

# The Curling Chip    May 2020

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Since we didn't have a spring class, May's newsletter is very short. We are looking forward to the summer picnics. We should be able to meet using social distancing, hand sanitizer and bringing our own food. It will be a joy to see people again. And it appears that some of the summer events may go forward. Examples are Capitol Affairs, and Blue Grass Turns Pink (the cancer concert at Cross Ranch) both of which may be taking place. We also know that our library display will still happen and our annual October show will take place as well. It will be interesting to see various places opening up and people coming out of seclusion. Thanks to Dale and Eric G for the photos and and Becky B for arranging the two zoom video

conferences. For questions or future articles send your info to Tom/Diane Turck at [tdturck@bis.midco.net](mailto:tdturck@bis.midco.net). Stay Safe! Newsletter Team: Tom Turck and Diane Lehman Turck



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## Event Calendar

Meetings and Whittle-Ins are held at the Fellowship Hall in Trinity

Lutheran Church, 502 N 4<sup>th</sup> St Bismarck

Summer – June, July and August at Sertoma Park, **Shelter #5**

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| May 1 – 3, 2020               | Spring Carving Class by Rick and Cathy Brereton                        |
|                               | <del>Rustie Loon</del> Postponed to Spring 2021                        |
| May Virtual Meeting:          | Zoom meeting May 2 at 7:30pm   |
| May 19, 2020                  | Zoom meeting Whittle-In, 7-9 PM<br>Project by Becky Barnes - Jackalope |
| June 16, 2020                 | Brown Bag Picnic Sertoma Park <b>SHELTER #5</b><br>5:30 – 7 or 8:00 PM |
| <del>June 26 – 28, 2020</del> | <del>Wahpeton Carving Weekend</del> Unfortunately Canceled             |
| July 21, 2020                 | Brown Bag Picnic Sertoma Park <b>SHELTER #5</b><br>5:30 – 7 or 8:00 PM |
| July 25, 2020?                | Blue Grass goes Pink at Cross Ranch                                    |
| August 1 - 2, 2020            | Capital A'Fair at Capital Mall   |
| August 18, 2020               | Brown Bag Picnic Sertoma Park <b>SHELTER #5</b><br>5:30 – 7 or 8:00 PM |

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## ***Virtual Monthly Meeting for Flickertail Woodcarvers***

***May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Facilitated by Zoom***

Corrections to the Mar-Apr Newsletter: Please be aware that the computer address on Bob Lawrence's announcement of his tool sale was incorrect. The correct address is: OCCTOOLS.COM

Eric G, Becky B, Dale, Bob P, Ron, Tom, Diane, Cliff, Doug E, Clara, Warren and several more people were at the zoom meeting. About 12 people were present in all, although not all at one time.

Certain parts of a typical meeting were followed.

**Guests:** Bob P, and Diane and Tom's house cats stopped by. Becky B's daughter, Nuala, popped up in front of and behind the scenes at times to see what was going on.

**Cancer Hearts:** Warren reminded us to keep making hearts when we have a chance. Eric G has shown some of the ones he made recently on Facebook.

**Secretary's Report:** Diane gave a review of March's minutes mentioning that Bob P had completed the tally of the treasurer's books and they are fine.

**Treasurer's Report:** Warren says there is \$6341 in our account with only the rent for the church outstanding. Warren and Eric G are working on a direct deposit method of banking for the future.

**Next Meetings:** On May 19<sup>th</sup> we will have an on line meeting like this with Becky B's *jackalopes*. She has templates with horns (male) and without (female).

For our summer picnics, instead of grilling and potluck, everyone can bring a brown bag supper. That will help with social distancing as we celebrate getting to visit while being careful how close we are to each other. Remember this year we are in **SHELTER #5**.

**Membership:** N/A.

**Property:** N/A.

**Library:** N/A.

**Publicity:** Becky W would like to have **prize commitments** for the annual show to get the tickets printed **in time for sales**. She just needs commitments; the prize doesn't need to be finished.

**Historian:** N/A.

**Facebook:** There are new pictures from the Virtual Meeting, plus, Eric G is taking a carving partner with him to work every day. Check out Facebook to see who is sitting next to him daily.

**Website/Instagram:** N/A.

**Buckstop Junction:** N/A.

**Annual Woodcarver's Show:** is still on track to be held. Doug E discussed the noon meal on Saturday and Sunday. We opted for Dan's to cater. **Vic Head, who will be teaching our Master Class does realistic carvings.**

**Programs:** Cancelled for now. We will see how summer progresses.

**Old Business:** 1) The **Knives of March** was enjoyed by all who attended it.

2) The **Bismarck Public Library** Display: Bob P is working with the Library for an **Aug, Sept, and Oct display on spoons**. He and Warren are assembling some graphic posters to be used with the exhibit.

**Show and Tell:** Eric G said that one of the purposes of the meeting was to bring Show and Tell items, and most of the attendees did. Eric brought two carved toilet paper rolls, seeing as how toilet paper or the hoarding of it has been the subject of many news articles of late.

Becky B showed the pteranodon house she and Nuala have been crafting. It even has a balcony. Nuala is doing some shop projects for school so she doesn't get bored. Becky also has a screen that her husband got as a gift from Asia.

Ron has a distinctly grumpy looking comfort bird. He thinks it's a type of owl. It looks more like an owl than anything else I think. Becky thinks it looks like a South American potoo.

Warren's friend asked him to carve a cardinal, so he did but then carved one for himself.



**Becky B modeling her daughter's pteranodon house**



**Becky B in front of Oriental Screen**





**Eric's toilet paper - right is the last roll, left is the end of the roll**



**Ron and his comfort bird**



### **A more pleasant looking fellow than Ron's owl**

Bob P has been carving mammals instead of birds. He realized he hadn't carved a mountain lion and set about to create it. The log and animal are out of one piece of wood. The lion is paying attention as he paces along the log. Then Bob began to work on a Desiree Hajny fox. Her creatures are always so delightful to see. Now, however, that it's warming a bit, Bob has started to pay more attention to his garden.

Doug E fashioned a cozy little bark house on a rock foundation. He also finished an older project from Dale Green, the cowboy known as "Trail Boss," with a confident, upright, sort of bowlegged stance.

Dale made a thin older style canoe paddle, but spent time, of course, with his chainsaw. He made a large, deep bowl nicely formed in a teardrop shape. He created an eagle feather and then changed it a bit to produce a hawk feather instead.

**Announcements:** We have 25 Travel mugs (\$15) and 2 Knives (\$35), numerous Patches (\$3), and Stickers (\$1) for sale. In addition, we have really cool business cards with Flickertail Facebook pictures on the back for free! (Free advertising and interesting as well).



**Bob's mountain lion on a log**



**Doug with his bark house**





**Finished template from the past**



**Two of Dale's chainsaw projects**

**Thanks to:** Dale Heglund and Eric Gaasland for the photos

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Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by *Diane Lehman Turck, Secretary*

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### ***May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Whittle-In***

Still in Covid-19 lockdown, we had a “zoom” virtual meeting which Becky B arranged. Our project was the **jackalope** carving that Becky had proposed for the meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. That meeting was the first one called off for Covid-19. At the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, about 12 people attended at different times. It was nice to visit with everyone. Even Clara was there since she hadn’t been a snow bird this winter. Doug E and Bob F were visiting each other and so appeared together in the same frame. Eric was there for about the first half hour. He’s been working on hearts. Tom and I came after the first half hour or so. We are trying to sell our RV and someone came by to take a look at it. Only a couple of people brought things to show, but I didn’t have a camera to record them. There were good conversations, and with zoom, you get to hear them all instead of just the ones at your table which is different than normal. About 9pm, everyone still there said their goodbyes and we ended the meeting.

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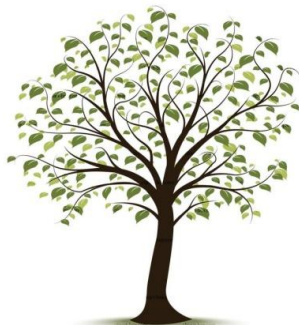
### ***John Opp***

John Opp died on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Sanford Hospital. He was a long time woodcarver and a good friend to many in Flickertail Woodcarvers. There was a Whittle-In on the first and third Thursdays at Edgewood Vista to make it possible for John to carve with other members of the club when he became unable to make Whittle-Ins at the church. He had been a valued member since the 1980s serving as the Flickertail president in the past. During the summer, he came to the potluck gatherings at Sertoma when he could. His career as a social worker was appropriate since he enjoyed helping people.

Services for John will be held June 19<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church at 10:30am. Family and friends may gather one hour before. Burial will be at the Glen Ullin City Cemetery at 12:30pm.

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## *Monthly Summer Whittle-In at Sertoma Park*



### *Come Out & Play Staying Socially Distanced Apart*

**Location:** Sertoma Park Shelter #5 (Please note the different shelter).

**Date:** June 16, July 21, and August 18

**Time:** Around 5:30pm - 7 or 8pm: Come when you can, leave when you have to go.

**Chairs:** A lawn chair will help keep everyone socially distanced.

**Food:** Due to Covid-19, please bring your own food and utensils. You can bring hand-sanitizer, but there will be some available as well.

**Drink:** Bring your own. It is a public park, so no alcohol, and no glass drinking bottles. Anything else is fine.

**Projects:** We always can use hearts for the Cancer Center. In general, though, bring something you want to work on. It can be carving, painting, or other activities like sewing, beading etc. If you're between projects, you can always pull out one from that 1/2 finished pile that everyone has.

**Requirements:** Bring yourself. Bring your wife, husband and/or friend. Everyone is welcome. We will try to practice social distancing, and everyone is encouraged to bring a mask. Come to relax and have fun. Laugh, converse with friends, eat, do some carving or crafting, learn a little, even play on the nearby swings.