

Last chance to register for May 2023 Chippers Show before the Jan 1st price increase!
 Mail your registration & fee to Paul Wolters Today!

WHITTLE BITS AND PIECES

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Newsletter for January 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/>

Relief Carving Demonstration Shallow, High & Pierced by Gene Bengel

Next Meeting Sunday, January 8th!

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



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

Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Club (MWC) Board

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

Club
 Webmasters:
 Josie Hartzke & Jackie Silva
 Librarian: John Goheen

Register now!

2023

Chippers Show

51 Tables

Registered

VENDORS

WHITTLIN' SHACK
 GOOD WOOD
 CHIEF BOOKS
 BADGER BLADES
 CARVING GLOVE GUY

Betsy Popp's

**Wisconsin
 White Tailed Deer
 Buck Class**

Choice of 3 poses

Only 5 spaces left!

LOW RELIEF CARVING



Figs. 1 and 2 at top;
 Figs. 3 and 4 below



Fig. 143.—Left, V-tool Trench Work; Right, Wasting Away with Gouge.

Four Common Relief Carving Steps:

(1) Outlining or Setting In; (2) Wasting Away; (3) Grounding (4) Modeling

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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.)

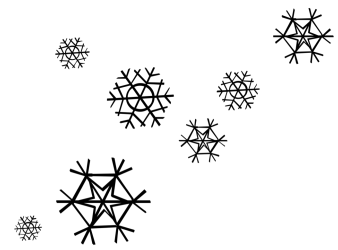
Meetings are at 1:30 p.m. (except our December potluck with a noon setup & lunch at 1:00 p.m.)

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

2022-2023 Club Meeting Calendar

- ✓ 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**
- January 8 *Relief Carving Demo & Presentation (Shallow, Deep & Pierced) by Gene Bengel*
- 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 **Show Preview, Judging Pre-registration, Friendship Canes, Elections**
- May 7 **47th Annual Show at Oshkosh Convention Center**
- May 21 *Mid-Wis. Chippers Carver Slide Show by Paul Wolters & Annual Show Review*

December Club Report



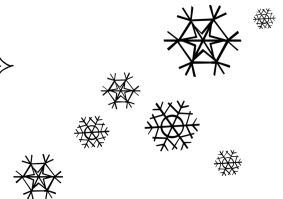
The potluck set up began at 12:30 p.m.

Betsy Popp and Jerry Lindow brought wood and cutouts for sale. The meal was opened at 1 pm by Tim Gosz with grace led by William Tuchscherer. Total attendance was 40.

Dues, 2023 Chippers Show table and class registration fees were collected.

The food was terrific. The club provided ham & turkey, rolls, utensils, plates, napkins and coffee. The members brought a great variety of appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts. There was pumpkin pie with whipped cream, cream cheese kringle, cherry crisp, cookies, filled dates, marshmallow desserts, fruit, several cheese balls, crackers, tortilla chips, chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, bacon wrapped chestnuts, wrapped meatballs, salads, dips, and so many delectable treats that I cannot recall them all. Yum!!

After the potluck, the club held Show 'n Tell.



MID-WIS. CHIPPERS CLUB LIBRARY
CATALOG NOW ON LINE!

Our club library book & magazine holdings are now available on-line at:
<http://midwisconsinchippers.weebly.com/>
You can search by category, title or author.

Club members! Look on-line for carving books. We have lots of reference materials. Then just bring your list to the meeting and retrieve the wanted books from their bins on the tables.

Ask Librarian John Goheen, if you need help.

Show 'N Tell Photos - December 4th Meeting



Bill Tuchscherer showed his finished Brett Farve woodburning. Last month we saw the work in progress (center) and now the finished art on the right. Bill had some help on the painting and looks to develop his painting skills. Below Bill showed a joint effort with a basswood relief carving of Arnold Palmer by Paul Wolters which Bill is enhancing with woodburning texture and color.



Collaborative artwork by Paul Wolters & William Tuchscherer of golf legend Arnold Palmer in relief with woodburned color & texture.

Pyrography is a wonderful art, able to produce photo-realistic images. It also is a terrific tool to enhance carvings. Texturing bird feathers and animal fur and adding scales to fish and reptiles isn't all it can do. Here Bill shows off pyrography's ability to add tone, color and texture by woodburning a carved relief.

Carve & burn those Friendship Cane blocks!!!



Show 'N Tell Photos - December 4th Meeting



Dave Wirth was an avid duck hunter. He has been carving a series of ducks native to Wisconsin. Here is Dave's latest - an American Widgeon.



The Egyptian Princess was carved by Virginia Temme in basswood with a natural finish.

Richard Young carved this girl with umbrella. That fancy umbrella is very impressive. If I tried that it would likely end up as a broken bumbershoot.



THE KETTLE KARVERS SHOW IS BACK!

The Kettle Karvers Klub is resuming its annual Artistry in Wood Woodcarving & Wood Sculpture Show on April 23, 2023 at a new venue in Sheboygan. Their last show was in 2019.

The Kettle Karvers 30th Show will be held at Emil Mazey Hall, 5425 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, Wisconsin on Sunday, April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Show will include a raffle of carving and pyrographic works to raise funds for club operations. Donations for the raffle may be made on the show day. Exhibitors may participate at a cost of \$25 per table. Carvers who sell carvings are responsible for Wisconsin sales tax.

There will be a Judged Competition based on the point system with ten points each for Creativity; Workmanship, Detail; and Quality of Finish. There will be 14 categories:

1. Abstract/Ornamental
2. Bark Carving
3. Bird of Prey/Game Bird
4. Caricature
5. Chip Carving
6. Fish
7. Group
8. Human
9. Miscellaneous (Examples include: chainsaw; gunstock; intarsia; woodturning)
10. Relief
11. Shorebird/Waterfowl
12. Songbird
13. Walking Stick/Cane
14. Woodburning

The competition will have four skill levels: Novice; Intermediate; Advanced & Masters. Note: The Kettle Karvers skill placement rules differ from those used by the Chippers.

Rules and Entry form are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Lawrence at (920) 458-4947 or email bob.kettlekarvers@att.net.

Competition Note!

Each carving club sets its own rules for their Carving Competitions. There is considerable variability from club to club in how carvers are designated by skill level and how they advance. Also, Judging varies from competition finish order to judging against a standard. So pay attention to each club's rules!

23rd Annual

SNOW DAZE CARVE IN

In Memory of our Founder, Bob Rosenberg 1940-2022

NEW DATE: APRIL 28-30, 2023

Sponsored by Central Minnesota Woodcarvers Association of St. Cloud, MN

NEW LOCATION: Loyal Order of Moose Lodge

1300 3rd St. N., Waite Park, MN 56387

Snow Daze Carve In has a great crew of teachers. The registration form is attached. The deadline for registration is March 1, 2023, but many of these classes will fill fast. St. Cloud is a 5 1/2 hour drive from Neenah. There is a \$140 registration fee which includes 3 meals plus the class fee.



A - PYROGRAPHY - Brenda Lodermeier

Brenda has been carving & working with pyrography for the past 12 years. She is an active member of the Central MN Woodcarvers Association and on the Board of Directors for the Rio Grande Woodcarving Show in Mission Texas. If you are a beginner or advanced pyrography student, this is the class for you.

Let's learn or renew the basics and work with different techniques, emphasizing your style and completing projects on a variety of wood species. Instructor will discuss preparation of wood, patterns, and use of burners including variety of tips and cleaning. Students are encouraged to bring additional lighting, graphite paper and their burning units. Many patterns and design available. Student may start with a barn project or bring one of their own. I have many patterns to choose from. Brenda is an authorized Colwood Dealer with burners, tips, wood and supplies for purchase.

Cost: \$50.00

Skill Level: Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 10-12



B - RELIEF, WOODBURNING & PAINTING - Fred and Elaine Stenman

Students will learn the techniques developed by Elaine and Fred, which combine low relief carving with details that are wood burned. The carvings are painted with very thin acrylics and stained with oil paint. Tool techniques for full sized gouges and wood burning tools along with elements of design will be taught.

Students may select from three of the Stenmans' original designs:

1. A building and fence post are carved. Details woodburned. Background will change to due to limited time.
2. A rainbow trout jumping. The fish is carved.
3. A common loon swimming (carved). Woodburned grasses.

The projects will be executed in basswood with the bark remaining on the edge to create a natural frame. The paints and brushes are provided. We encourage students who are new to the class to do our low red barn or cabin relief as they are a great learning experience.

Tools

Padded 22"-24" Stool (Especially for those with back problems).

#3 -35 mm Swiss Made. The Flexcut #220799 1 1/4" or a Stubai #4/35 may be substituted for this gouge.

#3 sweep Swiss Made, #3 sweep Denny (or other) gouges in various sizes from 10-20mm. If you use Stubai or other brands, you will find that you may require a # 4 sweep, as most brands have less sweep than the Swiss made.

A thin bladed bench /detail knife or a bent chip carving knife.

Various other size gouges- palm or full size that you may have.

Clamp on light. (We will bring some lights)

A good wood burning tool, such as a Detailmaster, Colwood or Optima. Note: Instructors will bring a few large #3 gouges for use in class.

If you have any questions, you can phone us: (651) 485-0580. You can also email us at: fhstenman@gmail.com

Students new to our style of carving, should practice woodburning details on a 6" X 9" printed board during the class.

Cost: \$30

Materials: 12 1/2" rounded board (with design): \$18.00

6" X 9" printed practice board (optional): \$8.00

Skill level: Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 10



23rd Annual

SNOW DAZE CARVE IN



C - OUTHOUSE CLASS - Ken Ramler

Using a basswood cutouts, students will carve, burn, and paint an outhouse or cabin about 5 inches tall. Trees may be added to the back if desired. This is an all-skill level carving using v-tools, gouges, and knives.

Cost: \$30 basswood cutouts \$8-10 Skill: Beginner to Advanced Class size: 14

D - PHEASANT TAIL FEATHER - Mary Kimball

Learn to carve, woodburn and paint a life size pheasant tail feather. All painting supplies are provided. Wood burner needed for class.

Cost: \$35.00 Skill level: Beginner to Advanced
Blanks: \$10.00 Class size: 8



E - BARK CARVING - Derek Epping

Make a light house or a whimsy house. You will need glove and a thumb guard. I use my knife, v-tool, u-gouge, number 3, 9, and bring your Woodburner. I use a sharpie to use instead of a pencil. If you have a small hand drill bring that, if not, I'll have a drill to use for the class. Bring a strap to strap your knives. Bring a cord just in case.

Cost: \$30.00 Bark: \$10-\$30 Skill level: Beginner to Advanced
Class size: 10-12

F - SAINT URHO OR SANTA OR CHRISTMAS ELF - John Overby

Tools - Knife and v-tool. The roughout is a bandsaw cut out. **Supplies to bring.** Acrylic paints colors are tomatoe spice, autum brown, buttermilk, gray, burnt umber, moss green and christmas colors. If you have a muffin pan and inexpensive brushes please bring them as they will be used to mix your paints.

Cost \$50 Skill level: Intermediate to Advanced Roughout \$15 for Saint Urho/Santa and \$10 for Elf Class size 10-12



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SNOW DAZE CARVE IN

G - OLD WORLD CHIP CARVING - Jan Jenson

Learn to do Old World Chip Carving with 3 easy cuts! Glue the pattern on and start carving right away! First, do a practice piece to learn the technique. Students may then choose to carve a design on a single or two-deck card box, a napkin holder, a trivet, or one of the several other small projects. All will be available for purchase. You will need a good chip carving knife and a good light. All other supplies will be provided. There will be many designs from which to choose from Jan's books.

Cost: \$30.00

Project Material \$12-\$30

Skill level: Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 8-12



Examples of roughouts that I changed. First guy was a coal miner and I made him a gas station attendant. Second guy had a big floppy hat that I didnt like, so I removed it.

H - FROM OLD ROUGHOUT TO NEW CREATION - Terry Pederson

I will provide several random types of caricature roughouts to choose from. The assignment will be to complete a carving from the roughout - preferably of something other than the original roughout. I'll spend time with each carver and help them in the process and design of their carving as requested. If they don't want help, then I'll just be there for comic relief.

Cost \$40 and includes roughout

Skill level: Advanced to Intermediate

Class size 10

I - WOOD SPIRITS - Bob Lawrence

Students will carve basswood "Wood Spirits". You will receive 2 diagonally cut blanks. Bob will concentrate on structure and anatomy. Knife and palm tools. Finishing supplies will be furnished.

Cost: \$40.00 includes cut blanks

Skill level: Experienced Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 10-12



J - SANTA - James Brook

Santa carved out of cut out basswood. There are numerous options to make this santa your own style.

Cost for class: \$ 40.00

includes blanks

Skill: Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 10



K - QUILTING and other FIBER ARTS - Marion Fischer

Something new for this year. Join me in making a 3 yard quilt. Bring 3 yards of fabric that have good contrast. I will have several patterns available, or if you want to choose your own pattern, you can cut your quilt out before you come. For those who don't quilt, bring what ever project you wish to work on. Basic quilting tools will be available for your use. Whatever project you choose we will have a great time together. Call or email Marian Fischer at 507-828-5056

Cost None

Skill level: Beginner to Advanced

Class size: 10

CONTACT WAYNE NICOLOFF AT 612-750-8716 IF YOU HAVE ANY ?'S.