

The Curling Chip

Newsletter—Flickertail Woodcarvers
Bismarck and Surrounding Area
Klaes S. Welch, Editor



March 20, 2010
Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

Warren Schlecht conducted the whittle-in with the carving of a landscaped chip carving name plate. Frank Koch, Jim Lindseth, and Doug Emerson also led a class for the Boy Scouts in conducting a class for their merit badges.

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting with 8 members present. The minutes of the February meeting was read and were approved. Treasurer Ron Holtz reported there was a checking account balance of \$4,562 at this time.

Old Business

The members were reminded to visit the bird display at the Bismarck Public Library before it is taken down in a couple of months.

New Business

Vince Bitz will be providing the project for the Tuesday night and Saturday morning whittle-in in May. The project will be of a bulldog. He would like to get an idea of how many blanks he needs to cut out so a list has been circulating. If any member is interested in a blank and has not signed up for the class, give Vince a call.

Doug asked about having an e-board meeting in the near future. He will send out an email in the near future letting the e-board members know where and when the meeting will be held.

The members were reminded that the Fargo show will be held at the same time of our April meeting. It was decided that we will still meet on Saturday, April 17 but each carver should bring their own project to carve for the morning.



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Frank indicated that there may be some other alternatives for the use of road signs advertising the show in October rather than renting the big sign at the road intersection like we did at the last show. More discussion on the use of signs will be held later.

Frank also indicated that more carving tools and supplies will be needed for some of the upcoming classes that will be held at the local high schools. A motion was made by Ron Holtz and seconded by Jim Lindseth to spend \$125 for additional kits to be put together for use for instructional classes. Motion passed.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

Below are the Sat. and Sun. programs for the non-woodcarving people.

Frank

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Heritage Center

Heritage from the Heritage Center Archives

Jenny Yearous will retrieve a number of things from the archives of the Heritage Center and make them available for viewing. She will visit with the group about the history associated with the items. Coffee and tea will be served.(I am hoping the Heritage Center will spring for the coffee and someone will volunteer for a goodie)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Conference Room

SEW A BOOK COVER WITH GYNNEL

We will be making a decorative fabric cover for a paperback book with a Scandinavian design. No need to be concerned about the hardanger design as that part of the cover will be completed for you. The machine design will be done on coordinating fabric prior to the class.

No special skills are required just bring your sewing tools, thread and machine. See you at the carving show October 9 and 10th.

**This an email received by Frank Koch regarding:
The Legend of Cyprus Knees**

Hi Frank,



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Last fall the Afterschool Place visited when Carol Jean was demonstrating how to carve Cyprus Santa. Her work inspired us to create an old time 1941 radio show called "The Legend of Cyprus Knees". We would like to invite the club members to join us for any one of our shows on March 29 (Waterford at 4:15), March 30 (Mandan Care Center at 4:15) or April 1 (at 4:15 in the Capitol - Haugland Room).

Thank you so much for letting the kids come and see the really cool things y'all do with wood Cyprus Knees.

If you would like to know more about the Legend of Cyprus Knees please visit us at

One last thing...we promised Carol Jean we would write to her and send pictures from the play when we performed...do you know how we can get in touch with Carol Jean?

Lori and the Kids at the Afterschool Place

Article by Ron Holtz

Frank Koch, Troy Frieze and Ron Holtz took in the annual woodcarving show of the Red River Valley Woodcarvers April 16 and 17th. Frank and Ron displayed at the show while Troy took a relief class from Dick Skauge. Mitch Olson, Doug and Deb Emerson also stopped at the show and visited. John Kranz was there selling wood, the Moore's were well stocked with rough-outs and Bob Lawrence was selling Denny tools. Mike Chapik and Pat Moore took honors in the judging contest--Mike for the second straight year. There are some mighty fine carvers in that in the club and area. The number of participating carvers was down again this year but the crowd was nice and with fewer carvers, there was more room for the public to move about and visit. It is always a fun time of visiting old friends in the carving family. More of you should try it next year.

Santa Exhibit

The Bismarck Library has invited the Flickertail Woodcarvers to display wood carved Santa's during the months of November (mid) and December of 2010 and January of 2011. We are hoping for a wide variety of Santa's, Old world Santa's to the modern day version. Many books are available featuring the history of Santa along with pictures. Bring the Santa's to the November Whittle-In. In order for me to plan appropriately for this exhibit I would appreciate hearing from you (by end of June) if you plan to participate in making one or more Santa's for this exhibit.

Songbird Exhibit

We removed our songbird exhibit from the Bismarck Library April 2, 2010. The songbird exhibit will be at the Buffalo Museum, in Jamestown, from mid May thru Labor Day. While we were removing the birds, several library patrons indicated they were sad to see the exhibit come down. The library stated they had received many compliments on the bird exhibit. We are looking for future sites to display this exhibit. A video of the songbird exhibit (made by the Bismarck Library) is available on the Flickertail Club website under Gallery.



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Old West Town Exhibit

The Old West Town exhibit (completed in fall of 2007) is on display in the Harold Schafer Museum, Medora, ND. Staff at the Medora Foundation indicated that the Old West Town is a popular exhibit and requested continuation of the display. The Old West Town exhibit has been on display in Medora since May of 2009. A video clip of the Old West Town (made by Bismarck Library) is on the Flickertail Club website:
under Gallery.

Coming Events

May 7-9, 2010 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada 11th annual Winnipeg Woodcarvers Weekend at St. John's College.

Contact Rick Brereton

Lac du Bonnet, MB ROE 1AO

May 2010 Harmony, MN Southeast MN Woodcarvers host 6th annual workshop near Slim's Woodshed.
Contact: Slim Maroushek Harmony, MN 55939

June 24-27, 2010 Bettendorf, Iowa 43rd annual International Woodcarvers Congress sponsored by Affiliated Wood Carvers Ltd. Contact Larry Yudis

Classes preceding show. New location: Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center

June 25-27, 2010, Wahpeton, ND Wahpeton Carving Weekend at the ND State College of Science.
Contact:

July 16-18, 2010, Forest City, Iowa North Iowa Woodcarvers Guild's XIX weekend seminars at Waldorf College.

Contact Joy Boyken

Titonka, IA 50480;

July 18-23, 2010, Crete, Nebraska Western & Wildlife Art Workshop 19th annual week long workshops at Doane College. Contact: Warren J. Blessing Jr.

August, 2010 Blackduck, MN 27th annual Wood Carvers Festival at Wayside Park contact Jim Schram
NE, Blackduck, MN 56630



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The pictures above are carvings completed by Ronald Holtz and Doug Emerson. Our beloved Treasurer, Ron, carved the first golfer. El Presidente, Dough Emerson carved the second one. The golfers were from Bob Pedigo's challenging class. I found out the golfer was not for the weak in spirit. They were very challenging from beginning to end. The Bluebird and sitting goose are two more of Ron Holtz's carvings. Ron stated that his inspiration for the Bluebird was from him actually experiencing one trying to get into his house; probably trying to get one of Darlene's cookies. The sitting goose was from Dick Skauge's carving class in April. Ron said the goose actually landed in his bird bath. Thank you to Doug and Ron for your pictures. They make the newsletter better.



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REGISTRATION

41st Annual Flickertail Woodcarving Show

October 9 & 10, 2010

Doublewood Inn, Hwy 83 & I-94

Bismarck, ND

Name _____ Spouse _____
Street _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Please complete the following by writing the amount for the events you plan to participate in. Note that the class size is limited to 12 and the workshops are filled in order of the **date the class fee is received**. Show participants have priority over nonparticipants. Material fees are to be paid to the instructor. Non-club member fees are \$25 (per class) **higher** than club members class fee.

See Harley Refsal Description

Harley Refsal, Mon. - Wed. Oct. 4 – 6, \$50.00 _____

Harley Refsal, Thurs – Sun. Oct. 7 – 10 \$50.00 _____

Tom Perdue, Old World Santa, Sat. & Sun. Morn \$20.00 _____

(non-carving projects)

Heritage Center, Heritage Display, Sat. morn. \$ 5.00 _____

Gynnel Torgeson. Book cover, Sun. Morn. \$ 5.00 _____

Carvers Registration fee- all meals included \$45.00 _____

Non-Carvers Registration fee-all meals included \$40.00 _____

Extra table (if available) \$ 5.00 _____

Total _____

If you withdraw before September 9, you will get 100% of your fees refunded.

If you withdraw after September 9 and before September 24, you will get 50% of your fees refunded.

If you withdraw after September 24, there will be no refund



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Electricity will be available at center of exhibit area, please bring an extension cord if you need electricity.

PLEASE BRING A DROP CLOTH TO CARVE OVER

Return the completed registration form with a check by **Sept. 23, 2010**

To:

Frank Koch,

Bismarck, ND

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October 9 & 10, 2010
Doublewood Inn, Bismarck, ND

The Flickertail Woodcarving Club invites all woodcarvers to participate in a fun filled weekend consisting of learning, sharing, and camaraderie. We have put together a program consisting of workshops for the carvers and non-carvers, woodcarving demonstrations, and exhibition of carvings by the show participants.

AGENDA:

Friday: Setup: 6:00 - 8:30 pm (If room is available)

Saturday: Setup: 7:30 - 11:00 am

Workshops: 8:00 - 11:15 am

Brunch: 11:15 am-noon (cost included in registration fee)

Exhibits: open to the public, noon - 5:00 pm

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:15 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm, (cost included in registration fee)

Speaker: Harvey Refsal, Scandinavian Woodcarving History
Exchange of carvings

Sunday: Workshops: 8:00 - 11:15 am

Brunch: 11:15 - noon (cost included in registration fee)



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Woodcarving for Kids: 8:30 – 11:00 am, Frank Koch
Exhibits: open to the public; noon - 4:00 pm
Drawing for prizes: 3:30 pm

*** Early departures are discouraged unless prearranged. A block of rooms has been set aside at the **Doublewood Inn** (Flickertail group) for the carvers at a special rate of \$73.00 for single or double rooms. **Staying at the Doublewood Inn helps reduce the rental cost of the Doublewood Inn.** You must book these rooms **by Sept. 23**. Children stay free. The phone number at the Doublewood Inn is 800-554-7077. For additional information contact Frank Koch at

Bismarck, ND 58503

Note: **Show participants will receive \$5 per room night (Doublewood Inn only) discount on the registration fee.**

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Annual Woodcarving Show at Doublewood Inn, Bismarck

The 41st Annual Flickertail Woodcarving show will again be held at the Doublewood Inn. The motel will provide tables, chairs, and a **table cover**. We will be able to set up Friday evening if the room is not rented, we will know about the availability when we get closer to the show date. I will try to communicate by **email** a couple of days before the show. Please bring a drop cloth to help retain the chips; a cloth drop cloth (like a old bed sheet) does a better job than a plastic drop cloth.

Harley Refsal Class Information

Harley Refsal is a specialist in Scandinavian-style, flat-plane carving — most often caricatures of farmers, laborers and common folk. Harley Refsal is a professor of Scandinavian Folk Art at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. After graduating from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN, he studied at the University of Oslo; Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN; and later returned to Norway, together with his family, to earn a degree in Norwegian Folk Art at Telemark University College in Rauland. During the



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summer months, when not involved in regular classroom teaching at Luther College, and on many weekends throughout the school year, Refsal has regularly taught figure carving courses and workshops throughout North America, as well as Norway, Sweden and Iceland, for over 25 years.

In 1996 he was decorated by the King of Norway for his contributions to Norwegian and Norwegian-American folk art studies. Refsal has been commissioned on several occasions over the last two decades by Luther College and the city of Decorah to create carvings that have been presented to the King of Norway, the Crown Prince of Norway, national and international political leaders, as well as numerous Nobel Peace Prize laureates hosted by the College.

Examples of Refsal's work can also be found at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, at Luther College, and in private collections throughout the U.S. and Scandinavia.

Refsal is the author of several books, including 'Art and Technique of Scandinavian-Style Figure Carving', many magazine articles, and is featured in an award-winning instructional DVD, 'Figure Carving Scandinavian Style with Harley Refsal'.

You will be able to select a blank to carve from the assortment of blanks that Harley has available.

One blank is included in the registration fee.

Tom Perdue Class Information

The project will be a Old World Santa . Tom is a big fan of Santa having carved them for many years. Tom is well known for his carving skills. Throughout his carving career he has carved a wide variety of Santa. This class is suitable for novice carvers to seasoned carvers. One blank is included in the registration fee. This class would be great for the somewhat novice woodcarver and experienced woodcarvers.

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Kit: will include all materials
Kit cost \$7.00

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Frank Koch

Flickertail woodcarvers: Joe Jewitt (our annual carving wood supplier) is planning to attend our annual show again. He would appreciate preshow orders so he can plan his woodcarving wood load.

His email address is

Joe has very good quality woodcarving wood; if we support Joe, he will continue to supply us with quality woodcarving wood.

Please share this info with other woodcarvers or anyone else that might want wood.

Klaes: please include the following information in the next newsletter.

Santa Exhibit

The Bismarck Library has invited the Flickertail Woodcarvers to display Santa Claus at the Bismarck Library from Mid November (2010) to Mid-January. Santa Claus is to be delivered to Frank Koch by November 1. We would like to avoid having multiples of any one type of Santa. Let me know by the October meeting date (October 16) if you plan to exhibit your Santa. Include a description of the Santa, or you can bring the Santa to the October meeting. DO NOT take your Santa directly to the Library.

The North Dakota Songbird exhibit is at the Buffalo Museum in Jamestown for several more weeks. The Songbird exhibit will be checked for any needed repairs and made ready for display mid-May 2011. At the end of June, we will replace some of the songbirds with shorebirds. The ND songbirds will travel to the James Memorial Art Center in Williston for four weeks in July. At the end of July, the ND Songbird exhibit will return to the Schafer Museum in Medora.

The Old West Town will return from Medora later this fall. Currently further display is not scheduled. I am checking for possible sites to display this exhibit.



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During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following computer password:

"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofySacramento".

When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

**Visit the 41th Annual
Doublewood Inn
I-94 & Hwy 83 Bismarck, ND
October 9-10, 2010
Saturday: noon - 5:00 pm
Sunday: noon - 4:30 pm
FREE ADMISSION
Register for Beginning Woodcarving Classes
Woodcarving Demonstrations
Woodcarving for kids, Sun. 8:30-11:15 am
Purchase Raffle tickets
Woodcarving Supplies for Sale
Antique Scandinavian Woodcarvings on Display
Woodcarvings for Sale from Exhibitors
More information: Frank Koch,
Website:**

This year's featured carver is Harley Refsal, professional Scandinavian woodcarver.

The woodcarving show is partially funded by grants from North Dakota Council on The Arts and Dakota West Arts Council

From the Editor: Our season of Whittle-Ins begins Tuesday September 7, 2010 in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The first Tuesday's of each month are the Whittle-Ins and the third Saturday of each month for carving and Business meetings (same location). Start times are 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturdays.

Things are shaping up for an exciting carving season.

Jim Lindseth: We need more to volunteer for the whittle-in projects. We have filled the first part of the season and are looking for volunteers for the meetings in the January-May



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2011 portion. The information we have to date on the clubs website. I have also included a copy of my working document. Klaes please stress in the newsletter that we need volunteers for the later part of the season. Volunteers should notify me as to what date they want and what the project should be (please no TBA's).

Carving Schedule for 2010-2011

2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
Tue. Sept. 7	___ Frank K & Bob P ___	___ Pacific Northwest Eagle(small) ___
Sat. Sept. 18	___ Troy Frieze ___	___ Old Glory Flag ___
Tue. Oct. 5	___ Harley Refsal ___	___ Scandinavian Ornament ___
Mon.-Wed. Oct 4-6 Carving Class with Harley Rufsal		
Thr.-Fri.- Sat. & Sun AM Oct 7-10 Carving Class with Harley Rufsal		
Fri., Sat. & Sun. Oct 8, 9 & 10 Flickertail WC Show-Doublewood Inn		
Sat. Oct. 16	___ Club Members ___	___ Work on Santas ___
Tue. Nov. 2	___ Vince Bitz ___	___ Bird Lapel pin ___
Sat. Nov. 20	___ Mitch Olson ___	___ Santa Ornament ___
Tue. Dec. 7	___ Warren Schlecht ___	___ Chip carve Icicle ___
Tue. Dec. 14	___ Annual Club Christmas Party at the Doublewood Inn	
Sat. Dec. 18	___ Ron Holtz ___	___ Polar Bear Name Tags ___

2011

Sat. Jan. 1	___ New Years Day ___	___
Tue. Jan. 4	___	___
Sat. Jan. 15	___ Club Members ___	___ Snow Snakes ___
Tue. Feb. 1	___ Frank Koch ___	___ Love Spoons ___



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Sat. Feb. 19	_____	_____
Tue. Mar. 1	_____	_____
Sat. Mar. 19	_____	_____
Tue. Apr. 5	_____	_____
Sat.-Sun. Apr.18-19 Annual Red River Valley Show in Fargo at the Doublewood Inn		
Fri. Sat. Sun Apr. 24, 25, 26 Larry Longtine Carousel Horse		
Sat. Apr. 16	_____	_____
Fri., Sat. & Sun May 6-8 Winnipeg Carving Seminar		
Tue. May. 3	_____	_____
Sat. May. 21	_____	_____

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Tue. Jun. 7	_____	_____
Fri, Sat. & Sun. June 24-26 Wahpeton Carving Seminar		
Tue. July. 5	_____	_____
Tue. Aug. 2	_____	_____
Alvin Braunagel, Doug Emerson, Bob Matzke, Warren Schlecht, Frank Koch, Ron Torgeson, Ed Koegler, Ron Holtz, Jim Lindseth, Bob Pedigo, and Troy Frieze		

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Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

Vince Bitz provided the project for the meeting. The project was, carving a bulldog.

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting with 9 members present. The minutes of the March meeting was read and were approved. Treasurer, Ron Holtz, reported there was a checking account balance of \$3,367 at this time. All bills have been paid.

Old Business

None

New Business

Frank Koch informed the club that the next display for the library will be carvings of Santa's. Frank suggested that the carvings be of Santa's from different countries around the world. More information will be coming in the future.

Frank reported that a grant for \$1,850 from the ND Council of Arts has been given to the club. The funds are to be used for future classes.

The whittle-ins for the summer will again be held on the first Tuesday evenings of June 1, July 6, and August 3 at Shelter #4 in Sertoma Park. Carving will start at about 5 p.m. and last until dark.

Ron Holtz told the club that carvings for the show raffle are needed. Contact Ron if you can provide a carving for the raffle.

Ed Ryan informed the club that 2 new books have been added to the club library.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.
Warren Schlecht, Secretary



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September 18, 2010
Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 am

Troy Frieze provided the project for the morning whittle-in. The carving was entitled "Old Glory Egg Carving" on an egg shaped block of basswood.

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting with 8 members present. The minutes of the March meeting was read and were approved. Doug Emerson read the treasurer report sent to him by Treasurer Ron Holtz. He reported there was a checking account balance of \$5,600 at this time with some of the show proceeds coming in as well as some raffle ticket proceeds. The grant from DWAC is also included in the balance. We have not received the NDCA grant money yet.

Old Business

Doug reported that the plans for the upcoming show have been coming together. The classes will be held on October 4-6 and October 7 & 8 at the ND Heritage Center in one of the classrooms. Harley Refsal will be the featured carver and instructor. The annual show will be held at the Doublewood Inn on Saturday and Sunday, October 9 & 10. Harley will be providing other Scandinavian educational seminars during the week with various groups throughout the Bismarck area.

New Business

Doug Emerson showed the lawn signs that could be purchased by the club advertising the annual woodcarvers show at the Doublewood Inn. The cost will be approximately \$39/sign. Ron Torgeson moved and Jim Lindseth seconded that the club purchase lawn signs for the advertising of the show. It was decided to buy 10-14 signs depending upon the cost of the signs. There was some discussion about the colors of the signs. A decision on the color could be decided when purchasing.

Jim Lindseth indicated that projects continue to be needed for the following scheduled whittle-ins: January 4, February 19, March 1, March 19, and April 5, 2011. If someone could fill these dates, contact Jim or Frank Koch so we can get them on the calendar.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

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2010 Raffle Report

The drawing for the 2010 raffle was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at the 41st Annual show. Mitch Olson, co-chairman of the Raffle Committee did the announcing, while Alvin Braunagel and Ron Holtz did the drawing of prize winners and handing out of prizes. Darlene Holtz recorded. The raffle prizes and winners are as follows:

Donors, Prizes, and Winners:

1. DoubleWood Inn **Nights Lodging** - Pat Palczewski, Scranton, ND
2. Bob Pedigo's **Shorebird** - Clara Yonker, Bismarck, ND
3. Ron Holtz' **Cowboy** - Elda Baisch, Hazen, ND
4. Bob Matzke's **Whimsical House** - Ken Miller, Bismarck, ND
5. Rick Brereton's **Relief** - Dennis Boknecht, Bismarck, ND
6. Doug Emerson's **Shorebird** - Angie Fleckenstein, Bismarck, ND
7. Frank Koch's **Flat Plane Caricature** - Ray Olson, Max, ND
8. Vince Bitz' **Horse** - Angie Fleckenstein, Bismarck, ND
9. Alvin Braunagel's **Chipped Carved Plate** - Lorraine Davidson, Bismarck, ND
10. Ron Davidson's **Polar Bear** - John Fischer, Bismarck, ND
11. Perry Cook's **Whimsical House** - Diane Friesz, Bismarck, ND
12. Doug Smith's **Whimsical House** - Randy Peterson, Carrington, ND

All prizes have been delivered and the final report made to the Bismarck Police Dept.

Financially we sold 1665 tickets this year and our expenses for the permit, printing tickets and postage totaled \$276.96, leaving us a net of \$1,388.04 All of you ticket sellers are to be commended The most ticket sold honor goes to Art Holsti, one of our senior carvers. He sold 270 tickets and had two prize winners from his ticket buyers. GOOD JOB, ART!!! Thanks also to the donors for your offerings. Ron Davidson left a standing polar bear and Barry Bell a signature caricature with me for next year's raffle. Thanks fellas.

Ron Holtz, Co-chair

Ron Holtz

October 16, 2010

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m.

The project for the morning was open to each carver on whatever they wanted to carve. Most carvers worked on their Santa projects for the display at the Bismarck Library.



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President Doug Emerson opened the meeting where there were 8 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with no corrections.

Treasurer Ron Holtz presented the treasurer's report. There is \$6,313 in the checking account at this time. There is approximately \$3,000 from the annual show held a couple of weeks ago that have not been presented yet and unpaid. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report was passed.

Doug informed the club that Bob Pedigo had written a very good article and was published in the last issue of Chip Chats. Everyone should check out the article because it was very well written.

President Doug Emerson congratulated everyone for their effort in a very successful show held a couple of weeks ago. There were a lot of good comments on how well the show was presented and was run.

There were 13 small signs purchased for advertising the show. Those who have the signs should let Troy Frieze know so he can keep track of them. If those who have the signs could keep the signs in a safe place until next year's show, that would be appreciated.

The cost of 12 signs came to \$12/sign. One sign had been purchased earlier.

Frank circulated a signup sheet for those who were going to be providing a Santa carving for the display at the Bismarck Library later this fall. Frank would like to have the carvings by November 1 so he can deliver them to the library.

Joe Jewett will be passing through Bismarck in November so if anyone would need a supply of wood from Joe, they should contact him or Doug Emerson so he can drop it off with Doug's order. Joe is anticipating dropping off a supply during Thanksgiving season. The annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 14 and will be held at the Doublewood Inn. The cost is projected to be around \$19/person. Let Frank know as soon as possible if you intend to participate in the Christmas party so reservations can be made.

Larry Longtine will be the featured carver for the spring class. The carving will be of a carousel animal with the horse, rooster, and giraffe to be picked from. The projected cost of the class will be \$50/carver.

Due to an illness that required hospitalization, Norris Sabe was not able to participate in the Harley Refsal classes during the show. Norris had paid his registration but could not participate in the class due to the illness. Frank moved and Perry second that the club reimburse Norris the registration fee of \$145. Motion passed unanimously.

The club was informed that Frank has traveled around the state delivering the bird display that was in Jamestown. Frank has assumed about \$205 of bills for his travels. Perry Cook moved and Jim Lindseth seconded that Frank be reimbursed the \$205 for his expenses.

Motion passed.

It is now time to invite someone to teach the Spring, 2012, class. Several suggestions were presented including Clark Schreibeis (fish painting and habitat), someone to teach a wood burning class, or a class on a relief carving. It was moved and seconded to invite Clark Schreibeis to teach a class on painting a fish as well as some instruction on habitat.



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Motion passed. Frank will get in contact with Clark to check out his schedule. Blair Meier was recognized as a guest in attendance for the meeting. Frank informed the club that there had been 6 students signed up for the beginning carving class.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

Flickertail Annual Christmas Dinner

The Annual Flickertail Christmas dinner will be December 14 at the Doublewood Inn. Social time will be at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Cost for the dinner will be \$10.95/ea. plus tax and tip. Bring an exchange gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Contact Frank Koch at . by Dec. 7.



Tom Purdue, guest carver, examples of Santa.



Ron Holtz is visiting with Harley Refsal, our guest carver.



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Harley Refsal's carving.

New carvers!



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Tom Purdue & Ruth Severson.



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Harley painting one of his carvings.



Vince Bitz



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Rick Brereton



The creation of stitched book covers was the partner's project this year.



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Bob Matzke



Earl Quesnel

There were many great pictures taken by Warren Schlecht, but we have limited space. Warren has put his pictures on a CD. If you are interested contact him.



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Newsletter—Flickertail Woodcarvers
Bismarck and Surrounding Area
Klaes S. Welch, Editor



Minutes

November 20, 2010

Monthly meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m.

Mitch Olson provided the carving project for the meeting. The project was of a Santa on a flat plane.

President Doug Emerson opened the meeting. There were 15 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and

approved with no corrections.

Treasurer Ron Holtz presented the treasurers report. There is \$3,484 in the checking account at this time with all bills being paid for. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report was passed.

Doug Emerson reported for membership chairman Doug Smith that the notices for the club dues have been sent out. The dues are \$15 and can be sent in anytime.

Frank Koch introduced Kaylee and Wyatt Beachler as guests at the meeting. They are from Steele, ND and are participants of the beginning woodcarving class that Frank is teaching.

Jim Lindseth informed the members that there continue to be open whittling-in dates on April 5, April 16, May 3 and May 21. Any member wishing to provide the project for the class on those dates should contact Jim.

A discussion was held concerning the Larry Longtine class scheduled for April 8, 9, and 10, 2010. Larry will be teaching a class of carousel carvings. The projects that will be available will be a giraffe, a lion, a chicken, or a choice of 2 horses. There was some discussion concerning the possibility of creating an actual working carousel to be on display. There were several pros and cons concerning the carousel. The members decided to table the discussion for now with some members looking into the feasibility.

Frank Koch informed the club that Clark Schreibeis has an opening for coming in the spring, 2012. The class would be the air brushing and creating of habitat for fish. Clark is recommending a carving of a rainbow trout, bluegill, or largemouth bass. A suggestion of a brown trout was mentioned. Frank will check with Clark concerning the brown trout.

Frank reported that the Santa display at the library has been delayed due to construction in the library. The display should be set up in the near future.

A sign-up sheet for the Christmas party to be held at the Doublewood Inn on Tuesday, December 14 was being passed around.



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Bob Pedigo reported that according to the club by-laws, election of officers is to be held in February. The officers to be elected at that time are the Program Manager, Treasurer, Property Manager, and Member-at-Large. Bob indicated that he has visited with some individuals who may be interested in those positions. If interested in being put on the ballot for the election in February, please contact Bob Pedigo or President Doug Emerson.

Klaes would like to get more articles for the newsletter. He is continually looking for articles, pictures, or projects that he can incorporate into the newsletter. If you can support the newsletter in any way, please let Klaes know.

Ron Torgeson reported that he will not be around this winter when the grant writings for the fall classes in 2011 or spring 2012 are due. The grant requests will be submitted to the North Dakota Council of Arts and DWAC. If anyone is interested in helping with the grant writings, please let Ron or Doug Emerson know.

Bob Pedigo is going to be ordering some books for his business and would be willing to order any books that the club members would like to order for the club library. There are some DVD on order and should be arriving in the near future. Members can check the library and check out books or DVD if available.

For Show and Tell, Bob Pedigo showed the club members a picture of a cottonwood carving that he is working on at this time. It is 7' tall and weighed in at 1,500# at the start. He is continuing to work on the project and will show some of the progress via pictures to be printed in the next newsletter. It appears to be quite an impressive undertaking. Good Luck, Bob, and Happy Carving.

No further business or carvings for Show and Tell. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht

Secretary

2011 Club Elections

Our annual elections are to be held at the February 19, 2011 regular meeting. The following four offices are up for re-election this year, Treasurer, Program Chairperson, Property Chairperson, and one Member-at-Large.

All of the current office holders of these positions have agreed to run once again and are presented as a slate of candidates. We have asked for other volunteers for any of these positions at two prior meetings, but nobody has stepped forward at this time. If anyone wants to run for one of these positions, please contact Bob Pedigo at a meeting, by calling him at home or e-mail

Following is a ballot that you may return to the club's official address if you wish to cast a vote. Any ballots returned by mail must be received no later than our meeting on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 9:00 AM. Our mailing address is Flickertail Woodcarvers, PO Box 7473, Bismarck, ND 58507.

You may vote for one of the offered slate of candidates by marking an X on the line to the left of their names, or you may write-in a different name and mark an X to the left of the write-in candidate's name. You may vote for only one candidate for each office. Votes for more



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than one person per office will not be counted for that office.
Tear off and return to: Flickertail Woodcarvers; PO box 7473, Bismarck, ND 58507

Treasurer

Ron Holtz

Write-In Candidate

Programs

Frank Koch

Write-In Candidate

Property

Troy Frieze

Write-In Candidate

Member-at-Large

Ron Torgeson

Write-In Candidate

Santa Display

Our Santa display has been set up at the Bismarck Memorial Library.

Frank

Chain-Saw Carving Lessons

I was recently asked to carve a large cowboy holding a cup of coffee by a local coffee shop owner in Bismarck. Since I had never done any large chain-saw carving, I researched the internet to see what recommendations were out there and what tools were appropriate for chain saw carving.

I discovered that the carving of a large project follows the same steps as a small lap-held project, but on a much larger scale. I will show some pictures of the completed steps in my project, and sum up with the tips I would offer.



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I began with a large cottonwood log, about 8 feet long by 27 inches diameter. I estimated the weight to be about 1500 pounds. It was loaded onto my trailer with a front end loader, and then when I got it home a neighbor with a front end loader helped me to set it upright so I could work on it. These two pictures show the original log and the step after it was shortened and the bark removed. I also intended to save the cottonwood bark, but discovered it was very thin and not worth saving.



I began with a 8-1/2" X 11" sketch drawn to scale and then marked on the log some cut locations from a side view and a front view. Then I went to work with a chain saw and roughed

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out the project much like you would rough out with a band saw. I cut from side to side and front to back until I had lots of waste wood removed. The picture to the left above follows the removal of the waste wood. Then I began with a small chain saw to begin shaping and detailing the carving which is shown on the right. During the steps I continually marked the log with a marker to make sure I was cutting in the right places. This is similar to the way I carve smaller projects with hand tools.



Following the work with the chain saw, I used a right-angled grinder with a sanding disk to smooth the carving all over. The face was finished with large carving tools and a mallet. When the entire project was finished, I brushed on two coats of linseed oil as a preservative. Finally, I enjoyed a cup of coffee with my new friend (one who can't talk back).

What I learned from the research on the web really helped with the overall project.

1. There are small nose bars available for chain saw sculpture, although I didn't buy one for this project. If I do another carving like this, I will buy one of these. I found that with the bar I used, I could not turn the tip much inside the log, which is the same as using a large knife. A smaller knife with a finer point is easier to make scooping cuts – same with a chain saw.
2. The type of chain you use makes a difference on the smoothness of the cuts. One type of chain I used has more cutting teeth, resulting in lesser teeth spacing. This makes smoother cuts, and less sanding.
3. Rough sanding disks are all that are necessary when using the right angle sander. 60 to 80 grit is fine enough.



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4. Make sure you have a good dusk mask. You wouldn't believe all the dust created by the chain sawing and then the sanding. I also noticed some spalting of the heart wood. This indicates some decay was taking place in the early stages. I wouldn't want to breathe this.
5. Leather chaps and a leather apron would be very good to have. It would be easy to have a nasty injury using a large chain saw or grinder. I didn't have chaps, and touched my jeans with the grinder while it was slowing down but still moving, resulting in frayed jeans in a couple of spots. That's the style now among the younger generation. Too bad I'm not 40 years younger so I could still wear them. I'll be going to Wal-Mart for some more jeans.
6. If you are going to transport a large log somewhere to carve, make sure you have something to load, lift and position it. I would not have been able to complete this without it.

I spoke with the people who I carved this for, and they told me they plan to display the coffee drinking cowboy in their coffee shop. If you want to see it in person, visit Cafe Aroma in downtown Bismarck. This cowboy is well traveled. It's already been to Las Vegas for the National Finals Rodeo. They used it to promote their coffee which is roasted right here in Bismarck.

Bob Pedigo

Carousel Animals for 2011 Flickertail Show and 2012 Library Exhibit

The following are some animals that are found in some of the Carousel woodcarving books. Note, some of the animals can have the same stance but have different decorations. Hopefully we can have a variety of animals to display. The Flickertail website has a table for you to list your choice. A partial list follows: Stander Horse, Prancer Horse, Jumper Horse, Giraffe, Lion, Tiger, Rooster, Ostrich, Rabbit, and Hippo. I have seen an elephant in a carousel.

Flickertail Woodcarving Club NEWS

A collection of Santa carved by the Flickertail Woodcarvers is currently on display at the Bismarck Public Library. The display will remain in place until mid-January. [Click here to view the video :](#)

In the spring the North Dakota Songbird exhibit will go from the Buffalo Museum in Jamestown to the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora, ND. The exhibit will be on display in the Harold Schafer Museum until the end of June. At the end of June the exhibit will go to the James Memorial Preservation Society in Williston, ND. At the end of July it will return to Medora. During July the club will display shorebirds at the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora.

On April 8-10, 2011, Larry Longtine will instruct a carousel animal class. Larry will have six different carousel animals available to carve. Cost and location of class will be announced later. Larry grew up in the Lake Park, Minnesota area close to where he currently lives. Larry had a 25



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year career in Law Enforcement, Fargo, ND. He grew up in a family of carpenters and worked with wood. He started wood carving in 1980 at the age of 38, doing mostly duck decoy style. After attending many carving shows and taking many carving classes he currently promotes, teaches and judges at shows in the upper Midwest and Canada. His favorite carving is Carousel Animals that range in size from full size to miniatures. He likes to use the original old ones for reference and inspiration.

The 42nd Annual Flickertail Woodcarving show will take place on October 9 & 10, 2011. . The theme for this show is carousel animals. We are hoping for a variety of carousel animals. A list of animals is provided separately for you select one to carve. These wood carved carousel animals will be exhibited at the Bismarck Public Library starting on April 15, 2012. The exhibit will also feature some history of the carousel.

On October 6-9, 2011, Rick Harney, Normal, Illinois, will instruct a c outline relief class. Rick received his B.S. Degree in Art from Illinois State University. He is credited with creating the concepts of outline relief woodcarving. He has been awarded Best of Show at the International Woodcarving show and the National Woodcarvers Rendezvous. Rick will also be the featured woodcarver for the Annual Flickertail Woodcarving Show, Oct. 9 & 10 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck, ND.

His class on Oct. 6-9 will be all day Thursday and Friday plus Saturday and Sunday morning. The project will be a hobo that is about 11" x 13" x 1 ¾ "thick. You will have the option of starting with a sawed blank (you cut your own blank) or a rough out (\$35). Cost and location of the class will be announced later.

Flickertail Woodcarvers In 2010

Flickertail Woodcarvers were very busy during 2010. The following are some of the activities that were sponsored by the Flickertail Wood carvers or activities in which the club participated:

- Carved Snow snakes for Highland Acres Elementary School
- Taught beginning woodcarving class for the public
- Taught beginning woodcarving class for the art classes at Bismarck High School and St. Mary's High School
- Conducted woodcarving session for Boy Scouts to receive their woodcarving badge
- Offered a Butternut goose class taught by Dick Skauge
- Offered a airbrush class (wood duck) taught by Don Balfour
- Offered a Scandinavian Woodcarving class taught by Harley Refsal
- Offered a traditional Santa Woodcarving class taught by Tom Perdue
- Various club members did woodcarving demos at, Buckshot Junction, Capitol Affair, Bismarck Public Library Reading Day, Art-In-Motion, and at the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora.
- Provided an exhibit of North Dakota Songbirds (39) at the Buffalo Museum in Jamestown
- Provided an exhibit of a Old West Town (23 pieces) at the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora



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- Provided exhibits, information, and demonstration on woodcarving at the Merit Badge Midway of the Northern Lights Council 100th anniversary celebration held on the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds.



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