



# Rochester Woodcarvers Rochester, Minnesota

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Newsletter for April - May 2009

Plan now to attend our meetings in the fall, as we enter a new carving season. Our first meeting for the 2009/2010 season will be

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

9:00am - 11:00am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

(Enter the door from the parking lot)

869 7th Ave SE

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Our May meeting was the annual indoor picnic and auction, which celebrates the end of another successful and enjoyable carving season. Good food, good show-and-tell (see below), and a successful auction. New friends and members joined the club this season; great carvings were enjoyed in show-and-tell offerings; and our speakers and presenters showed us some new ideas and skills. Great season, don't you think?

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For our April meeting, we held the annual "interest stations." Interest stations were hosted by:

Bob Nowicki, demonstrating power carving

Terry Johnson, demonstrating how he carves his tiny caricatures

David Susag demonstrating how he creates his shrink boxes

Randy Kinnick demonstrating how he carves letters in wood.

Thanks, guys. Isn't it amazing how many great carvers we have in our club? World-class, to my thinking.

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In our March meeting, Shawn Bakken presented a nice talk on the **Display and Presentation of Your Work**. Thanks, Shawn. Good ideas, nice work, good presentation.

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Your club officers and board of directors did a fine job this year, don't you think? Each one put in lots of work and hours of thought to bring you great meetings and attractions. Thanks to each one of them!

#### **Board Members/Officers for 2008-2009**

President	Randy Kinnick
Secretary	Nick Poleschuk
Treasurer	Ron Bymers
Member	Gary Berg
Member	Bob Nowicki
Member	Laurie Reed
Member	Nancy Borson

Member	John Rownd
Librarian	Dave Ridge
Newsletter	John Gordon
Website/ Advertising	Tom Severson

Here are your newly- and duly-elected officers for 2009/2010:

President	Laurie Reed
Vice President	Mike Snyder
Treasurer	Jan and Bill Kittley
Board Member	Terry Johnson

Congratulations! And thanks for accepting these working posts. We all count on you heavily, and we sit back and bask in the glory of your hard work. Looks like a good year coming!

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**President's Note:**

*Happy Summer to all of you!*

*Well, summer, I think, is finally here, and I hope you are enjoying your sun-filled days. Let's hope there are more to come; but it is a bit chilly right now.*

*As we think about the carving season, we have many different things to work on this summer. Many of you are going to classes, which I hope to hear about in Sept. We can get a good start carving for the festival of trees with the theme "A Cabin in the Woods." The Olmsted County Fair is coming up around the end of July. Set-up for the fair is July 26th and tear-down is Aug 2nd. If you are unable to help set up but want some of your carvings displayed, please contact Bev Stuptka. She will be happy to get the carvings to the fair grounds. There is also Artigras on Aug. 22 from noon to 7 pm at Mayo Park. Anyone is welcome to come and carve at our table. I will have John send out reminders along the way, with times to set up and tear down. I hope to see some of you around the town this summer.*

*Take care, be safe and God Bless.*

*Laurie Reed*  
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Laurie asks that we spend the summertime whittling and thinking about ideas for the next **Festival of Trees** entry. The theme for next season's tree is **A Cabin in the Woods**. The scale is 1"=1'. That brings to mind many fun carving ideas!

She also says, "We need people thinking of someone they have seen demonstrate carving or have a unique way to do some particular carving or working with wood. Ask them if they would be interested and get a card and phone number, or e-mail, so we can contact them. Let one of the board members know of this person, so the board can decide if there is enough interest." Your board does a great job selecting good presentations, but they really, really need and want your input and ideas.

**Olmsted County Fair:** Laurie reminds that the fair is coming! (I can hear the 76 Trombones leading the parade as I write!) The Fair this year is July 27-Aug. 2, 2009. Plan to participate and contribute. Contact Bev Stupka for more details on how you can help out. Add some of your carvings to our display case, and come out to sit and carve/demonstrate. It's easy and fun and pretty light duty! But it generates lots of interest and even new members. Many new members of the carving classes say they saw us first at the fair.

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**Festival of Trees 2009:** Delphine Nelson reminds us that 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 and a dock would be appropriate. The committee is looking for carvings for all seasons such a skis, furniture, an outhouse, etc. The scale for the carvings to be used with the cabin is 1"=1'. Auction of the tree is probable again this year. Carvings need to be ready by early November, so we can assemble the components and have the tree ready by Thanksgiving weekend. So, start the mental planning and blank prep soon!

**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, and Randy and Laurie are planning to attend. Contact either of them for more information.

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Mark your calendar! **Rochester Woodcarvers 34th Annual Show**  
March 20-21, 2010  
10:00am - 4:00pm each day  
Olmsted County Fairgrounds - 4H Building  
Rochester, MN

Now is a good time to plan to attend, and design your entries for the show. Submit your best carving of 2009/2010 for the People's Choice award. How would you like to help out? A visit to our web site might inspire you and provide some ideas or plans.

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**Show and Tell:** Here are the member's carvings on display in our last three meetings.

**March 21, 2009**

Kathy Ward	Carved Napkin holder with Rooster
Mike Weeldreyer	Carver Dog
Nick Poleschuk	Goose eggshell carving
Steve Kuehn	A thank-you for Myron Schettl's donation to the Merit Badge Fair
Chuck Johnson	Carved sledder and his wife in a chair.
Bob Nowicki	Barefoot Santa holding Ev's book
Don Buske	Carved pig gondola and balloon
Norm Busta	Example patterns for his fish carvings
Mike Snyder	Puzzle on a stick
Wayne Hendrickson	4 carved bears: a nurse, a minister, one with a book, a cheese head
Ione Chase	Carved box with train for auction
Laurie Murray	Tiger cub wood burning, place mat with wood burning
Ted Thorson	2 carved owls and 3 elf Christmas ornaments
Cheryl Jones	Indian she carved at Carve-Fest
Randy Kinnick	Box with leaves carved in from red oak
Irv Miller	Carved walnut hall table with marble top.

**April 18, 2009:**

Lyle Bacon	Wood burning of Jesus
Lou VanGalis	Completed turkey carving started by Mike Wieldreyer
Bob Nowicki	Barefoot Santa holding Ev's Book
John Ahmann	8 caricature carvings
Laurie Murray	A wood burning
Dennis Tooley	Relief carving of SE Arizona
Randy Kinnick	Hollow tree fairy house decorated by Randy's wife.

**May 16, 2009**

Lyle Bacon	Last Supper.
Tom Pike	Cross w/dove chip carving for Camp Victory
Mike Snyder	Pictures of his proposal for a mural to be painted in the skyway
Steve Murray	Dragon walking stick
Kathy Ward	Wolf carving
Randy Kinnick	Picture of a commissioned carving with 4 Chinese Characters.

Nice job, everyone!

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**Have you forgotten to submit your dues for this year?** Join now and keep receiving the newsletter! So far, anyone who requests it may receive this newsletter, either by postal mail or email. Later, as we approach the next carving season, we will need to reduce the number of mailings we currently employ. That means only members will receive the newsletter. Others will be dropped -- not out of anger or angst, nor out of spite, just fiscal necessity. Sorry about that. Pay up or be dropped! Thanks!

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**Web Site:** Have you visited our beautiful web site recently? Try it sometime soon. The web address is always on the letterhead of this newsletter. Photos of the last few annual shows, "Festival of Trees" photos, what a gallery! It holds lots of warm memories!

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The **Cannon River Woodcarvers** invites our members to attend their monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm to 9pm, at the Ivan Whillock Studio, 122 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Faribault, MN. For details, e-mail Chris Whillock at [chris@woodcarverswarehouse.com](mailto:chris@woodcarverswarehouse.com).

Whittle some good wood!  
John Gordon, editor