

The Curling Chip

January February 2006

Newsletter of the Flickertail Woodcarvers, Bismarck/Mandan, ND

Club Web Site Address: <<http://www.flickertail.org>>

Annual Spring Woodcarving Class

On April 1 & 2, 2006, the Flickertail

Woodcarving Club will host the annual spring

woodcarving class. This Saturday and Sunday class

will feature a well known chip carver from

Missouri. Barry McKenzie will teach a two day

class on chip carving techniques and lead the

servicing tray project.

Barry is a professional chip carver with 15

years of carving experience. Barry's chip carving

has won many awards, including several 'Best of

Show' awards. In addition to exhibiting at

woodcarving and craft shows, Barry teaches chip

carving throughout the United States and at his

School for Chip Carving in Lebanon, Missouri. He

is the writer and publisher of the "Chip Carvers

Quarterly" newsletter and has written articles for

other woodcarving magazines. Barry is also

president of the International Chip Carvers

Exhibitors, Inc., a nonprofit organization that

promotes chip carving through an annual show in

Lebanon.

The cost of the class will be \$55 which

includes the blank. The class will be held at the

Trinity Lutheran Church and will start at 8:00 am

and continue to about 5 pm each day.

Barry did this class at Wahpeton a couple of

years ago and the project was the envy of many

carvers. Please remit your \$55, by March 7, to Frank

Koch at 315 Saturn Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58503.

Changes to Your Home or E-Mail

Address

Many folks don't move often, so their

mailing address doesn't change often. However,

with the changes which are possible with internet

providers our e-mail address could change

frequently. There have been a couple of recent

inquiries about folks not getting a newsletter and we

found it was being sent to an old e-mail address. If

any changes happen with either your home or e-mail

Art In Motion Woodcarving

Demonstration

The Dakota West Arts Council is planning

another "Art in Motion" display at Kirkwood Mall

on Saturday, February 11, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Our club will demonstrate at this event and

we are looking for volunteers to carve in two hour

shifts during the day. Frank Koch is making a list

of scheduled times and volunteers to fill times.

Contact Frank (255-0280) to sign up for a time slot.

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we suggest you carve two projects – one to be

library display is during the same time as the show,

be removed until the end of October. Because the

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Annual Show

Shore Bird Projects Theme for 2006

(blpedigo@btinet.net).

page of this newsletter or by e-mailing Bob Pedigo

sending a note to our club address listed on the last

get your newsletter to you. You can advise us by

addresses, please let us know so we can continue to

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes-Fickertail Wood Carvers
Saturday, October 15, 2005
Trinity Lutheran Church

President Bob Pedigo called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM with 9 members.

In the absence of the secretary Warren Schlecht the minutes of the last meeting were not read. Acting secretary Jim Lindseth took the minutes of this meeting.

No Executive Board Meeting-No Report

Treasurers Report: Treasure Ron Holtz was not present to give a report.

Bills: Frank Koch made a motion (Claes Welch, 2nd) to pay \$32.00 to Steve Durow for the cost of obtaining the web site address (Flickertail.org). This breaks down to a one-time fee of \$20.00 to obtain the site address and a \$1.00 per month to rent the space on a server (\$12.00/year). We will have to pay the yearly \$12.00 in the future for the next year. Motion carried.

No Committee Reports

Programs: Spring Class-Registration for the class will start after January 1, 2006. It will be a chip carving class with Barry McKenzie. Cost is \$55.00, which includes the blank.

We need to find out what the individuals in charge of our carve-in programs for March, April, and May are planning so we can post them on the Web site and in the newsletter. Contact Jim Lindseth with the information.

We will be carving shore birds to be displayed at the Bismarck Public Library during the months of September and October and also at the fall show. Check the Web site for a list of shorebirds to choose from. Try not to double up. These are not all the birds available, so check with Frank Koch if you want some other species to carve.

Art in Motion will again be at the Kirkwood Mall on February 11, 2006 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Frank has ordered 3 tables for 3-4 people per shift to display and demo carving. We are looking for club members to demonstrate for this event for 2-hour shifts. Contact Frank for additional information.

Show attendance numbers are down again. Suggestion is to invite the wood turners to come and participate at our show.

Newsletter: Bob Pedigo is looking for articles to publish in the newsletter. For the next newsletter articles from the members are due by January 1, 2006. "What you get (in the newsletter) is what you give (contribute)". He is also looking for someone to take over as Editor.

We are trying to get the carving give away at our Saturday morning carve-ins going again after a lapse. Ed Horning was the last recipient. He brought a caricature carving and by drawing of names Jim Lindseth is responsible to provide the next carving of his choice.

No further business. Motion to adjourn, Approved
The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM to continue with the long handled tools class taught by Frank Koch
Submitted—Jim Lindseth, acting secretary

Club Election of Officers

Our annual meeting is approaching in February and that meeting is normally the time we elect our club officers. The following offices are due for election: President-Elect, Secretary, Membership, Librarian, and one Member-at-Large.

The following members have agreed to fill these positions if the voting members agree.

President-Elect: John Opp
Secretary: Warren Schlecht (Incumbent)
Membership: Stan Skarpohl (Incumbent)
Librarian: Perry Cook (Incumbent)
Member-at-Large: Jim Lindseth

These positions are currently not opposed by any other candidates. If anyone would like to nominate someone for one of these offices, or would like to apply for any office themselves, please advise Bob Pedigo before the February 18, 2006 meeting, so we can add the names to the ballot. We welcome anyone who wishes to serve as a club officer.

Any member unable to attend the annual meeting may mail in a ballot to be included with the votes cast at the meeting. You may write in a candidates name only if that person has agreed to be placed on the ballot. A mail-in ballot is included below. Please mark it, cut it out and return it to the club address: Flickertail Woodcarvers, PO Box 7473, Bismarck, ND 58507, by February 17, 2006. Ballots after this date can not be accepted.

President- Elect

John Opp

(Write-In Candidate)

Secretary

Warren Schlecht (Incumbent)

(Write-In Candidate)

Membership

Stan Skarpohl (Incumbent)

(Write-In Candidate)

Librarian

Perry Cook (Incumbent)

(Write-In Candidate)

Member-At Large

Jim Lindseth

(Write-In Candidate)

To cast a mail-in ballot, tear off the bottom portion and return it to: Flickertail Woodcarvers, PO Box 7473, Bismarck, ND 58507, to be received by February 17, 2006.

Club Activity Schedule 2006

1/21/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: Snow-snakes led by Jim Lindseth. This is the annual carving project for Highland Acres Elementary School. Sticks provided, and we carve designs on them for donation to the school for their Native American cultural studies.

2/7/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: Love Spoon with Frank Koch.

2/18/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: Figure with Bob Matzke. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

3/7/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: Whistle Carving with John Opp.

3/18/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: Color Mixing with Stan Skarpohl

4/1 and 4/2/06 Spring Weekend Class: Chip Carving with Barry McKenzie. Registration Info in Jan/Feb 06 Newsletter.

4/4/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA with Ed Horning

4/8 and 4/9/06 Red-River Woodcarvers Annual Show, Fargo

4/15/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: Panda Bear Pin with Bob Pedigo

5/2/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA with Jim Lindseth

5/20/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: TBA with Ron Holtz

6/6/06 Brown Bag Whittle-In at Sertoma Park, Shelter #4, 5:00 PM till Dark

7/11/06 Brown Bag Whittle-In at Sertoma Park, Shelter #4, 5:00 PM till Dark (**Note Change to Second Tuesday due to July 4 Holiday on First Tuesday**)

8/1/06 Brown Bag Whittle-In at Sertoma Park, Shelter #4, 5:00 PM till Dark

9/5/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA

9/16/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: TBA

9/29/06 Friday Workshop – First Day of Gerald Sears Class. Show Setup in Late Afternoon and Early Evening.

9/30 & 10/1/06 Annual Show at Trinity Lutheran Church. Featured Carver is Gerald Sears, a Member of Caricature Carvers of America. Gerald will be teaching a class all day Friday and during the mornings on Saturday and Sunday of the show.

10/3/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA

10/21/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: TBA

11/7/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA

11/18/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: TBA

12/5/06 Whittle-In, 7–9 PM, Project: TBA

12/16/06 Monthly Meeting, 9–11 AM, Project: TBA

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Recent Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 21, 2006
Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10:00 am

The carving activity for the morning was the carving of snow snakes for the students at Highland acres grade school.

President Bob Pedigo called the meeting to order. There were 13 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Treasurer Ron Holtz reported \$2,572 in the checking account with all bills paid.

Bob P. reminded the club members that the "Art in Motion" display will be at the Kirkwood Mall on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The club members were encouraged to try to sit in the booth for part of the day to show their carvings at the show. Frank Koch is making a list of scheduled times and volunteers are needed to fill in the time slots.

Jerry Jaeger was introduced to the club as the newest member of the Flickertail Woodcarvers club. Welcome, Jerry!

The spring carving class with Barty McKenzie will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, 2006. He will be teaching a class of chip carving. The cost will be \$55 which includes the cost of the blank. Contact Frank Koch with any questions or to sign up for the class.

Ron Torgeson reported that the grant request submitted to MDU Resources has been denied due to the club being of a different tax status than the grant is established for. It may be possible to resubmit for the grant if the tax status of the club could change. The change of tax status would require the club by-laws to be revised. The possibility of the change may be considered at a later date.

Bob P. was informed that the supply of the membership cards was running low and more cards will be needed in the future. A motion to

purchase a supply of membership cards was made and seconded. Motion passed. The members were reminded that annual club dues of \$15 were due on January 1, 2006.

Stan S. reported that he will be conducting the class on March 18 on color mixing and painting. Members were asked to bring their own paintbrushes for the class. The paints and other supplies will be furnished. John Opp will be teaching a class in making a train whistle with a wood spirit carved on it. The class will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

A request for articles, drawings, pictures, etc., for the newsletter was again made by Bob Pedigo. Anyone interested in working with the newsletter should give Bob a call. Without articles, there is not going to be very much to the newsletters. So, everyone is encouraged to provide something to share with other carvers. Contact Bob P.

Jim Lindseth reminded the club members to let him know of the classes they are asked to teach at the white-ins. Volunteers are needed. No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht, Secretary

Saturday, February 18, 2006
Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

The carving activity for the morning was a carving of Papa Bear which was instructed by Bob Matzke.

President Bob Pedigo called the meeting to order. There were 11 members present.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported \$1406 in the checking account. Stan Skarphol reported that there are about 80 carvers that have paid their dues for 2006.

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the cost of the blank. It appears there is enough interest to have a full class. Contact Frank Koch with any questions about the class.

Gerald Sears and his wife will be the instructors and featured carvers at our Annual Show which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 7&8 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. A class will be held starting on Friday, October 6. More about the class and the show will be coming in future newsletters.

The theme for this years show will be shore bird carvings. All carvers are encouraged to sign up for carving a shore bird on the clubs website or contact Frank to see what shore birds are still available. We are encouraged to carve a shore bird that no one else is carving so that there are a variety of carvings. There will be a shore bird carving display at the Bismarck Public Library at the same time of the show. It is suggested that all carvers carve 2 shore birds to be displayed—1 for the show and 1 for the display at the library. A third bird could be carved for the raffle to be held during the show, also.

A request for articles, drawings, pictures, etc., for the newsletter was again made by Bob Pedigo. Klaes Welch indicated that he would be willing to try his hand at working with the club newsletter. All members are encouraged to provide material for the newsletter. Without articles, there is not going to be very much to the newsletters.

Ron Holtz indicated there may be a change in how raffles are conducted in Bismarck. Carvings that are listed on the raffle tickets may need to be completed prior to the selling of the raffle tickets. This issue will be further investigated. Members are encouraged to donate a carving for the raffle.

The carving quilts that were completed for the 2005 show may be dismantled if they are not going to be on display. The pieces may be given back to the persons carving the quilt pieces. A decision on what to do with the quilts will be made at a later date.

Frank indicated that there is a need for a banner that the club can use for displaying at various functions. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a banner for the club to be used for display purposes at public functions. Cost would be about \$50. Motion carried.

Jim Lindseth inquired about the possibility

of getting more vests that some members have at this time. Jim will investigate and report his findings about the cost, sizes, etc., and will report his findings in the newsletter.

Jim Lindseth would like to remind all members that volunteers are needed for teaching projects at the whittle-ins for the upcoming year. Volunteers are needed for the whittle-ins to be held after June, 2006. Contact Jim if you can help out with a whittle-in project or class.

The next item of business was the election of officers for the next year. Bob Pedigo opened the floor for new nominations. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made and approved. The officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

President: Bob Pedigo
President-elect: John Opp
Secretary: Warren Schlecht
Treasurer: Ron Holtz
Membership chairman: Stan Skarphol
Librarian: Perry Cook
Member at large: Jim Lindseth

No further business. Meeting adjourned.
Warren Schlecht, Secretary

Senior Carving Display Table

At the annual show in October, there will be a table designated for the Senior carvers to display their carvings as a group. All senior carvers are asked to display at least one carving on our table during this fall's show. Please title your work and the year with a white 2" X 3" tag and put your name on the back or bottom of your carving so we can make sure it gets returned to you following the show.

Respectfully submitted, Stanley J. Skarphol

BLUE BIRD

Here's a pattern to think
Spring with. Give this
Blue Bird a try. Do it in
relief on a panel or a plate.
You could even try woodburning
it if you wished.

Maybe some free-hand relief
would be in order.

I hope you find this one
enjoyable.

Bob Matzke
Mar. 2001



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Klaes S. Welch, Editor

May/June 2006

Recent Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 18, 2006
Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 am

The lesson for the morning was about colors and the painting of woodcarvings and was instructed by Stan Skarphol.

President Bob Pedigo called the meeting to order. There were ten members present.

The minutes of the last meeting was read. It was noted that Perry Cook should be listed as the club Librarian and shown as one of the club officers. The minutes of the last meeting were then approved. Treasurer, Ron Holtz, reported \$1,374.98 in the checking account. A grant in the amount of \$1,000 is coming and will be deposited in the account.

Stan Skarphol reported that there are about 80 carvers that have paid their dues for 2006. The members were also informed that, according to the club bylaws, members who have not paid their 2006 dues would lose some of the club benefits until the dues are paid for. One of these benefits is the newsletters that are provided to all paid members.

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Bob Pedigo has been visiting with several of the area wood turners that belong to an area club about possibly participating in our annual show in October. After some discussion, it was agreed upon that Bob should continue to see if there is any serious interest with the wood turners and that they should be welcomed to participate in the show. Other individuals that have a commonality with woodworking should also be invited to participate in the annual show.

Frank Koch and Bob Pedigo were planning to look into the club banner that was approved for purchasing at the last monthly meeting.

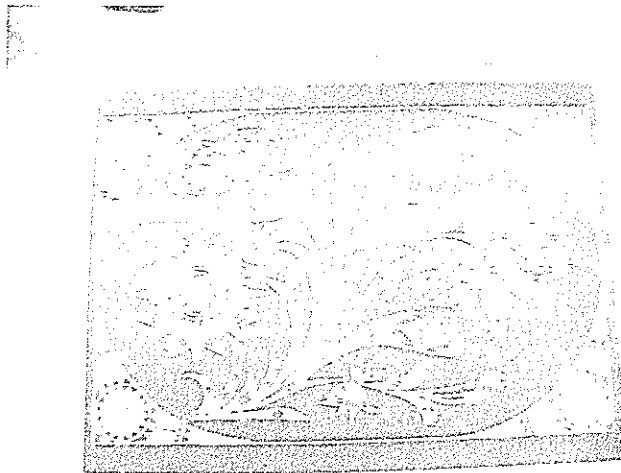
It was noted that Klaes Welch would be putting together the next newsletter for the club. Club members were again encouraged to submit any pictures, articles, drawings, etc., that would benefit the club members to be used in the newsletter. The newsletter is an outreach for the club and is a benefit for all club members. The more information provided via the newsletter, the better it is for all who use it.

Ron Holtz provided the woodcarving for the monthly exchange. Bob Pedigo won the exchange and is now responsible for providing the carving to be given away at the April monthly meeting.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.
Warren Schlecht, Secretary

Spring Carving Class—Chip Carving with Barry McKenzie

The spring carving class with Barry McKenzie was April 1 & 2, 2006. The class was full.



Barry McKenzie's example

Shorebird Due Date

Shorebirds carved by the Flickertail Woodcarvers will be on display at the Bismarck Public Library in September and October of this year. If you wish to have your shorebird included, it must be delivered to Frank Koch by August 15. If you have not selected a shorebird, please check the Flickertail Woodcarving Website for shorebirds that have not been selected.

Flickertail Woodcarving Website

Thanks to Steven Durow the Flickertail Woodcarvers have a website. The website address is: www.flickertail.org. Check the website for club schedule and pictures of various carving shows. If you have pictures to share send them to Steve. It is most convenient if the pictures are in digital format. The Flickertail Woodcarvers appreciate Steve's generous effort.