



Rochester Woodcarvers Rochester, Minnesota

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Newsletter for May 2010

Our next meeting – the last one for this carving season - will be this next Saturday:
Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:00am - 11:00am

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
869 7th Ave SE

We have a fine *indoor* picnic planned -- we know Minnesota spring weather, don't we! So we have planned a morning of visiting, listening to some good music, a fun show-N-tell, and some good food. Bring some friends and a dish to share and come enjoy this last morning of fellowship with your fellow carvers. Wood carver and member Walt Lange will be with us, squeezing his button box!

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:

Just a letter of Thanks to all of your Board members for doing such a great job this season. I believe we have accomplished so much this past year. I feel like we have progressed in new ideas and purchases to make our club always better. I am proud of what we have accomplished in these past 9 months. Our programs were outstanding, and the carving projects shown in Show-N-Tell were fun and well done.

Our first carving class with a nationally-known, invited guest was a hit. Fred and Elaine Stenman taught their popular relief and pyrography class at the Racine MN community center. The class was filled, and we all finished at least one project to take home. Hope we can see some of those when we meet on Saturday!

New Board members: John Rownd graciously accepted another term. Thanks, John. You're a great contributor. Kathy Ward has agreed to try board membership too. Thanks, Kathy! I am so glad we have her coming on board. You can always find the list of board members on our website. Stay in touch with them.

Do any of you have a wish for a specific speaker or topic of interest? Please let your board members know, and we'll try to accommodate your interests into our next season. Any good topic of interest to our

craft will be interesting to consider! Don't be shy; don't let the Board make all the choices or do all the work. Be active and have fun in your club. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

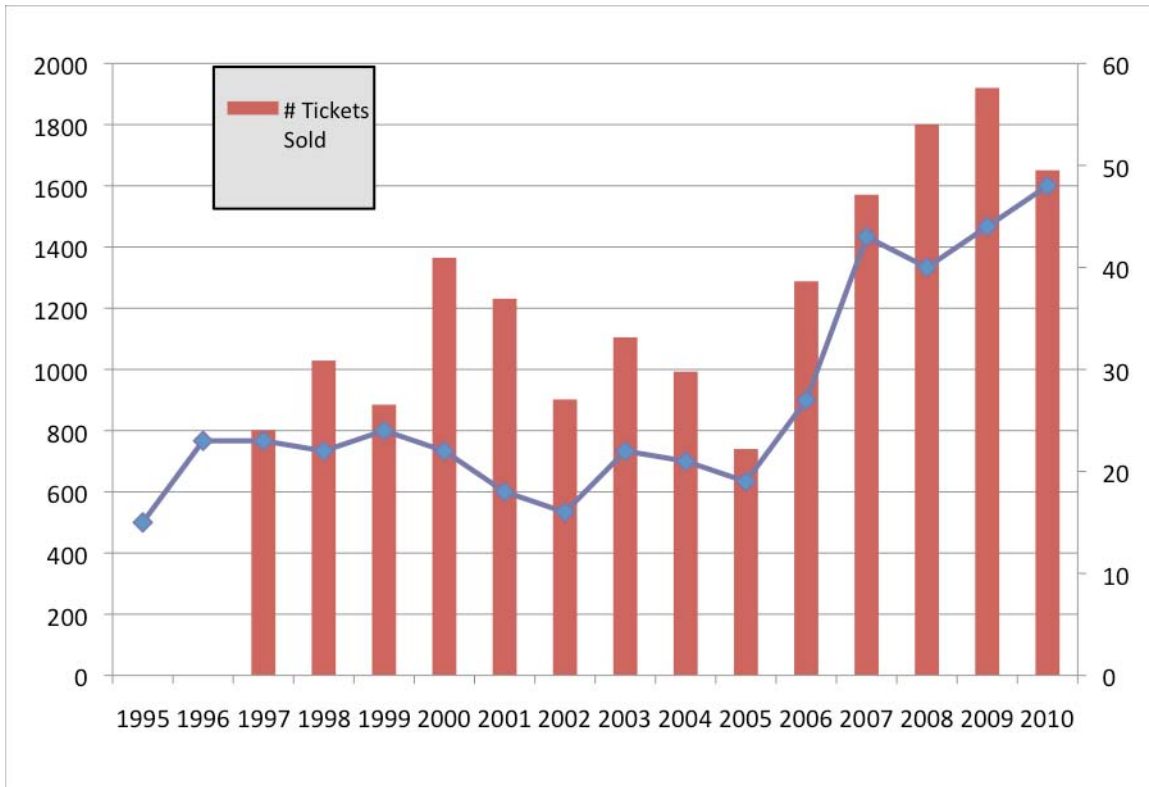
What are you going to do this summer to further your carving repertoire? I have some brochures on the summer Carvefest in Faribault, if you are interested. Be sure to include the Festival of Trees in your summer projects. The theme is A Cabin in the Woods. Carve anything this summer you enjoy carving for this next tree project. More details can be found on our website.

Speaking of website, we have an amazing and well done website! Thanks to Tom Severson for this powerful statement of who we are and what we do! It's great!

Thanks to all of you for all you do for our club! See you Saturday!

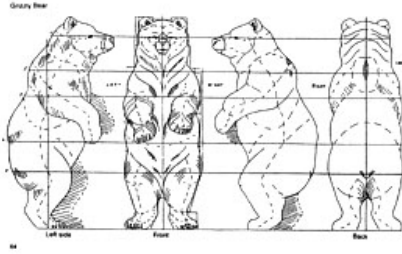
Laurie Reed

Mike Snyder has studied the history of our annual shows and provided us some interesting statistics. I (editor) included some last month, but dropped a stitch (an old carving term, I think) and left out the tally of raffle tickets sold over the years. So I am recalling those data for this newsletter, even if I have to add a third sheet of paper. The red bars show the number of tickets sold each year; and the blue line shows the number of raffle items donated. Mike says it is a huge and time-consuming task to count all of the tickets; maybe we can plan to do it another way next year. Such information is valuable historical data.

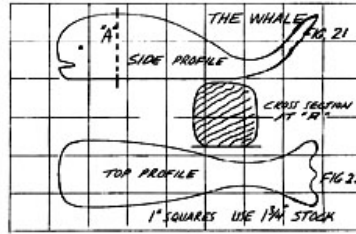


Blanks For Sale: In addition to the raffle (which pays for our show costs each year), our blanks sales make a little change to spend on wood and materials too. The Board feels that we could enhance that activity, if we had some dedicated volunteers. We cut out the blanks, little items that make good practice projects for beginners or gift items for kids and grownups. We need more blanks, and we need at least one of each type carved -- to show how to do it.

It's not a hard job, can be done anytime before the Big Show, costs very little -- but does consume some time. If you are interested, here are some ideas from Mike Snyder:



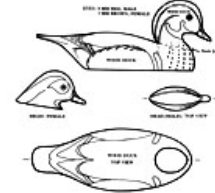
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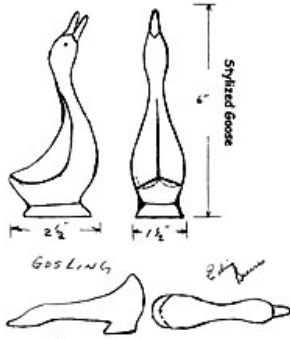
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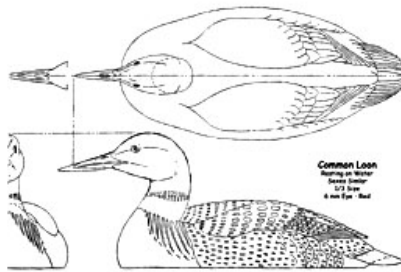
Wood Duck
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 Body: 1 1/2 High x 1 1/2 Wide



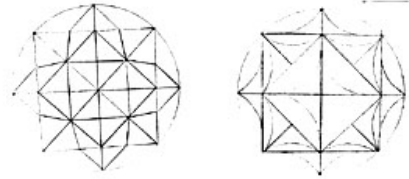
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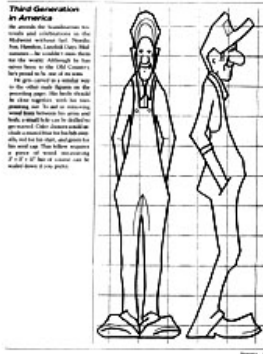
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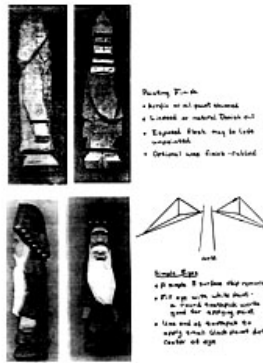


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Nisse
 An early New Year's custom, the Nisse, the Norwegian version of the German Christkind, is a little boy with a long beard and a pointed hat. He is dressed in a long coat and a hat. He is a little boy with a long beard and a pointed hat. He is a little boy with a long beard and a pointed hat.



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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 May meeting. Or call for more info. Check the website too.

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.

Change in Fiscal Year & Dues Due Date: The Rochester Woodcarvers Club has voted to change our Constitution and Bylaws to clarify the period of club membership and how dues are to be paid for that membership. Please go to our website if you want to review that change. In effect, dues are now due at the start of each carving season -- in September -- and are delinquent in October. Dues are still the same cost per family.



Show-N-Tell Entries for April, 2010:

Steve Murray	Diamond Willow Fence Posts used as Walking stick and Nome's Habitat.
Kathy Ward	Snowman
Orland Thoreson	Cottonwood Bark House
Chuck Johnson	Carving of his wife and himself.
Mike Snyder	4 - 6 piece Rectangular Burr Puzzles. Handout with instructions for making your own 6 piece Burr Puzzle.
Tom Pike	10 Netsuke purchased on the internet.

In Memoriam:

Frieda Augusta Carter, April 17, 2010, at age 98.
Harlen Fiek, May 10, 2010, at age 86.

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