



Rochester Woodcarvers Rochester, Minnesota

Newsletter for September - October 2008

Plan now to attend our next club meeting
Saturday, November 15, 2008
9:00am - 11:00am
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
(Enter the door from the parking lot)
869 7th Ave SE

Our featured presentation for November 15 is:

A History of the Festival of Trees

by

Teresa Thompson of Hiawatha Homes

and

Rochester Woodcarvers Club members

How many years have we been collaborating with Hiawatha Homes in this exciting event? How many trees have we carved? What is the Festival of Trees about anyway? Who is Hiawatha Homes? What kind of trees have we done in the past? Where does Santa live? All these and more questions may be answered in our next meeting! It has become one of our most cherished events as a club. Come learn more this month.

Festival of Trees Entry this year: Santa's Workshop

While we're on the subject, Laurie Reed sends along a plea for more, more, more: More ornaments, more elves, more packages, more carvings, more effort! Let's surprise her with more than she ever dreamed! Bring your surprises to the meeting for all to see.

Notes from the Board

Your Board members are hard at work behind the scenes this fall as we deal with the inevitable changes that happen with time. As we look to the future, we have begun to consider some initiatives to ensuring the club stays on the good foundation which has been laid down by many of you over the last 30+ years. One initiative is to form a standing committee, similar to the Festival of Trees committee, which would oversee our annual show, guided by the club Vice President. This move would spread out the work load, instead of placing it all on the VP. Another initiative, already underway, is to form a Refreshments committee to take over this task from longstanding member Dwayne Schacht, who has now retired from doing it (after no less than 20 years!). Tom Pike has stepped up to be a part of this new committee, assisted by Lyle Bacon. We would like to see a third person join Tom and Lyle to help. Please consider joining this committee, so that we can all be sure the coffee and donuts will be there each time!

The Board has also formed a Nominating Committee that is now at work seeking volunteers for a new slate of officers for next April's election. The committee is looking for candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and at least one new Board member. Please consider serving your club as an officer/Board member starting in 2009. We have one of the best woodcarving clubs in this region by far. With your help, we can keep up the quality level.

Randy Kinnick

Don't forget! Mark your calendar!

2008 Rochester Woodcarvers 33rd Annual Show

March 28-29, 2009

10:00am - 4:00pm each day

Free admission

Olmsted County Fairgrounds - 4H Building

Need a display table? Sign up at the meeting. Or volunteer for a couple of hours at one of our venues, like the raffle table or blank sales. Submit your best carving of 2007/2008 for the People's Choice award.

Reflections: The club has enjoyed some fine meeting presentations in the new season so far. Last month (October) we enjoyed seeing Chris Whillock again, Mr. Carving Magazine himself, giving us his **Carving Magazine Tips & Techniques - Part 2**. Always a welcome presentation. Thanks, Chris! And in September, we watched our own Ev Ellenwood create a wooden human face right before our very eyes! Amazing! Fun watching, Mr. Ellenwood, and always a fine refresher! I'm working on a face now, inspired to try again. Thank you!

Show and Tell
September 25, 2008

Wayne Hendrickson	Bear hunter, Santa made using tramp art slices.
Mike Synder	Photos of carvings in food and pumpkin patch sand.
Tom Pike	Acanthus carving, Santa and elves carvings for donation.
Janet Denn	Mantel clock carving in progress.
Delphine Nelson	Skateboard, 2 backpacks, laptop computer, mouse and elf wrapping packages.
Cheryl Jones	Carved acanthus clock from a class.
Tom Severson	Pierced carved acanthus plate from a class.
Nick Poleschuk	Emu eggshell sculpture.
Laverne Schettl	Cross and flying duck in high relief (carving by one of her instructors).
Steve Murray	Pictures of his carvings and a walking stick.
Gary Berg	Santa's Workshop tree base.

October 18, 2008

Wayne Hendrickson	Pumpkins and cat carvings.
Mike Synder	Dalmatian and a lady carved in fake pumpkins.
Lou VanGalis	Stylized shore bird, and a bear with fish.
Randy Kinnick	Acanthus carving on bread board.
Steve Murray	Mask and 1-cup coffee maker. Gifts from Costa Rica.
Tom Pike	Elf with package carving.
Terry Johnson	Small elf with stump house carvings.
Gary Berg	Santa's Workshop tree base.

Remember to bring your **LIBRARY** books and other check-outs back and trade them in for some more fun reading or patterns for the next month of winter fun. The best woodcarving library around, an amazing treasure of ideas and instructions. Check it out -- literally!

Happy Carving!
John Gordon, editor