

The Curling Chip November/December 2020

FLICKERTAIL WOODCARVERS

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Despite Covid-19, the Flickertails have been having twice monthly well attended Whittle-Ins. All members wear masks and spread out among the many tables. Our annual Christmas party this year will be virtual and we are looking for a date in February to have it. Good job on the Memory Hearts and Snow Snakes. In November Warren Schelcht's had spiral icicles for his project and Becky B's extra project was Yule Goats. Man-In-The-Moon Santas were the subjects for December December 19th. Be sure to read Doug Emerson's history on Memory Hearts. Thanks to all the Flickertail members who helped out with this

newsletter. For questions or future articles send your info to Tom/Diane Turck at tdturck@bis.midco.net. Good Carving! Newsletter Team: Tom Turck and Diane Lehman Turck



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Event Calendar

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

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

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Virtual Party

Christmas Party – **TBD**

January 19, 2021

Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Library Spoons Return
Eagle Feather Project by Dale Heglund

February 6, 2021

Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Bob Pedigo, love spoon

February 16, 2021

Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Troy Frieze

March 6, 2021

Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Cliff Orgaard

March 16, 2021

Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Becky Weisgerber

April 3, 2021

Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Dan Bauer

April 20, 2021

Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Bob Pedigo, knife sharpening

April ??, 2021

Fargo Carving Show

April/May, 2021

Spring Carving Class Bison by Bob Pedigo

May 1, 2021 Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Becky Barnes

May 18, 2021 Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Alvin Braunagel

Past Events

June 16, 2020 Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, shelter **5**, 5:30-8 PM
Sack lunch – Public is invited

July 21, 2020 Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, Shelter **5**, 5:30-8 PM
Sack Lunch – Public is invited

August 18, 2020 Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, Shelter **5**, 5:30-8 PM
Grill and Potluck – Public is invited

September 5, 2020 NO MONTHLY MEETING
Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend!

September 15, 2020 Whittle-In, 7-9 PM TURN IN SPOONS
Project by Eileen Heihn

October 3, 2020 Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Larry Graff

October 20, 2020 Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Tom & Diane Turck

November 7, 2020 Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Warren Schlecht

November 17, 2020 Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Doug Emerson, snow snakes

December 5, 2020 Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Doug Emerson, snow snakes

December 15, 2020 Whittle-In, 7-9 PM
Project by Doug Smith

January 2, 2021 Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
Project by Eric Gaasland

Announcements

The **Flickertail Annual Fall Show** in **October** is scheduled to be held this year, that is **2021** at the Career Academy.

The **Master Carver** from Thursday through Sunday will be **Vic Hood**, who does **realistic carvings**. He was Woodcarving Illustrated 2011 Wood Carver of the Year.

The **weekend carver** will be **Dick Skauge** who was the weekend wood carver in 2018. His fish was enjoyable and we wanted him back.

The **non-woodcarver** for the weekend class will be **Pam Vukelic**. She teaches a method of drawing called **Zentangle**. These easy creations are structured patterns that can mimic mosaics or other beautiful drawings.

The **Spring Carving Class** will be in **May**. The class will be at the Heritage Center. **Bob Pedigo** will be teaching a bison. He has had a lot of practice carving them and the class should be a fun, educational experience. Several people have already signed up.

More information and to sign up now for the Spring Class can be had through Doug Emerson dd_emerson@msn.com or Bob Pedigo bkpedigo@extendwireless.net.

Monthly Meeting Minutes for Flickertail Woodcarvers

November 7th, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church

Eric Gaasland called the meeting to order. There were 14 people present.

Thanks to Warren Schlecht for the spiral icicle ornament. They will look delicate on a Christmas tree or in other decorations.

Guest: None.

Show and Tell: Becky B completed a Garfield Dragon. He is standing doing a happy dance. She also had a crew mate from the space adventure themed game “Among Us.”

Eric T brought an elephant and calf he got from Bob Lawrence, who recently moved from Fargo to Minnesota.

Larry showed two beautiful comfort birds made of different colors of compressed wood.

Bob P displayed his mountain lion ascending a log comprised of one piece of wood.

Secretary’s Report: Diane hit the highlights of the October meeting. Tom motioned and Warren seconded.

Treasurer’s Report: Warren said there is \$8,839 in the account. Diane motioned and Eric T seconded.

Membership: Doug S was unavailable.

Property: Vince said no change.

Library: Cliff was unavailable.

Publicity: Becky W will store the prizes she had collected for the cancelled annual show, and will ask whether the license fees can be applied to next year.

Historian: Clara was unavailable.

Facebook: Eric G and Becky B are working on it. Eric was self quarantining, although he now has a clean bill of health.

Website/Instagram: Becky B suggested that we could have [virtual tables to exhibit our carvings](#) to the public, especially since there is no Fall Show. We could have a main photo or video with a table containing a number of pieces, and then added short videos of specific items that we want to explain. Becky would be able to walk anyone through the process and it would be easy and straightforward. That would give us and our club more exposure.

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Buckstop Junction: Mike was unavailable.

Annual Woodcarver's Show: Was not held this year due to Covid-19.

Programs: The [Spring class](#) in May, 2021 will be taught by Rick and Cathy Brereton, expert carvers from Canada. They will be take us through how to carve a loon.

Memory Hearts for the Cancer Society: Doug E and Dale recalled the history of how we started giving hearts a number of years ago to people for their contributions at the Apple Fest, an event for the Cancer Society. For a discussion of our relationship with the Cancer Society, please see the article immediately following the meeting notes.

Snow Snakes: As most of you know, while memory hearts are a community project, another community project is making snow snakes for two grade school classes each year. Although the snakes are not the project until next time, getting a head start on them is desirable because of the time they take. Therefore, Doug E had a bundle of them which were available to take several home, if you wanted to do so.

New Business: 1) Elections for Property, Membership and Treasurer are coming soon. The [Election Committee](#) will consist of Eric T, Bob P, and Dale. Please

help them out. If you want to be the Property Manager, for instance let one of the committee know.

2) **Virtual Carving Classes.** Eric G has noted one where you receive templates of three birds and the class teaches you how to carve them. Something to think about.

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2) The **Bismarck Public Library** is presenting the Spoon exhibit for at least October, November and December and may extend it a bit longer. It looks very good. We have 71 items, including posters. Thanks to Bob P and Warren for all their work hard.

3) The display at the **Heritage Center** is still up and drawing visitors. They requested we allow it to be in place for awhile longer. There were no objections.

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

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Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by *Diane Lehman Turck, Secretary*

MEMORY HEARTS

Doug Emerson

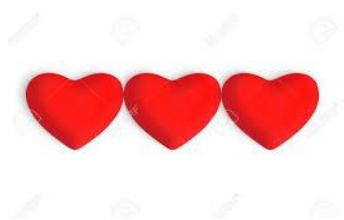
The Flickertail Woodcarvers started carving Memory Hearts in 2012. That first year, members carved over 400 Memory Hearts. The Hearts were a way to raise money for the Bismarck Cancer Foundation. The Bismarck Cancer Center named the carvings “Memory Hearts.” At the Flickertail Woodcarvers’ display table at the Apple Fest during September 22 and 23, 2012, Memory Hearts were displayed along with other carvings. If someone would make a donation to the Bismarck Cancer Foundation, they could pick a Memory Heart.



Frank Koch and Clara Yonker at the Flickertail Woodcarvers’ Apple Fest display table, September 22, 2012.

After that first year, Flickertail Woodcarvers started taking the Memory Hearts to the Bismarck Cancer Center. The Cancer Center would celebrate the completion of a patient’s radiation treatment by having them pick a Memory Heart. As of

2016, the Flickertail Woodcarvers have carved and donated about 1,032 Memory Hearts.



Some of the hearts from the September Campaign to Carve Hearts

Addendum: So far, we have given over 1,500 hearts to the organization. They have a need of about 50 per month, and are expanding their operations to assist more patients, meaning they will want more hearts than before.

Last month Doug collected 96 hearts from our campaign to carve hearts in place of the Annual Fall Show. Doug usually takes donated hearts over to the Society whenever he gets several, or about every other month. Creating Memory Hearts is one of our community projects. Occasionally, other club members take some to the Society as well.

November 7th, 2020 Whittle-In

Warren Schelcht came prepared with a delightful winter project – making spiral icicles. Warren thought we had made these several years ago, and I remember seeing them, but not carving them. He had blanks and directions with how to start. The blank is square and decreases from about an inch on top to a point in about five or a bit more inches. While there is information for using one strand or two, Warren talked us through cutting two strands. First the corners are identified and you measure down the blank $\frac{1}{2}$ " in two beginning corners and then an inch in subsequent corners so that you end with a spiral shape. Most people took a piece of wood and began to cut the chips out of the corners to start the process. As you cut, you hollow out the inside of the icicle and create two strands that appear as the icicle. Especially as you work down the spiral towards the tip, it is necessary to be careful and keep a tube of glue nearby to repair breaks as the ornament becomes more fragile. The finished product can grace the Christmas tree or be part of other Christmas or winter decorations.



The progression of an icicle from blank to almost finished

There were a number of Show and Tell items, all of which were interesting. Becky B brought a dragon whose top half is the cartoon cat Garfield. It is doing a happy dance. She prepared it with a group of friends doing similar craft projects. Then she showed us a creature from “Among Us.” The game is played by four to 10 people and two of them are imposters. Becky’s crewmate comes apart with a magnet. The bottom half contains a bone in the center indicating it is dead. When the bad guys are both defeated, or when the bad guys win, the game is over.

Eric got the elephant and calf from Bob L who didn’t want to work on completing the pair. Eric painstakingly worked out a knot between the two animals and it looks like they will be fine.

Larry’s comfort birds are wonderful to see. The different shades of blue and gold wood on one flow over the bird’s head and highlight the wing. The more muted colors of the other encircle the bird. Ruth has shelves on which to place the comfort birds. These will be a good addition.



Garfield Dragon dancing happily



A cute but possibly nefarious crew member

Bob P had wanted to carve a mountain lion for some time. Having found the right piece of wood, he created the lion climbing a downed tree trunk. The colors on the trunk give the impression that you could see it in the woods. The lion shows musculature along its shoulder and arm as it pays attention to what is in front of it.

Two undertakings that we coordinate with the community came up at the meeting. The first, Memory Hearts, is a year round endeavor. See Doug's article just before this. The second task is creating snow snakes which we do every winter for two Whittle-In sessions. As mentioned, a bundle tied with wire was available for anyone wanting to get a head start before the class.

In addition, Ron T has donated several boxes of cottonwood bark for all of us to choose from. Some of it Dale had in the church, and some of the larger pieces were in his car. We signed a card for him. And finally, along the back wall a series of boxes with wood, decoys and tools for sale from Robert F Johnson who recently passed away. The items were given to us by his son and the proceeds will go into our Memorial Funds.



Eric's elephant and calf



Larry's comfort birds



Bob P's mountain lion



Wood to be fashioned into Snow Snakes



Warren and Diane assessing Ron T's cottonwood bark



Shopping among the Johnson donations An axe head for chain saw carving process

Not exactly a Show and Tell thing, but Dale bought an axe head with a short handle from Tom's son to do chain saw-type carving.

Some of the people working on the icicles made a lot of headway. Becky B nearly finished hers.



An icicle almost complete

November 17th, 2020 Whittle-In

This was a very quiet Whittle-In. Doug E came with the remainder of the pine sticks to be turned into snakes. Nine people arrived. A couple of them, Marlene and Mike, only came to acquire potential snakes and take them home to work on later. Marlene looked over the blanks to choose which ones were the best for making snakes. Mike, too, made a careful choice. Several others brought a few completed snakes. The remainder of the members present settled down comfortably socially distant and began working on snakes.

Becky B brought a number of packets with templates, an explanation of and directions for Yule Goats. Some were butternut and others were basswood. Her insert discussed the history of Yule Goats. Normally made of straw or rough hewn wood, these are finer examples of the normal expression and a very elegant addition to Christmas decorations or trees.

Doug showed us the icicle he carved and painted from the project at the last Whittle-In. He even added a little sparkle.



Mike with sticks to take home; Marlene is in the background



Ron H's snow snakes ready to go



Two snake whittlers



Here are another three whittlers whittling snakes



Yule goat kits in basswood and butternut



A fine looking complete Yule Goat



A lovely two-strand icicle in an ice blue color with sparkle

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December 5th, 2020, Trinity Lutheran Church

Eric Gaasland called the meeting to order. There were 10 people present.

Thanks to Doug Emerson for the hearts and the snow snakes. Thanks to Becky Barnes for the Yule Goat.

Guest: None.

Show and Tell: Becky B had two intarsia creations including an imaginative dimetrodon and an axolotl. The first appears to be a dinosaur with a tall sail running the length of its spine. However, it lived long before dinosaurs in the Permian. The second, an axolotl, is a salamander that never grows up. Finally, not an intarsia, she has a free standing moose with marvelous horns.

Becky has been corresponding with Ray Branch from the Winston-Salem Triad Woodcarvers of North Carolina. He sent a Bottle stopper, some comfort crosses and figures to inspire Hope, a small, under 2 inch x 2 inch, little man, and a patch from his Woodcarving group.

Eric T is pretty much finished with his elephant, and showed a dark brown jackalope. He is just starting to draw a warrior on cottonwood bark. In addition, he donated some lovely carved hearts to the Cancer Society.

At Buckstop Junction Mike is carving a sign for the Memorial field dedicated to Satchel Page that the Lark Baseball Team is sponsoring.

Bob P has created a letter opener with a credible cat for fun, and is carving a French Bull Dog for a friend of his daughter. The dog was a pet that has died. The head is really beginning to resemble a convincing replica of the breed.

Secretary's Report: There were no real items from the last meeting that wouldn't be mentioned in this meeting, and a draft had been sent out. Eric T motioned and Mike seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Warren gave the information to Eric G since he couldn't be here. There is \$9,294 in the account including some dues and \$389 for the Memorial Fund. Mike motioned and Becky B seconded. (See also membership).

Membership: Doug S was unavailable, but Eric G is taking forms for Doug and money for Warren.

Property: Vince is updating forms.

Library: Cliff is working on catching up. It's been quite an eventful year.

Publicity: Becky W will store the prizes she had collected for the cancelled annual show, and will ask whether the license fees can be applied to next year. (repeat)

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Buckstop Junction: See Show and Tell.

Annual Woodcarver's Show: Was not held this year due to Covid-19.

Programs: The [Spring class](#) in May, 2021 may not be held. The course was to be taught by Rick and Cathy Brereton, expert carvers from Canada. We don't know if the restrictions barring Canadians will still be in place this spring. If we can hold the sessions, they will teach us how to carve a loon. (see **Announcement** at beginning of Newsletter).

Snow Snakes: Doug E was collecting snakes that were done. There were quite a few completed. Final date to turn them in is December 15th.

Old Business: 1) Elections for Property Manager, Program Manager and Treasurer are coming soon. At the last meeting Membership was included by mistake

instead of Program Manager as a position up for election. The **Election Committee**, Eric T, Bob P, and Dale, have found that Warren is agreeable to remaining as Treasurer and that Becky W will serve as Property Manager if elected. Program Manager is unknown at this time.

2) **Virtual Carving Classes**. Eric G has noted one where you receive templates of three birds and the class teaches you how to carve them. Something to think about.

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4) The **Bismarck Public Library** is presenting the Spoon exhibit for October, November and December. It looks very good; visit if you haven't. We have 71 items, including posters. Thanks to Bob P and Warren for all their hard work. Our exhibit will be replaced soon by the one in January.

5) The display at the **Heritage Center** is being dismantled. Please call them if they have not contacted you to pick up your property.

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

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Respectfully Submitted by *Diane Lehman Turck, Secretary*

December 5th, 2020 Whittle-In

While there were 10 members for most of the meeting, Ron and Marlene were present at the beginning to turn in the snakes they had taken at the last meeting and finished. For a short while, Eric G was asking Ron about tomtes. Doug E had only one snow snake left that needed to be carved, and Cliff took that to carve. Eric G was finishing one he had taken home last meeting. Some of the rest of us choose hearts to modify for the Cancer Society. Becky B had some of her Yule Goats as well. Everyone worked at their own pace on the projects they had chosen. As usual with our sessions, everyone was socially distanced and wearing masks. It was a nice, laid back session.

Although the group has until December 15th to turn in their snakes, many of them were presented to Doug E today and they are truly interesting. Some have round rattles, others have striations down their bodies, several are undulating and a number have tongues and bright eyes.



Vince working hard on hearts



Eric G starting on his leftover snake



A table of hearts and snakes



An axolotl and a diminutive dimetrodon



A Moose



Comfort Crosses from North Carolina



A figure of inspiration – Hope



A bottle stopper with a human head



A tiny man with a Triad Woodcarvers Winston-Salem North Carolina patch



A mother elephant with her baby



A dark stained jackalope



A cascade of hearts for the Cancer Society

A lot of members present brought items for Show and Tell part of the meeting, and Ray Branch from the Winston-Salem Triad Woodcarvers in North Carolina sent various things from his group. He is very interested in other carving groups, and Becky B has been assisting him in his inquiries and will be sending him one of our patches. First up, though, the intarsia that Becky showed us. One of the two pieces is a stylized dimetrodon. In real life a definite predator, Becky's looks like a friendly cartoon character whose spiny sail down his back is rather wavy. Her axolotl appears life like. The wood even cooperated by providing little marks for its nostrils. Then she also had a carved moose. His horns are large enough that it is reminiscent of an Irish elk.

As I said, Becky has been talking with Ray Branch, a friendly woodcarver from Winston-Salem, NC. Their organization makes comfort crosses and Hope inspiring figures, much like we make Cancer hearts to help others. He also sent a bottle stopper in the shape of a man's head when he heard about Dale's downstairs bar. His group also challenges themselves to carve little creatures under 2 inches square, and he sent a little man. Ray was very interested in our patch, and Becky is sending him one. He sent us one of theirs which can be seen in various photos.

Eric T's elephant and calf are done with minor touches left. He had made a well constructed jackalope stained dark. He has just started to sketch a warrior on cottonwood bark and says that this will be his last warrior or soldier for awhile. He is going to compose less violent subjects in the future. Further, he brought some quite lovely hearts of several kinds of wood. Some of purple heart, some of lilac and several basswood. A few have cutouts of flowers or hearts within the main piece and some have the cutouts attached to another heart.

Buckstop Junction is working to create a "hometown" baseball diamond. The field will be dedicated to Satchel Page. The Larks, Bismarck's baseball team is involved in the celebration of this great player who played semi-pro for the mixed race team in Bismarck in 1935 as well as barnstorming games. Mike will be carving the plaque designating the field.


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Satchel Paige Memorial Field

Another exciting project is the planning for a "hometown" type baseball diamond at Buckstop Junction. The name of the field will be the Satchell Paige Memorial Field. This is the area that Perry Schlosser has begun to level. Terry Bohn, local author, is helping with the project. Terry has written several books about early baseball history in North Dakota; some of his books are for sale at the Vintage Shoppe, priced at \$17.00. Photos of two of Terry's books are shown to the right.

Satchel Paige is considered one of the best ball players in America. He has been inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame. We have a Bobble Head commemorating Satchel in the Bismarck Lumber Museum. This was obtained by Mike Knudson at the Bismarck Municipal Ball Park's celebration by the Larks of Satchel's history in Bismarck. Satchel Paige played baseball in Bismarck for a semi-pro team managed by Neil Churchill in 1935. The mixed-race team won their national championship in a game in Wichita, Kansas. Satchel later played in some barnstorming games at Bismarck.

Ball Field Escrow: Thank you to Mrs. Neameyer for making the initial donation to this fund in memory of her husband, Harold.



Bob P wanted to show two things. First a French Bull Dog that Bob is carving for a daughter of friend whose bull dog had died. Bob used pictures of the dog itself as well as other bull dogs to try to make his carving look as much like the real dog as possible. He looks personable with his perked up ears and the jowls above his mouth. A second item was a delightfully executed letter opener. A cat, its tail wrapped around him is the beginning of the handle. He made the fur look accurate, and it's sitting attentively.

Lastly not so much a Show and Tell, Eric G came with a book about tomte which are little Swedish gnomes. He was showing it to Ron before Ron left. In other Scandinavian countries they go by different names Nisse in Danish or Norwegian, and tonttu in Finnish. They wear bright colored, often red, conical caps and are associated with the winter solstice or Christmas. They are said to protect the family from bad luck or misfortune. Tomte's may be a project in January.



A true representation of a French Bulldog's head



A long haired domestic cat letter opener



Eric's book on Tomte



A wide variety of snakes

December 15th, 2020 Whittle-In

Doug Smith had an engaging project for today, just perfect for a December Whittle In. It was a crescent Man in the Moon Santa. The expression of a man visible in the moon has been known for hundreds of years. In illustrations, this is usually a full moon or the profile of the face in a crescent moon. Wikipedia notes the visible face seen from some areas on earth comes from the dark areas called lunar maria and the light areas or highlands on the moon's surface. Lunar maria or seas were thought to contain water, but are actually basalt from cooled lava covering old craters.

Doug's Santa comes in two sizes. In each his red hat and fur ruff includes the top almost half of the carving, and his beard and mustache the bottom third. In between his face looks like an old elf more than a "jolly" elf with a pointed nose at the front, pink cheeks, and white hair at the back of the curve. There are even stars on his hat. He's a very cute Santa.



A small Santa next to larger blanks



Smaller and larger Santas

There were only eight to 10 people at the Whittle-In, so not many Show and Tell items. Eileen brought a little puppy dog that looks like it's ready to play. Bob P sent me some photos of the French Bull Dog he is creating for Christmas for his friend's daughter.

Then, this is the final day to collect snakes, and while most have already been turned in, a few were outstanding. It is good to have them all gathered for the school children. Now the snow has to cooperate to have the races.



An attentive puppy



A well-carved French Bull Dog



The final members of our den of snakes