



# Rochester Woodcarvers Rochester, Minnesota

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Newsletter for July 2009

Wooden you know it?

How's your wood doing? Dried out yet? Got any new carvings to share? We have some good venues this summer, which will allow you to show off the great stuff we do and also to show how we do it! Come along and put some of your carvings in the shows this summer -- and demonstrate how to wield a safe wood tool. Folks love to watch us whittle!

**Olmsted County Fair:** The Fair this year is July 27-Aug. 2, 2009. Plan to participate and contribute. If you cannot take your carving to the fairgrounds, call Bev Stupka (288-8543) and see if she can take it out for you (nice service, Bev! Thanks!). Add some of your carvings to our display case, and come out to sit and carve/demonstrate. We really need some more folks to help set up the display. It takes very little time, but that time is quite valuable to the club! Help move tables and set up the display case, help arrange the items to be shown, stand around and cheer the workers. The more who participate, the easier setup will be, and the faster. Please call Mike Snyder (292-9650) to find out when, how and where to meet him. Participate!

**Artigras:** This arts fair will take place on Aug 22. It will be a great exposure for the club. You can participate by coming to demonstrate and bringing 1 or 2 carvings for our display. The club will have a table there; Randy and Laurie are planning to attend. Contact either of them for more information. Participate!

**Festival of Trees 2009:** The theme for this year's tree is *Cabin In The Woods* with a rustic log cabin. There will be a lake on the corner so a carving of a canoe or a boat dock would be appropriate. A swimmer? A campfire? A muskie rig? The committee is looking for carvings for all seasons such a skis, furniture, an outhouse, etc. A bear? Kids doing kid stuff? The scale for the carvings is 1"=1'. Carvings need to be ready by early November, so we can assemble the components and have the tree ready by Thanksgiving weekend. Time to start! Participate!

Have a great summer!

John Gordon, editor