



Rochester Woodcarvers Rochester, Minnesota

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Newsletter for April 2010

Plan now to attend our two remaining meetings for this 2010 season. Our next meeting will be **Saturday, April 17, 2010**

9:00am - 11:00am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

869 7th Ave SE

Our own Nick Poleschuk will show us how he creates such spectacular carvings using tools far different than most of us have.

Engraving by Nick Poleschuk

Our March meeting was our 34th annual show at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds. Results are shown below. Great Show! Thanks, everyone!

A Note from Our President:

What a good show! Wish I had been there! Thanks everyone, for all you do for this great event. Let's finish off the season with some good carving and some good Show-N-Tell items at our April and May meetings. I hope to see you all there! Bring friends! Join a class. Teach a class. Thank you again!

[Laurie Reed](#)

Here's Mike Snyder on our 34th Annual Rochester Woodcarvers Show: Take it, Mike!

Well, another show has wrapped up. I think people will agree that it was a success. I have pulled together some information about the show for your reading enjoyment:

The Raffle: We had a new record for number of raffle items - 48 of them! (I would not wish this number to increase much more. It takes long enough to do the drawing as it is.) We sold 1651 raffle tickets. The ticket sales reflected the smaller crowd that we had on Sunday (896 on Saturday and 755 on Sunday).

I have done a little bit of digging through old records. ~~Included here is a chart showing how many raffle tickets we have sold over the last 14 years.~~ **Ooops! Next time. ed**

I counted the tickets in *all* of the raffle bags. (This was a time consuming activity that I don't recommend in the future.) I did come up with the following information.

Top 5 Raffle Items (by Ticket Count)

Tickets	Item	Donor
134	Chip Carved Box w/ red lining	Walt Grittner
122	Walking Stick	Gary Berg
83	Cribbage Board	Darwin Krueger
72	Box with green lining	Randy Kinnick
64	Bark carved Castle	Gen Jansen

Tom Severson has posted his usual beautiful photos of these and all the other raffle items on the web site.

Blanks/Cutouts: We sold \$195 in blanks. Along with other donations, a couple of people kindly provided some partial and fully carved blanks. Among them, a stylized bird was divided into 4 quadrants, each showing a different degree of carving – very instructive. These were very helpful because people could recognize the project quickly. We will need to replenish our stock by next year. More on that and some other improvements in a future newsletter.

People's Choice: Tom Severson listed the People's Choice winners concisely on our web page, so I will just quote him. "For 2010, Steve Murray won first place for his man reading a book, Gary Berg won second place for his two men talking at the Blarney Pub, and Scott Mogren won third place for his trio of woodburned crappies."

In General: Excluding the Raffle and Blanks tables, we had 39 people or groups with tables at the show; with a total of 46 show tables. Our direct expenses for the show were about \$950. This leaves about \$900. This is where we get our operating money to do things like: purchase the tree for the Festival of Trees, make a donation for our meeting room, pay for out of town speakers, mail the newsletter, etc.

Miscellaneous Tidbits: Two people won 2 raffle items each.

There were 5 raffle tickets sold that were not placed in any bag.

All stylized bird blanks were sold.

For our pot-luck, we used 141 plates and 96 forks, but ended up with 38 more spoons than we started with. (?)

There was a young boy that begged his mother to buy just ONE raffle ticket. She finally relented. As the drawing neared the end, his name was called. The mom shouted to him "That's you, that's you!" As the smiling pair walked out with their carving, I asked "did you enjoy the show?" "Yes." "And will you come back next year?" "Definitely!"

Thank You: Many people helped to make the show a success in both large and small ways. Thank you, everyone!

Mike

Board Members: Our Club Board needs to add two more members to fill all the vacancies. Are you interested? Call or talk to Laurie to express our interest and willingness to serve our club in this manner. Not a huge assignment! Do for your club.

Carving Classes: There will be some nice new classes starting in May. We hope to have a class for everyone. Know anyone who wants to start carving? Know anyone who needs to learn something new? Want to try a different style of carving? Several new wannabes asked me at the show how to get started. Talk to Bev Stupka and/or Laurie Reed at our April meeting. Or call for more info.

Library/Books: After our May meeting, the marvelous carving library will be closed down for the summer. If you have some books checked out, bring them in and exchange them for a new summer reading stack. Be sure to get enough books/magazines/patterns so you won't run out! Be sure to start thinking about and carving on next year's Festival of Trees ornaments.

Mailed Newsletters: If you receive this USPS (snail) mailed copy but usually prefer to go to our website and get news and photos from there, or get your copy via email, let me know

(phone no. 507-289-3805) and I'll take your name off the mailing list. If you haven't paid current dues, I'll likely have to do the same thing! Stamps are costly these days!

Change in Fiscal Year & Dues Due Date: The Rochester Woodcarvers club officers have been working on a change to the club's Constitution and Bylaws to clarify the period of club membership and how dues are to be paid for that membership. Please address any questions, concerns, comments, or approval to our club officers. Read the proposal, think about the impact of the changes, and bring any concerns/alternatives to the club meeting on April 17. If we're ready, we will vote to approve these changes.

March 31, 2010 current wording	March 31, 2010 proposed changes
<p>ARTICLE II. DUES</p> <p>Section 1. The dues for a member shall be determined by the Executive Board.</p> <p>Section 2. Dues are payable the first day of April. Members in arrears shall be dropped from the membership list if dues are not paid by or at the September meeting.</p> <p>Section 3. New members joining after January 1 shall pay dues on a prorated basis based on the number of months remaining in the fiscal year.</p> <p>Section 4. Delinquent dues shall be payable in full for the year.</p> <p>ARTICLE III. THE FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>Section I. The fiscal year shall be from May 1 to April 30.</p>	<p>ARTICLE II. DUES</p> <p>Section 1. The dues for a member shall be determined by the Executive Board.</p> <p>Section 2. Dues are payable by the first day of April November. Members in arrears shall be dropped from the membership list if dues are not paid by or at the September December meeting.</p> <p>Section 3. New members joining after January June 1 shall pay dues on a prorated basis based on the number of months remaining in the fiscal year.</p> <p>Section 4. Delinquent dues shall be payable in full for the year.</p> <p>ARTICLE III. THE FISCAL YEAR</p> <p>Section I. The fiscal year shall be from May September 1 to April 30 August 31.</p>

Show-N-Tell Entries for March, 2010

- Nick Poleschuk 3 Sculpted Leaf Pendants.
- Delphine Nelson Nativity.
- Kathy Ward Relief Carving
- Bob Nowicki 2 Stools, 3 Low Relief Carvings and a Cameo
- Norm Busta Low Relief Carving and a Polar Bear Bust.
- Wayne Hendrickson 2 Caricature Carvings.
- Tom Pike Caroler.
- Ron Amdahl 2 Cedar Cliff Nissae (plural spelling??)
- Neal Graham Woodburning on Bowl.
- Randy Kinnick Carved Box for raffle.
- Jim Waltz Wolf and carved Ribon.
- Kyle Poss Chain.
- Mike Snyder Carved Panther playing with Century High School Fight Song.
- Irv Miller Carved walnut bench.

In Memorium: J. Michael (Mike) Alcorn Feb. 23, 2010

Questions? Comments? Input? Articles? Let me hear from you!
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