

The Curling Chip

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Review of Flickertail Woodcarvers Activities in 2011

Flickertail Woodcarvers were very busy during 2011. The following are some of the activities that were sponsored by Flickertail Woodcarvers or activities in which the club participated, other than Whittle-Ins and monthly meetings.

1. Carved Snow Snakes for Highland Acres Elementary School.
2. Taught beginning woodcarving for the public (during the fall season)
3. Taught beginning woodcarving class for the art classes at Bismarck High School (2 sessions) and St. Mary's High School (1 session).
4. Conducted woodcarving session for local Boy Scouts so they could earn a woodcarving badge.
5. Non local classes taught: Bobcat carving and painting class in Jamestown for the Jamestown "Wood Chippers", Wolf Head bust carving and painting class for the Wahpeton Woodcarvers Weekend, American Avocet shorebird carving and painting class for the Devils Lake "Lake Region Woodcarvers", two classes on carving and finishing diamond willow walking sticks for the North Dakota Game & Fish department "Becoming an Outdoor Woman" program at Bottineau. Caricature Face Shelf Supports class in Regina, MB
6. Conducted woodcarving classes in Jamestown and Devils Lake.
7. Offered a Carousel Animal class (12 participants) taught by Larry Longtine from Minnesota.
8. Offered an Outline Relief class (14 participants) taught by Rick Harney from Illinois.
9. Offered a Stylized Yellow Legs shorebird class taught by Wayne Hankel from North Dakota.
10. Various club members did woodcarving demonstrations at the "Corn-Feed" at Buckshot Junction, the Capitol Affair, and Bismarck Public Library Reading Day at the Heritage Center, Art-In-Motion at the Kirkwood Mall, Apple fest at Buckshot Junction, at the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora, Edgewood Vista, and Valley View (2 sessions).
11. Provided an exhibit of North Dakota Songbirds (39 entries), at the Buffalo Museum in Jamestown (they will be there until March 2011). Then to Harold Schafer Museum in May 2011, to James Art Center in Williston in July. The birds have now been returned to their owners.
12. Provided an exhibit of an "Old West Town" (23 pieces), at the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora until may, at Bowman Museum until October,

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- and is currently at the Hjemkomst Museum in Moorhead Minnesota.
13. Provided an exhibit of Wildfowl (mostly shorebirds) at the Schafer Museum in Medora. They continue to be on display.
 14. The club purchased a digital movie camera and projector with a built in DVD player and microphone.
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Minutes

November 19, 2011

Flickertail Woodcarving Club Monthly Meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 am

Ron Torgeson provided the carving for the morning. The carving was a Gift Bearing Santa carving.

President Doug Emerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 12 members present with one visitor in attendance. There were 5 carvers attending the introductory carving class.

Secretary Warren Schlecht read the minutes of the October meeting. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported a checkbook balance of \$2,258 with all bills paid.

Treasurer's report was approved as reported.

Membership chairman Doug Smith reported that a letter concerning club dues will be sent out in the near future. The dues for club membership for 2012 will be \$15.

Programs Chairman Frank Koch reported on several items:

-Negotiations for the cost of using the Doublewood Inn for the 2012 and 2013 show are now finalized. The Doublewood Inn has been reserved for the shows for the next 2 years.

-The brown trout class with Clark Schreibeis is scheduled for April 13, 14, & 15. The cost of the class is \$50. The primary emphasis of the class will be the instruction of setting the fish eyes, painting the brown trout, and the construction of habitat for displaying the carving. If interested in the class, contact Frank Koch.

-In conjunction with the class with Clark Schreibeis, Bob Pedigo will be providing additional instruction on the carving, scaling, and placing of the fins on the brown trout. He will be providing a class on Saturdays, January 14 and 28 at his place. The cost of the class will be \$20. Contact Bob if interested in participating in the class.

-The Christmas Party will be held at the Doublewood Inn on Thursday, December 8. The cost of the supper is \$15/person. Social Hour will start at 5:30 with dinner to start at around 6:00. A gift exchange for carvers and non-carvers will be held. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift that evening.

-The Western Town will be taken to Moorhead, Minnesota, for display until April or



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May, 2012. There are other cities that have shown interest in displaying the Western Town display, also.

President Doug Emerson reminded the club members that election of officers is scheduled for February, 2012. If interested in running for a particular office, let a member of the nominating committee know. The committee consists of Bob Pedigo, chairman, and Jim Lindseth and Warren Schlecht.

Newsletter Editor Klaes Welch informed the club he wants to have a newsletter ready to send out shortly after Thanksgiving. He again asked for pictures, articles, or projects that are newsworthy and can be printed in the newsletter. If you wish to contact Klaes via email, he informed us that his email address is now klaeswelch1@gmail.com

Bob Pedigo reported he has purchased 3 tarps for a cost of \$96. The tarps are 12' X 15' in size. They can be used by the club during public carving activities.

Librarian Ed Ryen reported that the library update has been completed. A listing of the library contents will be submitted to the club website in the near future.

A supply of club pamphlets is needed for future club activities at public functions. Ron Holtz moved and Jim Lindseth seconded the motion to purchase 100 pamphlets for the club. Bob Pedigo will work on the order.

The club members were reminded about cleaning up the carving area after the whittle-ins. Wood chips are easily scattered throughout the church area and we should continue to be cognizant about scattering woodchips.

There were no carvings for show and tell.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary



Frank Koch



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Larry Longtine



NOTE: I found this web site while doing work on the newsletter. Very good comments.

<http://www.woodcarvingillustrated.com/forum/f59/flickertail-woodcarvers-42684/>



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Spiral Brass Tube for Carousel

I searched the Internet to find spiral brass tubes for the carousel horse that I carved during Larry Longtine class last spring. I did not find any spiral brass tubing, but I found a site that another person was searching for the same thing and Jack responded to her. So I email Jack and his method is list below. I modified a plumber's pipe cutter and made a spiral tube. It works great.

Hi Doug,

My method is to make them with a homemade tool "fabbed" from a plumbers tubing cutter. The tubing cutter is modified by removing the two rollers and replacing them with a wood block (maple, oak, or other hardwood). The wood block has a v-groove carved in at a 45degree angle.

The brass tubing is chucked up in a variable speed drill, placed in the v-groove. The cutter wheel is clamped tight. Rotating the brass tubing with the electric drill will create a spiral groove along its length.

This method takes some practice, so be prepared to have some scrap until you get the feel for how much pressure to put on the cutter wheel and how fast to rotate the tubing.

Attached is a sketch of how I modified the tool.

Happy carving,

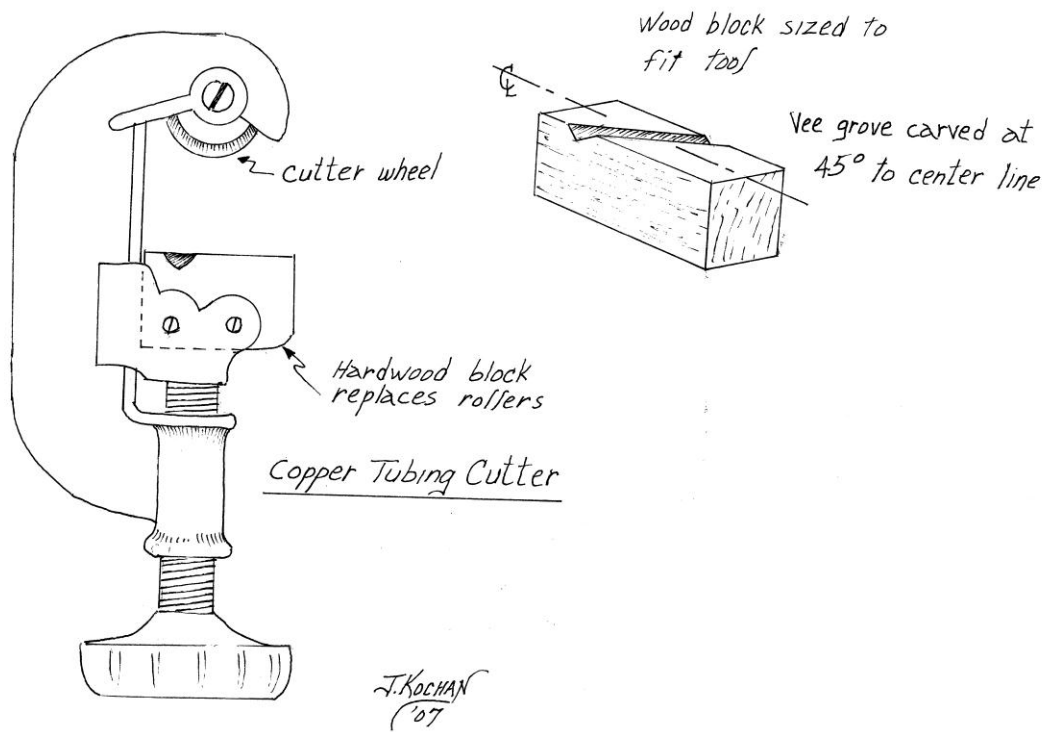
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Please note: Below the dates were changed for the Clark Schreibeis Air brush a Brown Trout class (April 20, 21, 22) and the Red River Woodcarving Show in Fargo (April 14 & 15).

DATE	EVENT	SUBJECT	HOST
Tues. Dec. 6	Whittle-In, 7-9 pm	Xmas Ornament	Ron Holtz
Sat. Dec. 17	Monthly meet 9-11	Bring extra ornament blanks to share	Club
Tues. Jan 3	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Project TBA	
Sat. Jan 14	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	Snow Snakes	Club
Tues. Feb 7	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Love Spoon	Frank Koch
Sat. Feb 18	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	Hand Carved Cross	Warren Schlecht
Tues. Mar 6	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	TBA	Mitch Olson
Sat. Mar 17	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	TBA	Troy Frieze
Tues. Apr 3	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Wood burning	Doug Emerson
Sat-Sun Apr 20-22	Air Brush Class	Brown Trout	Clark Schreibeis
Sat. Apr 14	Monthly Meet	TBA	
Sat. Sun Apr 14-15	Woodcarving Show	Fargo, Red River	Doublewood Inn
Tues. May 1	Whittle-In	TBA	



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