

The Curling Chip

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

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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January 15, 2011

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

The carving activity for the morning was the carving of the snowsnakes that are donated to one of the grade schools in Bismarck.

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting. There were 5 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz presented the treasurers report. There is \$3,633 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.

Programs Report:

Doug Emerson brought the club up to date on some of the upcoming activities that are scheduled for the club.

Larry Longtime will be presenting a class on carving of carousel caricatures which include 2 horses, a giraffe, a lion, and a rooster. The class will cost \$50 which includes the first blank. Additional blanks can be purchased for around \$35/blank. The class will be held Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011. The class will be limited to the first 12 who sign up. Contact Doug Emerson if interested in signing up for the class.

Doug reported that the Art in Motion show is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2011, at the Kirkwood Mall. The show will be held all day and those interested in showing some of their carvings can be there any time from 10 am to 4:30 p.m..

Doug reported that the Rick Harney class will be limited to only 1 class this year and the class will be limited to only 12 carvers. The class will be held in conjunction with the annual show the second weekend in October. There will be more information coming out on the class as we get closer to October.

Editor of the club newsletter, Klaes Welch, reported that the January issue has been completed and will be sent out within the next week. The next issue is currently being worked on and will be sent out sometime in February or early March.

The election of officers will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Those on the ballot at this time are Program Chairman-Frank Koch, Treasurer-Ron Holtz, Property Manager-Troy Frieze, Member at large-Ron Torgeson. Any person wanting to nominate or



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wanting to have a name on the ballot should contact Bob Pedigo or Doug Emerson prior to or on the day of election.

Ron Holtz reported that he has filed the necessary paperwork with the ND Secretary of State to retain the necessary legal status recognized by the state of ND.

It was reported that DWAC now has a new director and that DWAC has moved or will be moving their office into the Parks and Rec building.

For Show and Tell, Ron Holtz showed his carvings of the carousel which he carved while attending a class under the direction of Larry Longtine. Vince Bitz showed some pictures of a chainsaw carving he completed for a lady last summer in Valley City, ND. The carving was of an owl.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

February 19, 2011

Monthly Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m.

Doug Emerson provided the project for the morning. The project was a stretching cat over a ledge.

President Doug Emerson called the meeting order with 8 members present. The minutes the January meeting was read with no corrections to the minutes needed. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that the checking account balance is now \$3,814. All bills that have been presented have been paid. It was also reported that the financial books have been audited with no discrepancies being found. It was also reported that the financial books are open to any club member for viewing if requested.

There continues to be several openings for monthly whittle-in projects between now and the end of May, 2011. If anyone is interested in filling any of the whittle-in openings, please contact Jim Lindseth.

Bob Pedigo reported that the Art in Motion held in the Kirkwood Mall on February 5 was a success. Several club members were on hand to show their carvings to those who stopped at the booth.

There continues to be 2 openings for the Spring, 2011, class being taught by Larry Longtine on April 8-10. The class will feature carving of Carousel caricatures. If



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interested in enrolling in the class, please contact Ron Holtz or Doug Emerson. The cost of the class is \$50 which includes the cost of one rough out. Additional rough outs are \$35 each.

The election of officers was the next item on the agenda. The offices up for election and those who have been nominated are as follows:

Program Chairman-----Frank Koch

Treasurer-----Ron Holtz

Property Manager-----Troy Frieze

Member at large-----Ron Torgeson

It was reported that there were some ballots returned but no new nominations listed on the ballots. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Bob Pedigo moved that nomination cease and Perry Cook seconded the motion. A unanimous ballot was cast for those nominated. Motion passed.

Secretary Warren Schlecht reported he received brochures from Barry Kutzer concerning the Fargo woodcarving show to be held on Friday through Sunday, April 15-16, 2011, at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. The brochures were handed out and those in attendance were encouraged to attend the show.

No further business. Meeting was adjourned

Submitted by
Warren Schlecht
Secretary

Carousel Animal Class

Larry Longtine will be teaching a carousel animal class on April 8-10. The class will start Friday evening at 6:30 pm and continue thru Sunday. The fee for the class is \$50, this includes the blank. He will have five different animals available; stander horse, giraffe, rooster, lion, and a galloping horse. We currently have ten people enrolled in the class, maximum of twelve; therefore we have openings for two more participants. Contact Doug Emerson or Frank Koch if you are interested. Hopefully after this class, club members will carve other carousel animals to complete the display for the Bismarck Library for the spring of 2012.



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Ron Holtz

Our Club participated in the program "ART IN MOTION" sponsored by the Dakota West Arts Council and held at the Kirkwood Mall on February 5, 2011. Club members set up the display area and then "showed off" their latest carving endeavors while visiting with many Mall Walkers. Hopefully some of those expressing an interest in our "Art" will follow up with the fall show and classes. Members attending were Vince Bitz, Doug Emerson, Ron Holtz, Jim Lindseth, Bob Pedigo and Warren Schlecht. Perry Cook also stopped by to provide some harassment to the troops.



Treasurer's Report – 2010

The 2010 financial records have been audited by Warren Schlecht and found to be in order. The following report of income, expenses and balances is made. Any member may examine the financial records of the club by contacting me.

INCOME:	Dues	\$1205.00
	Grants	3235.00
	Class fees	2165.00
	Raffle	1785.00



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Show	2324.95
Misc.	110.75#
Total	\$10825.70

EXPENSES:	Postage	\$ 17.60
	Newsletter	200.00
	Books/DVD	178.29
	Instructors	5318.45
	Annual show	4101.56
	Misc.	1174.03*
Total		\$ 10989.93

Cash on hand January 1, 2010	\$3807.29
Plus 2010 Income	10825.70
Equals	14632.99
Less 2010 Expenses	10989.93
Equals COH December 31, 2010	3643.06

Includes wood sales and gifts

*Includes various fees, rents, tools, dues, class refunds, raffle expenses, and insurance.

Ron Holtz
Treasurer

Winnipeg Woodcarver's Weekend

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Subject: Winnipeg Woodcarvers Weekend - Low Participation May End Event
Date: Tue, 22 Feb 2011 11:58:55 -0600

Fellow Woodcarvers

Attached is a letter (WWW Lack of Participants) which we ask everyone to read and to forward on to other woodcarvers.

The 2011 Winnipeg Woodcarvers Weekend 12th annual event will probably be the last of this event without increased participation. The reasons are many for the low attendance but lack of participants is the reality for the past couple of years. It is a vicious circle because the fewer participants the less the event can grow.

As a carving community we need to realize that if it ends with this year it probably will not be resurrected for the future. That would be sad because many beginner woodcarvers, and instructors, have grown because of this event.

Attached also is a copy of our information package and if you know anyone who has not got a copy we would appreciate it being passed on.



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By mid-March we have to make a decision whether to size down the event or cancel it. At this point in time it appears that we will have the event but it will be sized down to cut costs.

The participants for this year pay the costs and the event needs to break even on costs. There is no big organization or sponsors behind this event - it is all about the woodcarvers.

Rick and Cathie Brereton
Event Coordinators
Winnipeg Woodcarvers Weekend



"Couple Taking a Break"
Frank Koch's award winning carving in Florida Advanced Division



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Frank Koch provided the project of a key chain with a small eagle head carved on one end of the key chain.

President Emerson presided over the meeting. There were 8 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that there is \$2,942 in the checking account at this time. There is an outstanding bill of \$1,000 owed to Larry Longtine for the upcoming class on Carousel carving. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report was passed.

President Dough Emerson reported that the Executive Board recently took action on a couple of items. They are as follows:

1. The Board approved the purchase of a Brown Trout cast from Clark Schreibeis for the club to use for air brush painting exercises.
2. The Board approved the purchase of chip carving knives for the instructional classes to be taught at the Bismarck High Schools and Boy Scouts. Frank purchased the knives from Bob Lawrence before the instructional classes to be held in the near future.

Doug reported that the carousel class to be taught by Larry Longtine in April is now full. There are individuals now signed up for the class which is to be held on April 8-10.

New Business:

It was reported that a DVD about chip carving has been purchased and entered into the chapter library catalog. Bob Pedigo purchased them when he visited Clark Schreibeis recently.

There was some discussion that indicated that DWAC is now getting better organized. It was suggested that the club try to link up with the DWAC email and/or website as another outlet for the club website.

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The whittle-ins in May continue to need someone to lead the projects for the whittle-in dates. If interested, contact Jim Lindseth or Dug Emerson.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

From Ed Ryen, Librarian

Frank Koch has provided Dennis & Todd Moor's 4 volume DVD Set on Chip Carving. It is available for checkout. Contact Ed Ryen.

An open letter from Cathie Breaton regarding Rick's emergency and the canceling of the Winnipeg Woodcarving show.

Dear friends,

I am sorry for not advising you earlier, but I was trying to decide if the Woodcarvers Weekend could continue. Let me explain a brief version of what has transpired hardly less than a week ago. Last Friday evening Rick came in the house saying he didn't feel well. I took him to the ER at the local hospital and after all the tests there were still no indicators as to the problem. The ER doctor was very thorough and felt further testing was necessary and sent Rick into a Winnipeg hospital by ambulance for a CT scan. The radiologist saw the results he called ahead to the St. Boniface hospital (a centre of excellence for cardiac disease, treatment and surgery) and the cardiac surgeon was waiting when we arrived. Rick had an aortic dissection (tearing in the aorta) and was bleeding into his organs and up into his brain. They started the surgical procedure about 1:45 am and after 13 hours and complications he came out of surgery (he came out better than they expected). He ended up with a metal valve being grafted on the aorta to repair the damage. On Tuesday, he returned to the OR where they closed up his chest and removed a blood clot. Rick remained in the Intensive Cardiac Care Surgery unit until yesterday when they moved him to the Cardiac Surgical Unit. We are uncertain at this time how long he will remain in hospital, but he is making daily progress. He has a long road of recovery ahead.



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I have cancelled all of the rooms at the Travelodge so you do not have to worry about that. I have also cancelled all of the rooms at St. John's. Since I don't have the WWW files here with me, when I get back home I will start sending refunds out, so please be patient with us.

I have joined a site called Caring Bridge where you can visit to receive progress updates and a place where you can post best wishes or comments if you like which I will share with Rick when he is able. Here is the site address

Thank you for understanding the situation and your patience.

Cathie

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CARROUSEL CARVING CLASS GREAT SUCCESS

During the weekend of April 8-10, 2011, 12 wood carvers enjoyed the challenge of carving carousel figures. Larry Longtine of Lake Park, Minnesota provided carving instructions. Prancing horse, galloping horse, lion, chicken, and giraffe were available to carve. Larry has been carving carousel animals for about 20 years. Frank Koch and Bob Pedigo are planning on building a working carousel. Remember, the theme for this fall's show is carousel. Also, the Bismarck Library has requested to display our carousels.



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Here is your copy of the May Edition of Carver's Corner. For those interested the website is also up-to-date with pictures from the show and from the Frank Koch class:

<http://www.reginawhittlersandwoodcarvers.ca>

Remember to open and read Carver's Corner you need to have the Adobe Acrobat reader installed on your computer. It is available at: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

If you have problems, please be in touch ...

We are planning one more edition before the summer break!

Bill Dearborn

E-board: visited with Rick Harney this evening, he is OK with having up to 14 in the class(subject to approval by our club).. He also is willing to do a banquet presentation about his work (he has a major in art and has worked in a number of mediums. He has done some very interesting items. One of his bronze casting was in Bismarck for a summer. It was of Abe Lincoln sitting on a bench and was in front of BAGA for most of the summer. Lots of people sat next to Abe for a picture. He was life size.

Frank

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A carousel horse – From the Regina Show

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Bring a sack meal and a project you are working on.



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SPECIAL WHITTLE-IN

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From the Editor:

This issue of the newsletter will be short, with pictures and the information regarding signing up for the 42nd Flickertail Woodcarvers Annual Show. Application and registration for the classes being offered and the application form. The classes will be filled in the order they are received, with present members having preference.

If you have any question concerning the registration, contact

Frank Koch.

Klaes: attached are a couple of pictures from the International Woodcarving Congress that took place in Davenport, Iowa, last weekend. The Lady in butternut was done by Fred Cogelow of Willmar, MN, it was the Best of Show piece. The other piece was done by Marv Kasirsatt of Fairbault, MN, it was the Blue ribbon winner for Caricature group carvings.

On Tuesday I will be taking the Wetland Birds to Medora, I will take some pictures of the exhibit and send them to you on Thursday.

Frank



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From the Editor:

I received this information from J.D. Anderson from the Red River WoodCarvers:

I know this has nothing to do with Carving but with the 4Th coming up I though it was timely.

Judy

> Subject: Tick Removal

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> >A nurse discovered a safe easy way to remove Ticks where they
> >Automatically with draw themselves when you follow her simple
> >instructions.

> >Read this one as it could save you from some major problems.
> >

> >Tick removal: Spring is here and the ticks will soon be showing
> >Their heads. Here is a good way to get them off you, your
> >Children, or your pets. Give it a try.
> >

> >Please forward to anyone with children... Or hunters or dogs,
> >Or anyone who even steps outside in summer!!
>

> >A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough
> >To share --
> > >=====

> > >"I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best
> >Way to remove a tick.. This is great, because it works in
> >Those places where it's some times difficult to get to with
> >Tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark
> >Hair, etc."
>

> >"Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick
> >With the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few
> >Seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be
> >Stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This
> >Technique has worked every time I've used it (and that
> >Was frequently, and it's much less traumatic for the
> >Patient and easier for me.."

> > >

> >"Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this



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> >Would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's
> >Wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her
> >Back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used
> >This method and immediately called me back to say,
> >"It worked!"
>
> >Please pass on. Everyone needs this helpful hint.

> >Tough times never last,
> >tough people do.....SAM



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May 21, 2011

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

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting. There were 8 members present. The minutes of the 1st meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that there is \$2,114 in the checking account at this time. It was noted that Frank has incurred some expenses for the purchase of a projector as well as travel expenses delivering some of the carving exhibits to various cities around ND. Ron Holtz moved and Bob Pedigo seconded to reimburse Frank \$679 for expenses incurred for the club. Motion passed.

Doug reported that there are some proposed changes to the show in October. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Add the "Note: You may email me or call me with your intent to take the class, when you receive the newsletter, and then have seven days to remit the class fee and show registration: to the registration form for the show.
2. Rick Harney will allow 14 carvers in the class rather than the initial 12 participants.

Bob Pedigo moved and Jim Lindseth seconded the motion for the proposed changes. Motion passed. It was noted that Rick's class will be \$100.

Frank has been working with the Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and said the Western Display at the park starting on Memorial Day weekend. Also, Frontier Days will be held at the park on June 18-19. The club is invited to demonstrate some of the carvings during that time. There was a general consensus to have some carvers present at the activity to demonstrate their carvings.

The bird display is to be on display in Medora starting on June 21, 2011. Frank will work on getting the display set up at Medora.



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Frank Koch took the songbird display to the Harold Schafer Museum in Medora on May 12. On June 21, Flickertail Woodcarvers will be at the museum demonstrating woodcarving. Then on June 22, the songbird display will be taken to Williston and a shorebird display will be setup at the Harold Schafer Museum. On August 2, the songbird display will be brought back from Williston and displayed at the Harold Schafer Museum.

Capital A'Fair will be held on August 6-7 on the Capitol grounds again this year. They would like the club to demonstrate the art of woodcarving at the show and would provide booth space if interested. The general consensus was that we would participate in the show if possible.

The schedule for the summer monthly whittle-ins are to be at Sertoma Park shelter #4 starting at 5 and will continue until dark.

Frank indicated that we need to start planning for the show to be held in 2012. He indicated that Floyd Schulz was not available at that time but Bob Guge is available. Bob is a well known carver of birds and highly regarded instructor. Jim Lindseth moved and Ron Holtz seconded to try to sign Bob Guge as the featured carver for the October, 2012 show. Motion passed.

Bob Pedigo reminded the club that Clark Schreibeis will be here for the spring, 2012 class. The class will be for the painting of a brown trout and on the construction of habitat. Bob is planning on sending in an order for the purchase of Badger Air Brushes and was wondering if anyone else is interested in ordering an air brush. If interested in purchasing one, contact Bob. Cost of the air brush will be about \$95 plus shipping handling.

Jim Lindseth reported that he will need to have some projects for the monthly whittle-ins for this fall and into 2012. Contact him to set up a time if you are interested in providing a project for the Tuesday evening and Saturday morning whittle-ins.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary



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The Great Northern Carousel

by Bob Pedigo

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One of the cities we stopped in was Helena, Montana, which is the state capital. My wife was reading a brochure of the local sights and discovered there was a carousel which we were able to visit. The location of the carousel was in the Great Northern Town Center which is a restored central district of Helena - a nice shopping and restaurant district.

The carousel, named "The Great Northern Carousel", was the most unique I have ever seen. This carousel had many horses which are typical of most carousels, but what intrigued me was that it also had many animals native to Montana which I have never before seen on a carousel. It had a Frog, Rabbit, Grizzly Bear, Bighorn Sheep, Bison, Mountain Goats, Grey Wolf, Bobcats, Antelope, Dinosaur, River Otter, and even a Cutthroat Trout in addition to horses. I am including a few of the pictures I took which follow this text. There was no charge for entrance, and I was able to freely walk around on the carousel for pictures as long as it wasn't in use. I hope this inspires you all to carve a carousel figure for our annual show this year.



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\$17.00 _____

Non Carvers Registration fee- all meals included

\$43.00 _____

Extra table (if available)

\$ 5.00 _____

Total _____

Return the completed registration form with a check by **Sept. 23, 2011** to:

Frank Koch,

Fall Whittle-In and Meetings:

Do you have a special woodcarving that could be shared with the Flickertail woodcarvers? Volunteer to lead a Whittle-In or the woodcarving project at a monthly meeting. Arrange a date with Jim Lindseth. The following woodcarving projects are scheduled for this fall:

Tuesday Sept. 6- Alvin Braunagel - Friendship Knot

Saturday Sept. 17- Frank & Kay will share pictures of Switzerland, woodcarvings, etc, followed by a potluck lunch at about 11:30 am. Contact Frank Koch, if you wish to bring an item to share. Possible Menu: sloppy joes, buns, chips,

Cole slaw, brownies/cookies

Tuesday October 4 - Larry Brewster- Book Worm

Saturday October 15 – Bob Pedigo- Miniature Brown Trout

Tuesday Nov. 1 - Jim Lindseth- Chip Carved Pinecone

Saturday Nov. 19- Ron Holtz- Christmas Ornament

Tuesday Dec. 6 –TBA

Saturday Dec. 17 – TBA Project with Club Christmas Fest- Bring Goodie to Share

Woodcarving Exhibits On The Move

The Flickertail Woodcarving club has three themed exhibits that are available for display. The ND Songbird exhibit was retrieved from the Buffalo Museum in Jamestown in April and then went to the Schafer Museum in Medora in early May and the Old West Town exhibit came back to Bismarck. At the end of June the ND Songbird exhibit went to the James Memorial Art Center in Williston and the ND Wetlands Bird exhibit went to the Schafer Museum in Medora. Early July the Old West Town exhibit went to the Bowman Museum. At the end of July the ND Songbird exhibit returned to Bismarck, it is not currently scheduled for further display. The Carousel exhibit will be on display at the Bismarck Library for three months in 2012, July, August, and September.



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The Curling Chip



October 15, 2011

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

Bob Pedigo provided the carving project for the morning.
The carving was a small rooster.

President Doug Emerson presided over the meeting. There were 17 members in attendance with 4 guests who were attending the beginner carving class. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Ron Holtz reported that there is \$6,257 in the checking account with bills in the amount of \$8.70 for postage, \$44 for refunds, \$50 for reimbursement to Ron Torgeson for submitting a grant, and \$3,700 for motel expenses incurred for the carving show held in October. Ron also indicated that the raffle netted about \$1,100 in income. Perry Cook moved and Alvin Braunagel seconded that the bills be paid. Motion carried and treasurer report was approved as submitted.

A short report on the annual show was given. The feeling was that the show was very successful with very good attendance. Comments from those attending the show were very positive. Ron Torgeson moved that the club reimburse Frank and Kay Koch \$100 for the expenses that they incurred for housing expenses for keeping featured carver, Rick Harney. Clara Yonker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Frank Koch reported that Clark Schreibeis will be conducting the class for painting a brown trout along with instructions for providing habitat in the spring class. The class is scheduled for April 13, 14, 15. Bob Pedigo indicated that he may provide some instructions on some Saturdays helping complete the carving of the trout prior to Clark's class. The classes may start in January, 2012, possibly at Bob's place. There will be more information about the classes at a later date.

Frank reported that a Christmas party is being worked on and a sign-up sheet will be coming out in the near future. No date has been decided at this time.

Frank also reported that Bob Guge has agreed to be the featured carver at the 2012 annual show in October, 2012. His specialty is the carving and painting of birds. He also



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indicated that Bob Gulee has agreed to the spring, 2013 class. There will be more information coming out as we approach the dates they will be here.

The election of club officers is scheduled to be held at the February, 2012, meeting. Bob Pedigo has agreed to chair the nominating committee. Jim Lindseth and Warren Schlecht have also agreed to be part of the nominating committee. The offices to be decided upon will be the President-elect, Secretary, Membership, Librarian, Newsletter, and one Member-at-Large currently held by Jim Lindseth.

Jim Lindseth reported that there are still some openings for projects for the monthly whittle-ins for this fall and into 2012. Contact him to set up a time if you are interested in providing a project for the Tuesday evening and Saturday morning whittle-ins.

Discussion about heavier tarps for carving on at the various shows was held. Bob Pedigo moved that the club spend approximately \$100 on painter's tarps to be used by the club at some of the public shows. Frank seconded. Motion passed. Bob will look into the purchases.

Frank reported that the carvings for the Old West town are presently at Bowman. The next stop for the carvings will be in Moorhead, Minnesota. There were no projects for show and tell. No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Warren Schlecht
Secretary

Brown Trout Carving

Bob Pedigo will be leading folks through a brown trout carving class in preparation for the brown trout painting class to be taught by Clark Schreibeis in April. We will carve the body and fins, and put in head and mouth details along with texturing for scales. We will not insert the eyes since they will be done during Clark's class. The body and fins will be carved separately and the fins will be inserted after the fish is carved and textured.

The class should take two or three Saturdays. Bob estimates this will take only two Saturdays, but will do another one if needed to finish. The participants will receive instruction on the carving techniques during class and should plan to do some "homework" during the week to be ready for the next session. Bob has not set a start date yet, but is looking at some Saturdays in January and February after the holidays. The Saturdays selected would be those that work best for most of the participants.



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Cost will be \$20.00 per student and a fish cutout and fins is included in this cost. Eyes will be provided by Clark Schreibeis in April during the painting session.

If anyone is interested who has not yet contacted Bob, please call him at home at



Relief Carving by Rick Harney, Our guest carver 1

Christmas Party 2011!

The Christmas party this year will be at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck beginning with a social at 5:30 pm. The dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. If you are planning to attend, please let **Frank Koch** know as soon as possible. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be a gift exchange for carvers and their spouses. Frank will do a "year-in-review" for the entertainment. We hope to see you there.



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Report from Ron Holtz, Treasurer

Ticket sales for the 2011 raffle brought in \$1404 gross and we had the following expenses:

City permits	\$25.00
Printing	\$181.42
Postage	\$17.87
Totaling	\$224.29
Net income	\$1179.71

Mitch Olson and I want to thank all the people who donated the prizes for the raffle including Frank Koch, Bob Pedigo Jim Lindseth, Doug Emerson, Alvin Braunagel, Ron Davidson, Doug Smith, Stan Doblinski, Perry Cook, Bonnie Cook, Barry Bell, DoubleWood Inn, Vince Bitz and Vince Albanese.

The Winners were as follows:

Avocet Shorebird	Amanda Schumacher, Linton, ND
Chip Carved Quilt	Beryl Dinkins, Bismarck
Miniature Goose	Herb Thurmn, Bismarck
Napkin Holders	Amy Frey, Bismarck
Chip Carved Plate	Judy Doll, Fargo, ND
Polar Bear	Ed Ryan, Bismarck
Wood Spirit	Darcy Herr, Bismarck
Relief Carved Goose	Candy Skauge, Lake Park, MN
Wolf Bust	Rita Weber, Fargo, ND
Lap Quilt	Klaes Welch, Mandan
Caricature Party Boy	Kathy Wolf, Bismarck
Santa Ornament	Ron Holtz, Bismarck
Fan Bird	Stephanie Tesky, Mandan
Scroll Sawn Eagle	Joe Gutensohn, Bismarck
One nights Lodging	Margaret Sitte, Bismarck
Free Buffet Meal	Ron Kalivas, Green River, WY

Thanks also to all the club members and others who pitched in to sell tickets far and wide and to buy a goodly number themselves. Thanks to Alvin Braunagel who helped me sell tickets at the door both show days.

Ron Holtz, Co-Chair Raffle Committee

FROM THE EDITOR: My email address has changed

I went back to a 1990 newsletter to get carving pattern. You will recognize the individual who made the contribution. (Vince Bitz)

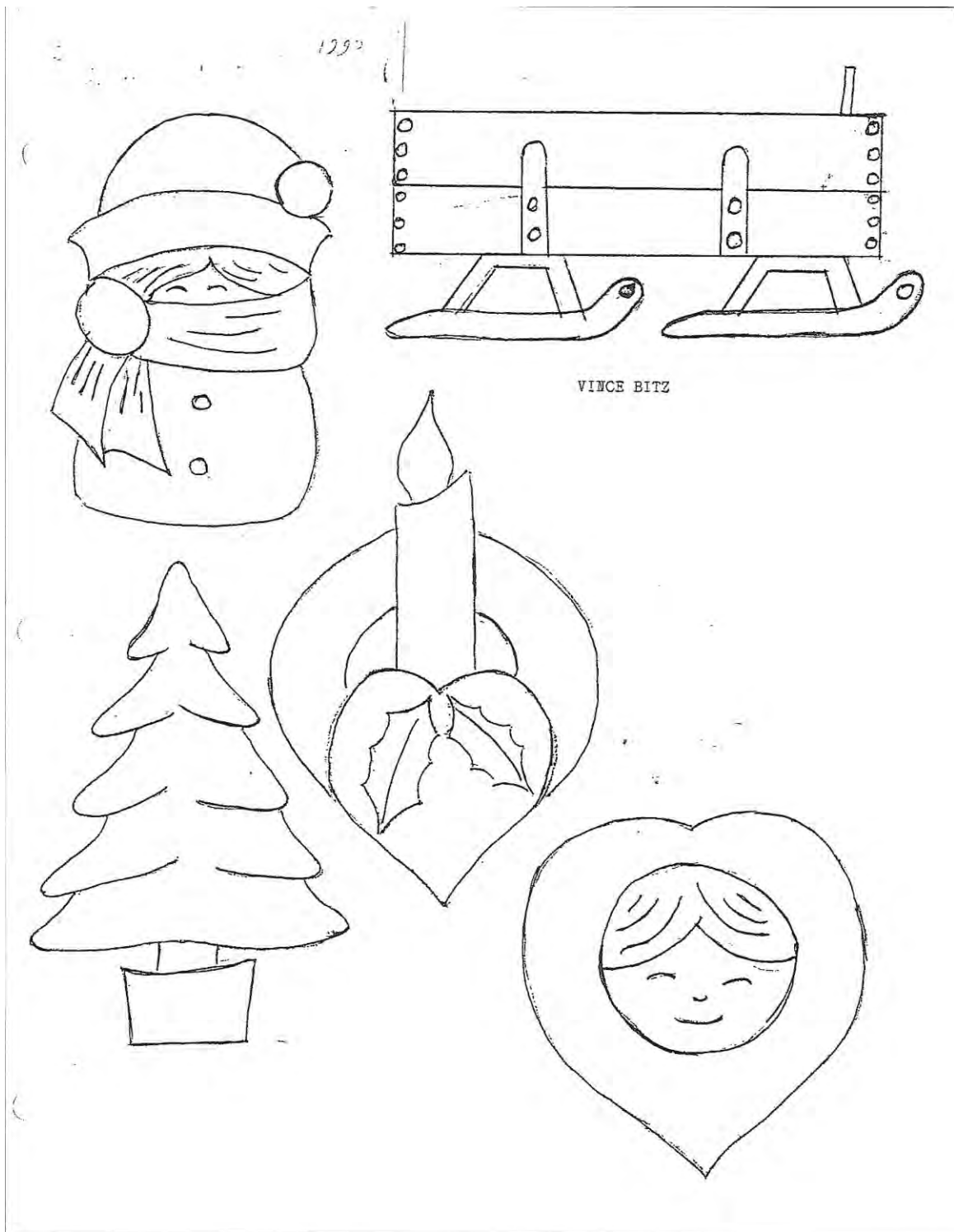
Happy Carving!



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DATE	EVENT	SUBJECT	HOST
Tues. Dec. 6	Whittle-In, 7-9 pm	Xmas Ornament	Ron Holtz
Sat. Dec. 17	Monthly meet 9-11	Bring extra ornament blanks to share	Club
Tues. Jan 3	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Project TBA	
Sat. Jan 14	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	Snow Snakes	Club
Tues. Feb 7	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Love Spoon	Frank Koch
Sat. Feb 18	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	Hand Carved Cross	Warren Schlecht
Tues. Mar 6	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	TBA	Mitch Olson
Sat. Mar 17	Monthly Meet 9-11 am	TBA	Troy Frieze
Tues. Apr 3	Whittle-In 7-9 pm	Wood burning	Doug Emerson
Sat-Sun Apr 14-15	Air Brush Class	Brown Trout	Clark Schreibeis
Sat. Apr 14	Monthly Meet	TBA	
Sat. Sun Apr 21-22	Woodcarving Show	Fargo, Red River	Doublewood Inn
Tues. May 1	Whittle-In	TBA	



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