

The Curling Chip

Newsletter

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October/November 2009 Edition

Minutes

October 17, 2009

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 am



Bob Pedigo presided over the monthly meeting in the absence of President Perry Cook. There were 15 members present at the meeting. The minutes of the September meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported there was a checking account balance of \$4,647 with all bills paid.

Programs report:

Jim Lindseth reported there are still some openings for the whittle-in projects after January, 2010. We would like to get those filled as soon as possible. So let Jim know if you are interested in providing a project to fill those gaps.

Vince Bitz indicated that he would like to hold a weekend class carving a bulldog. He indicated that he would be looking at a weekend sometime this winter or spring. More information will be provided as soon as plans become finalized.

Bob Pedigo reported that the classes with Carol Jean Boyd are filled with the scheduled classes to be held Monday-Wednesday, November 1-3 and Thursday- Saturday, November 4-6. Bob reported there are presently 25 people registered for the show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7 at the Doublewood Inn. There are still openings for Gary Paulson's class to be held on Saturday and Sunday morning. Carvers were encouraged to sign up for the class. The project to be carved is of a gnome. Carol Jean will lead the Tuesday night whittle-in project on November 2 with the carving on a walking stick. Raffle tickets have been distributed and all are encouraged to sell to help offset the expenses of the annual show. There are more tickets available to sell, also. Volunteers to help setup and cleanup for the show are also needed. There was some discussion on having drawings for small carvings for door prizes throughout the show. It was decided to not have the drawings this year since no one volunteered to head the committee to conduct the drawings at various times of the show. This is something that we could look at doing for the 2010 show. It was also decided to not have door prizes at the banquet on Saturday night, also.

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Bob reminded the members to send Klaes any pictures or articles that could be used for the newsletter. The next newsletter is scheduled to be sent out in early November. Please help Klaes out by providing something to put in the newsletter.

Old Business

The shirts are now on order and hopefully will be available before the show. The club has hats on inventory. They are currently priced at \$10 per hat. The new hats will sell for about \$16/hat.

New Business

Ron Torgeson reported that he has submitted a grant request to DWAC for the 2010 show for an amount of \$2,581. There will be a DWAC meeting to be held in late October and members are encouraged to attend. Ron reported that he plans on attending the meeting.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

Fellow woodcarvers....

I've been trying to find the time to put together this list for the past year. Many of you have reminded me of my promise to do so.

When Cathie and I were writing the newsletter, Chips n' Chatter for Les Gens de Bois Woodcarving Club, we found it extremely important to exchange information with other clubs and organizations, including some retailers. We had established a "newsletter" list of contacts. We still maintain this ever changing list because of our involvement with our club, organizing the Winnipeg Woodcarvers Weekend and editing the Mid-Canada Woodcarving Club Registry. We are strong believers in the need for communication to promote woodcarving in general.

I know some of you write newsletters and some only pass on information. Some of you will actually wonder how your name got on the list. I encourage you all to forward any and all information to each other to promote woodcarving events and information. It is always great to receive the information via email so we can cut and paste information. Hard copy works well too.

You will note that we used a circle of about 500 miles from Winnipeg as our contact area. This worked well for us. In our list we keep close contact with two businesses that help promote woodcarving in Manitoba. They are Lee Valley Tools and Canadian Woodworker. If you have similar businesses in your area I strongly recommend including them in your list. These two in particular pass on the Club Registry that we produce and it has proven to be a valuable communication tool for events.

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We are including a current copy of the Club Registry and you can use it to contact others in your area who may produce newsletters, or who could supply information. We ask you to promote this Registry as a general means of contact.

Although Cathie and I are now living "out in the bush".... we are still active in the woodcarving community and would ask that you include us in your mail outs. We need the information to keep on top of events when we are planning the Woodcarvers Weekend and organizing the Club Registry. Plus we are really nosy as to what's going on in your neighbourhood. Many of you know that my teaching and our travels to events keeps us in close contact with clubs and organizations. If there is anything we can help with, or if you need information, please let us know.

If more names come to mind I will forward them to you. From your end let me know if we missed anyone.

Happy carving!

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Breaking News from the Library **From your librarian, Doug Emerson**

The Club has just purchased the book, "Carving Cypress Knees" by Carole Jean Boyd. If you know of other carving books or DVDs that you would like to see added to the Club's library, please let me know or bring it to the attention of the Club for consideration. We are always looking for new material for the library.

The library system has been updated. All the books, videos, and DVDs have been assigned a number. For books, the number ends in a 'B', for a video, the number ends in a 'V', and for a DVD, the number ends in a 'D'. An updated list of library materials has been added to the Club's web page and is in the library.

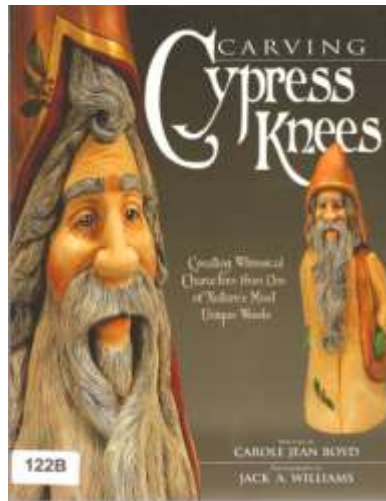


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With this numbering system and list, you should be able to find the material that you are interested in checking out. Take a look!



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Reminder: The Annual Flickertail Christmas party is Dec. 1 at the Doublewood Inn. Social at 5:30 pm dinner at about 6 pm. Cost (? , about \$17) will know by Saturday (monthly meeting day). Please let me know by meeting day as we plan to be gone for a few days around Thanksgiving and I need to have the head count to the Doublewood by the Nov. 27. Project for this Saturday - November 21, 2009 - is Christmas ornaments

Frank

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Guest Carver

Carol Jean Boyd from Alabama was the guest carver this year. Her specialty is Cyprus Knees. All of the carvers I spoke with were quite pleased with her class. The carvings I saw were excellent. You will see them displayed at carving show where the her students will be displaying.

Carving Events

Red River annual show will be April 16-18 2010 at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo. The will have some rooms reserved. Their guest carver will be Harley Refsaf. His specialty is Scandinavian characters.

Winnipeg Manitoba will be May 7-9, 2010.

Wahpeton June 26-28, 2010.

Flickertail Woodcarvers annual show will be at the Doublewood Inn, Bismarck again. The second weekend, October 7-9, 2010, will be the dates.. Our guest carver will be Harley Refsaf. (Yes the same Harley)

Editors Note: A Great Big THANK YOU! to Frank and Kay Koch for all of their hard work in putting together and coordinating this year's show; as well as, all the shows in the past. This year's show was something special.

It is a pleasure seeing all the folks who participate in the show. This year's special project was song birds. We had a wonderful display of many different birds of North Dakota.

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