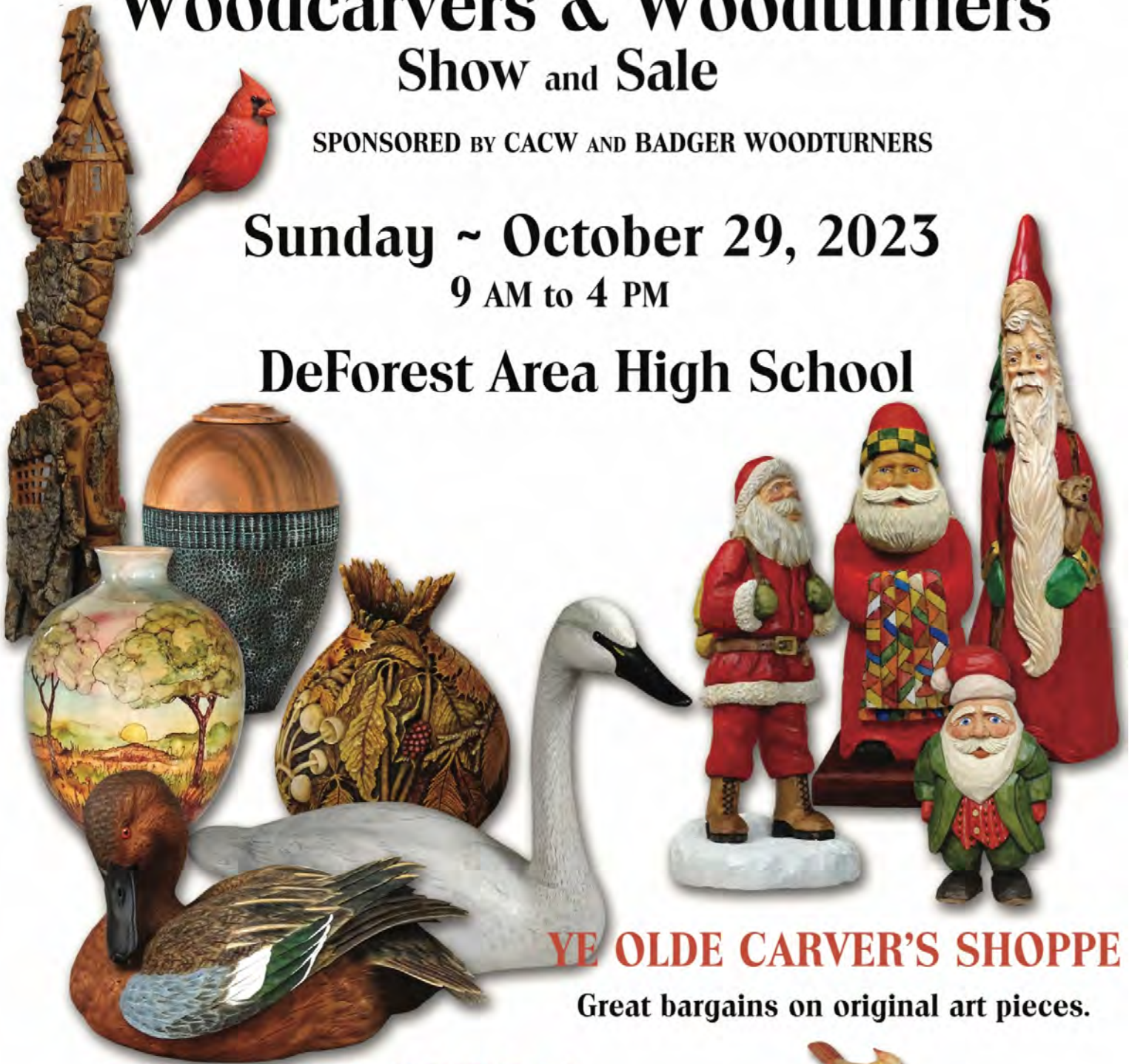


32nd Annual  
**Woodcarvers & Woodturners  
Show and Sale**

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**Sunday ~ October 29, 2023**  
9 AM to 4 PM

**DeForest Area High School**



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US Highway 51



# WAUPACA AREA WOODCARVERS

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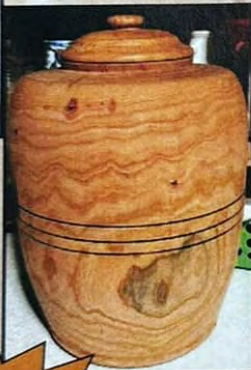
## 2023 Artistry in Wood

# Show, Competition & Sale

SUN. NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023 9AM - 4PM

### WAUPACA RECREATION CENTER

### 407 SCHOOL ST. • WAUPACA, WI



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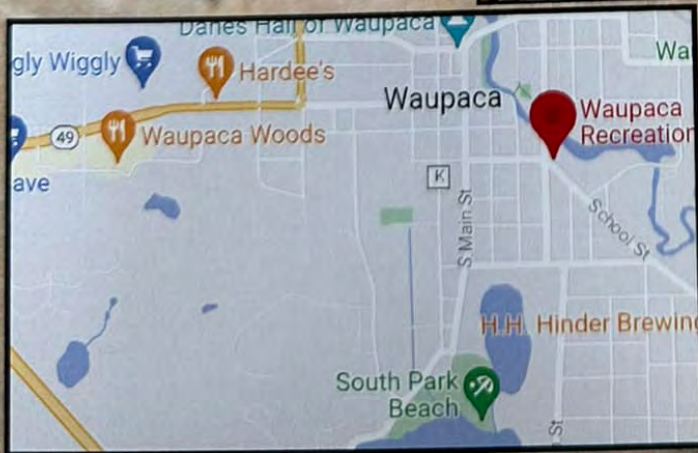
**ADMISSION \$4**

**AGES 5-16 \$2**

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# 40th Annual



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## N.E.W. Woodworkers Guild

# Artistry in Wood Show & Sale

## DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL

**450 N. Wall Street, Denmark, WI**  
**November 11 Saturday 9:30am - 4:00pm**  
**November 12 Sunday 9:30am - 2:30pm**

### PRIZES:

**1ST - \$500.00 2ND - \$200.00 3RD - \$100.00**  
**4TH TO 7TH - \$50.00**

For More Info Visit <https://newwg.org/>

### Thank you to our show sponsors!


The show this year will help support Rick's Toybox, Inc.'s mission by helping supply labor to make their handcrafted wooden toy cars to be given to a local missionary team that's leaving Green Bay to go to Thailand on November 29, 2023. For more information visit [www.rickstoyboxinc.com](http://www.rickstoyboxinc.com)



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# Roadtrip Woodcarving Retreats, Workshops & Seminars

## Flat Plane Carving with Frank Laquiao

Waunakee Sr Center, 333 South Madison Street, Waunakee, WI.

Frank Laquiao will teach a flat plane carving class on Saturday, October 14th 10:30-2:30 pm. This is an opportunity to learn flat plane for both beginners and advanced carvers who have never tried flat plane carving. Frank will lead you step by step in making a flat plane carving.



Pick your project. The snowmen are for a beginner carver just starting out and the gnome or scarecrow is suitable for the advanced beginner carver. See our website to register for the class.

Cost \$25 Contact April Bird, tel 608-320-9217, abird153@gmail.com

Sponsored by Capital Area Carvers of Wisconsin.

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

## **Hand-Carved Wooden Signs**

**Instructor: Jock Holmen**

October 27-29, 2023 (Friday-Sunday), 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Class Cost: \$315 plus \$55 material fee.

<https://northhouse.org/course-session/hand-carved-wooden-signs-10-27-2023>



**Marc Adams School of Woodworking, 5504 East 500 North Franklin, Indiana 46131**

## **Carving with a Classical Flair with Alexander Grabovetskiy**

October 16-20, 2023 5 days Instruction 8-5 pm; Cost: \$990 includes material fee.

### Key Points:

Classical design development for carving—the ancient art of design  
How to think in 3D before you carve—the art of composition  
How to properly use wood carving tools for safety and efficiency  
How to work with wood grain issues  
How to carve a classical design applicable to any type of woodcarving (furniture, ornamental, architectural)  
How to sharpen wood carving tools fast and efficiently  
Tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your carvings

<https://www.marcadams.com/workshop/carving-classical-flair-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.  
See [www.thetcol.org](http://www.thetcol.org) for details.

**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 wood carving.

**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 North(Woodshop) and South Bldgs. 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](mailto:cherriruplinger@gmail.com)

# Woodcarving Annual Show Calendar

## 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: <https://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 -2:30 pm Sunday Food Concession; Bucket Raffle; Tools, Wood, Art for Sale!

Admission \$5; under age 12 free Free Parking

Contact: [www.newwg.org](http://www.newwg.org)

## 48th Annual Birds in Art Exhibition - 112 Artists in the 2023 Exhibition

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Museum,

September 9 - November 26, 2023

700 North 12th Street, **Wausau**, WI.

9-4 pm T,W,F; Noon-5 pm Sat-Sun; 9-7:30 pm Thursdays (Closed Mondays & Thanksgiving Day)

Admission is Free. For more information: <https://www.lywam.org>

## 2023 Southwest Florida Wood Art Exposition & Competition

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda, Florida

January 6-7, 2023

2 Day woodcarving & woodturning show & competition, tool & wood vendors.

For details & entry forms see: <https://flwoodartexpo.com>

## The 48th Annual Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 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.

## **The 56th International Woodcarvers Congress sponsored by the Affiliated Wood Carvers**

Jackson County Fairgrounds, Maquoketa, Iowa

June 8-15, 2024 Instructors will be: John Engler, Ryan Olsen, Randy Hansen, Vic Hood, Roger Nadrchal, Carol Leavy, Bruce Shostak, Jan Jenson, Jeff Phares, and Alex Grabovetsky.

Competitions, Seminars, Show Judges will be: Ryan Olsen, Roger Nadrchal, and Greg Wirtz

For membership & more information: [www.woodcarverscongress.org](http://www.woodcarverscongress.org)



# WISCONSIN RIVER WOODCARVERS

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING FLOYD RHADIGAN SEMINAR

**CARVING:** Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, April 3, 4, 5, 2024

**TIME:** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center (Rooms A & B)

1519 Water Street

Stevens Point, WI 54481

**COST:** **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members: \$150.00** plus roughout(s). Pay Floyd for roughout. Cost of roughout between \$15.00 and \$40.00

**Non-Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Members s: \$160.00** plus roughout(s). Pay Floyd for roughout. Cost of roughout between \$15.00 and \$40.00

Meals are **not** included.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Quality and sharp hand tools and knives

**BIOGRAPHY:** *I entered the world of woodcarving in 1970, with the help of a family friend, Smokey Joe Briemuiller. He was one of those characters who fascinated me as a child. He carved small animals, Indians and Hill People. He had the aroma of wood and cigar smoke about him.*

*Smokey Joe showed me the basics- how to make a pattern, how to cut out a blank on a band saw, and how to make a knife from a straight razor, the most important how to was to keep that knife sharp. I used that knife and a box of patterns, and began to carve as much as I could. In those early days, there were very few tools on the market. A person could find full size mallet tools but little else. So I relied on my homemade carving knife.*

*In 1973, I bought my first carving book, "HOW TO CARVE CHARACTERS IN WOOD" by H.S. "Andy" Anderson. This really opened my eyes to the type of carver I wanted to become. I carved every project in the book. This made me thirst for more.*

*Then Harold Enlow came into my life, with his book "CARVING FIGURE CARICATURES in the OZARK STYLE." I thought I had died and gone to heaven. Harold not only carved the way I wanted to learn, but he also introduced me to palm tools. They were what was missing!*

*Harold came out with more books, each as exciting as the first. I carved every idea in his books. I started to develop my own style, a mix between Ozark and Flat Plane Scandinavian carving.*

*I began to teach my style of carving in 1976 for the city of Mt. Clemens, MI Adult Education Program. I moved to Warren, MI and started to teach for the Warren Parks & Rec. Dept. In 1991, I moved to Saline, MI where I started teaching a weekly class and began participating in wood carving shows around the state, As my work became known, my teaching increased. I started to teach at the two major woodcarving seminars in Michigan, "Creative Woodcarving Seminar" in*

Floyd Rhadigan Seminar

Cadillac, MI (which I now run) and the MWCA (Michigan Wood Carvers Association) in Midland, MI. I now instruct annually at the Wood Carvers Round Up, in Evert, MI and the North East Carvers Round Up, in Honesdale, PA. I was honored to teach in Twin Falls, Idaho, with the CCA. I am excited about returning in May.

Wood Carving has opened many doors for me and I have met the greatest people in the world. I had the honor to win Best of Show in the 2005 CCA Carving Competition. The biggest honor in my career was to become a member of the club all my heroes belong to, the Caricature Carvers of America.

I have a lot more to learn on this journey. May we meet and carve together along the way.

If there is anything in particular roughout you would like to see Floyd bring to the seminar, contact him @ 734-649-3259.

The cost of the seminar is same as in 2022 and 2023.

For additional info or questions contact Greg Wirtz (715-423-0471) or Ron O’Kray (715-341-2214).

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you cancel the class more than (30) days prior to the class, your entire registration will be refunded. If you cancel (8) to (30) days from the start of the class, your registration fee minus \$20.00 will be refunded. If you cancel (7) or fewer days prior to the start of the class, no money will be refunded.

Payment due at time of registration.

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin River Woodcarvers Inc.**

Mail completed form to: **Ronald O’Kray - Treasurer**

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