

# The Curling Chip    November/December 2021

## FLICKERTAIL WOODCARVERS

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Happy Holidays. Our beginning carving classes were great! Cliff has been doing a lot with the library. Be sure to read his article and check out the catalog. Our Winter celebration will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dale and Jen's house. The event will take place all day with a pot-luck supper at the end. Come for the day or just for supper. Call Diane at 701-226-0163 or 701-250-5185 and tell her what you will bring. There will also be a gift exchange for carvers and non-carvers and games. Becky W will have a carving project for those who come early. She'd like to know what color of nylon rope you'd like to finish it. Thanks to Flickertail

members Becky B, Cliff, and Eric G for writings and photos. **Remember Winter Celebration will be all day January 22<sup>th</sup>.** For questions or future articles send your info to Tom/Diane Turck at email address [tdturck@bis.midco.net](mailto:tdturck@bis.midco.net).

Good Carving! PS The extra pic of flickertails is to fill a blank area.

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## Event Calendar

Meetings and Whittle-Ins are held in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. Summer – June, July and August at Sertoma Park, Shelter # 5

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October 2, 2021	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM
October 7-10, 2021	Flickertail Woodcarvers Show 7-8 8am-5pm with Vic Hood, 9-10 8am-11:15am Dick Skaug and Pam Vukelic classes 12-4:30pm public is invited
October 19, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 Open carving, Beginners class, Mike will have snake blanks
November 6, 2021	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30, Project by Dale, hearts
November 16, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 Beginners class, Project by Mike K, snakes
December 4, 2021	Monthly meeting, 8:30-10:30, Project by Becky W, Christmas trees
December 21, 2021	Whittle-In 7-9, Mike Knudson, snakes
January 18, 2022	Whittle-In 7-9, Project Unknown
January 22, 2022	Whittle-In all day. Project by Becky B or bring your own. Supper potluck (Tell Diane what you would like to bring 226-0163)
February 5, 2022	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30, Project Unknown
February 15, 2022	Whittle-In 7-9, Project Unknown
March 5, 2022	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30, Project Unknown

## Past Events\

January 2, 2021	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM Project by Eric Gaasland
January 19, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Library Spoons Return Eagle Feather Project by Dale Heglund
February 6, 2021	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM Project by Bob Pedigo, love spoon
February 16, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Project by Troy Frieze
February 27, 2021	Virtual Party Everyone is invited
March 13, 2021	Monthly meeting 8:30-10:30 AM New Date Project by Cliff Orgaard
March 16, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Project by Becky Weisgerber
May 15-16, 2021	Spring Carving Class Buffalo in Butternut at the ND Heritage Center By Bob Pedigo
May 18, 2021	Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Project by Alvin Braunagel
June 15, 2021	Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, shelter <b>5</b> , 5:30-8 PM Sack lunch – Public is invited
July 20, 2021	Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, Shelter <b>5</b> , 5:30-8 PM Sack Lunch – Public is invited
August 17, 2021	Whittle-In, Sertoma Park, Shelter <b>5</b> , 5:30-8 PM Sack lunch – Public is invited
Sept 4, 2021	Whittle-In 8:30-10:30 (approx), pumpkin project By Becky Barnes, 116 Sunflower Drive, (bring folding chair)
Sept 21, 2021	Whittle-Inn 7-9pm
Sept 25-26, 2021	Apple Fest at Buckstop Junction 11-5 Sat, 11-4 Sun For Cancer Society

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## ***Monthly Meeting Minutes for Flickertail Woodcarvers***

***November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Trinity Lutheran Church***

Becky B called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present.

**Project:** Dale is responsible for today's project of hearts for the Cancer Society. Apropos of the activity, we just received a letter from Amy Gross at the Society thanking us for our continuing to provide them with hearts, giving a message of hope to the recipients.

**Guests:** None today.

**Show and Tell:** Doug E has recently visited the Galapagos Islands. He brought back a tortoise carved in Spanish cedar that was breath taking. He also brought back a lovely cup from Ecuador. It has decorations all around it made of barley.

Several people came with hearts to be collected.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft from October was sent out earlier. Dale approved and Eric G seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** Warren gave information that there is \$6,418.01 in checking. In addition, he had money just received in the mail for various things including memberships. He recently paid out \$1,000 for the multipurpose room at the Career Academy.

**Membership:** Doug S was unavailable. Becky B said that we have new members from the beginner's class. We also have some new legacy members who are children of recently deceased members with tools who are interested in learning more about carving.

**Property:** Becky B reported the sale of one of our knives, leaving us with five 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary knives that can be used as special gifts, as well as mugs, patches and stickers. In addition, we have several medium size shirts left, and a few hats. All except the knives were available for sale at the Annual Show.

**Library:** Cliff laid out the books he has recently been given for us to look at during the meeting. Most are from Ron Torgeson and they are marked as donated by him, which is a practice Cliff is going to continue with any book that is offered to us. Cliff made an addendum sheet of all the new items.

He also has some years' worth of magazines which he is going through before deciding what to do with them.

We are running out of space in the library, and have a number of VCR tapes that have been recopied to other media. A motion was made to send out an e-mail allowing anyone who wants one to have it, and then dispose of the remainder. It was seconded and passed.

**Publicity:** The Visitors Bureau wants to include our Annual Flickertails Fall Show in their publication of things to do and see in Bismarck for 2022. That's wonderful, but we are thinking of renaming the show to include the Woodturners.

Becky W will put meeting times in the newspaper. (repeat)

**Historian:** Becky B is about half way through Clara's old material and archiving it.

**Facebook:** Eric G is keeping up with current events, including adding photos of the tortoise and hearts from today's meeting.

**Website/Instagram/Twitter:** Becky B is also keeping up with current events. She reported on a location called sketchfab.com. It allows you to see an object like the you are carving in the round. So, for example you can pull up a wolf and turn it to look at the side or the back. The example the site gives you is sneaker. You can look around it and even inside it.

**Buckstop Junction:** Mike wasn't available.

**Programs:** The [Winter Celebration](#) will be on Jan 8 [later correction: changed to Jan 22]. Dale and Jen have offered their home. No Whittle-In will take place on Jan 1. As with the last celebration, it is an all-day event starting at 8:30 am in the morning and going through to an evening potluck. Come for the whole day or part of it. There will be a carving exchange after the potluck. Becky W will have a project for those who wish to do something different, or bring hearts or something

else you're working on. Becky W's project is a little broom with a face carved in it. Cute. She wants to know the color of nylon rope you want to finish it with ([vortenjou@bis.midco.net](mailto:vortenjou@bis.midco.net)).

Dale has been occupied with obtaining carvers for the **Spring Class** in May.

The **Fall Annual Flickertail Woodcarvers Show** will be held on October 8-9 of 2022 at the Career Academy.

The show may have name alteration. We are trying to blend our club with the Woodturners club during the show. The Woodturners have their meeting on the Saturday we have our Show, but they could have their meeting and still be part of the show. Becky B and Becky W have gone to the Women in Woodturning Show to become more acquainted with the group.

One person Dale has contacted is Roger Bean, who is a character carver. He may be interested in conducting our four day session while his wife could do the weekend lessons in woodburning. (repeat)

Mike has taken over the **Snow Snakes** from Doug E. Last year we completed 50 snakes. There is a chance that this year there may be an additional classroom involved. The idea is that we will set aside two carving sessions for snakes, as usual, a little earlier in the season, and the rest can be done at home.

Other **Program** Scheduling: In December Becky W will do a Christmas tree. Ed will do a meeting on photo editing and Bob P will do a review on tool sharpening. Dennis will do two classes on war pony sticks. The second will involve painting them.

Becky B has a cute turkey blank as an extra carving, but asks that you actually want to make it if you tell her to create the blank. They are difficult to cut out.

**New Business:** 1) our new shirt order designed by Becky B, with a flickertail carving a flickertail, will go out Monday, November 8. We need an order of 30 shirts with the price the manufacturer has given us. Over 20 shirts have been requested thus far. We will make up the remainder by ordering for the club. Becky W reminded us that we have several M shirts, so the new shirts will be in L, XL, and 2XL.

2) We only have about five or so signs to put in lawns advertising the Fall Show. We need to price out about 20 so that we can have additional publicity regarding the show.

3) Becky B will be teaching a session of three classes found in the Enrichment Catalog for Continuing Education. (repeat)

**Old Business:** 1) Virtual Carving Classes. Something to think about. (repeat)

2) The Bismark Veterans Memorial Library wondered if we would like to arrange another display in 2022. Some ideas for a theme were suggested in common with the Spring and/or October classes. (repeat)

3) Becky B assembled a **Fall Carving Course** which appealed to a wide variety of people. The eight-week course is half over and has grown from 14 to about 20 participants. Most of the new joiners are friends or relatives of people already enrolled. There have been only two minor accidents, one in class and one outside of class. Both involved not wearing a glove. The sessions continue each Tuesday through November 30 from 7:15-9pm. Becky has instructors for each class but could use extra people to help out.

**In addition:** Further, we have really cool business cards with Flickertail Facebook pictures on the back for free! (Free advertising and they're interesting as well). (repeat)

Having no further business, Ron H moved the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Eric G.

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Respectfully Submitted by *Diane L Lehman Turck*, Secretary

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### *November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Whittle-In*

Members were nicely spread out among the tables. A few snakes from last time were completed and returned. Along the table at the side of the room, Cliff laid out the books the library had recently received. Most were from Ron Torgeson. Cliff has begun marking books we obtain with the name of the person who donated the volume. It's a good way to keep an idea of where we get our resources. Because we have gotten so many books and magazines lately, we are running out of room. We have a number of old VCR tapes that have been recopied to DVDs or other media. If no one wants them, we will get rid of them to create more space.

For today's project, Dale had some hearts for carving, and he brought a variety of woods including white pine, birch, chip board, cedar, particle board, cottonwood bark, and basswood. A lot of people had their own hearts to modify as well. Doug E said we need about two hearts a day to keep up with demand and we have given over 1,700 of them. In keeping with our heart theme, Dale noted that we got a



**Todd E and Cliff O carving hearts with some already completed**



letter from Amy Gross of the Cancer Society thanking us for providing them with hearts to give to cancer survivors.

The church doors were locked, but various people let others in. Many of the tables were taken up by beginners. Their project for this evening was carving Christmas trees. Becky W, Becky B, Eric G, and Eric T went around and helped the students. Other members helped as well. About six adults and a number of children were learning.

Some 10 members were present. Mike came with a pile of wooden blanks to make into snakes. The classroom teaching with the snakes has to do with Native American culture. It's one of those sets of lessons that you remember doing long after you're older, just because you had so much fun while learning. The children experience Native American customs and games, they get to paint and create their snakes and then they get to race them down a hopefully snow-covered hill. I can't remember for sure; I think last year we needed 50 snakes. If the corners are rounded off decorating them doesn't take too long.



**Eric T helping kids carve; Cliff and Todd E in the background with snakes**



**Becky W showing a knife position to one student**



**Two more people working on Christmas trees**





**One of the father and son teams**



**Scottie dogs, the finished one bedecked with a ribbon**

The students were attentively working on their trees. The people helping were making the rounds and assisting where there were problems. Some of the kids were performing as conscientiously as the grown-ups. The family group with several children was performing well. The one boy just needed a glove to protect his hand from being cut. One woman needed a better thumb guard.

The members were working on their own projects. Bob P was creating his third Scottie dog. The finished one had a tartan ribbon around its neck. According to Wikipedia, Scotties are one of five terriers from Scotland originally developed to hunt vermin on farms. They are territorial, feisty and brave. Small, compact and a wiry top coat, they have erect ears and tail, and short legs. Their ears should feel velvety. In coloring, their coats can be black to grayish black, brindle to white. Their expression is bright and piercing with small, almond-shaped eyes. The Scottie is a popular Monopoly game piece.



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## ***November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Whittle-In***

*By Becky Barnes*

This Tuesday was a combination Beginning Carving class and Whittle-In. Twenty people were present. The Beginning class was taught by Cliff Orgaard, with a Christmas/Evergreen tree project. If people finished earlier, he also had a supplemental Moravian Star project ready to go. The Whittle-in snow snake project was brought by Mike Knudson. Regular members, and even some Beginning class members took a turn carving snakes.



**Carving an evergreen with all the proper protections**

One member, Bridget, is also in one of the classes that participate in the snow snake activity – she decided that instead of taking a pre-carved snake to paint, she wanted to take her snake from beginning to end. Go Bridget go!



**Room full of well spread-out working carvers**

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### ***Flickertail Library News***

*By Cliff Orgaard*

This has been a busy fall for the wood carvers. The Annual Show was a success, the Beginner Carving Class was one of the largest in recent history, and we've had some major additions to the library. Also, we have updated our offerings by removing the video tapes from our collection.

This month I decided not to write a review of books. Instead, I encourage you to check out the Library Catalog on our website. <https://flickertailwoodcarvers.org/> It is found in the Archives section.



There are many valuable books and DVDs available. Check out something new and pass along any recommendations to our membership.

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***December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Trinity Lutheran Church***

Becky B called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present, including three from beginner classes.

**Project:** Becky W had today's project, a spiral Christmas tree that could be made into an ornament or smaller for earrings. It was the second week's project for the beginner class.

**Guests:** None today.

**Show and Tell:** Warren brought a cottonwood bark carving of a face to experiment with finishes and stains before he completes the carving he started with Vic Hood.

Bob P chip carved a beautiful sleigh found in this month's *Woodcarving Illustrated*. He created a heat transfer pattern that he will give to anyone wanting to duplicate the design.

Eric T is working on a new project in the drawing stage. In butternut, it is a cape buffalo being attacked.

**Secretary's Report:** The draft from November was sent out earlier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Warren gave information that there is \$7,591 in checking. In addition, he has money just received in the mail for various things including dues. No bills are outstanding.

**Membership:** Becky B said that we have new members whose names need to be added to the e-mail rolls.

**Property:** Several gouges and thumb guards were sold at the beginners' class that will need to be replaced.

We have replenished the larger shirt sizes (L, XL, 2XL) with the new design in the shipment received by Becky B.

**Library:** Cliff laid out the four volumes Eileen recently gave him. They are marked as donated by her.

We are running out of space in the library, and have a number of VCR tapes that have been recopied to other media are extraneous and have no function. The tapes were laid out on the table and a couple of people took a few. The remainder were disposed of at the end of the meeting.

**Publicity:** The Dakota West Arts Council has notified us that we will receive a grant of \$,2500 in February.

**Historian:** Becky B continues to work through Clara's old material, archiving it.

**Facebook:** Eric G is keeping up with current events.

**Website/Instagram/Twitter:** Becky B is also keeping up with current events.

**Buckstop Junction:** Mike brought the *Buckstop Sentinel* newspaper for November to show the article. In the newspaper it has the "New and Improved Bismarck Lumber Building" which a few of us got to see this fall. It looks very good. Ours is one of nine display areas on the floor.

**Programs:** The Winter Celebration will be on Jan 22. This is a change from January 8, so please note it on your calendars. Dale and Jen have offered their home. No Meeting will take place on Jan 1, and this is the replacement date. As with the celebration last year, it is an all-day event starting at 8:30 in the morning and going through to an evening potluck. Come for the whole day or part of it. There will be a carving exchange after the potluck. You can bring hearts or something else you're working on. However, Becky W will have a project for those who wish to do something different, a broom. Let her know if you want to have a specific color of nylon rope with which to finish the broom.

Dale has been talking with the Brereton carving instructors for the Spring Class in May. Rick would teach the carving, and Cathy would teach the painting of a loon. The difficulty is that they live in Canada, and travel restrictions are tight.

The **Fall Annual Flickertail Woodcarvers Show** Will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> of 2022 at the Career Academy. One person contacted is Roger Bean, who is a character carver. He may be interested in conducting our four-day session while his wife could do the weekend lessons in woodburning.

Another person Dale has spoken with is Josh Epping.

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Other **Program** Scheduling: Ed will do a meeting on photo editing and Bob P will do a review on tool sharpening. Dennis will do two classes on war pony sticks. The second will involve painting them. (repeat from last newsletter)

**New Business:** 1) our new shirt order designed by Becky B, came in. As mentioned, several larger sizes were added to our stockpile of shirts to purchase.

2) Becky B will be teaching a session of three classes found in the Enrichment Catalog for Continuing Education March 2022. (repeat)

3) People traveling over the holidays include Bob P to Hawaii, Doug E with God’s Child to build two new houses in Guatemala, and Bridget and her family to visit relatives in Montana.

**Old Business:** 1) The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library wondered if we would like to arrange another display in 2022. Some ideas suggested included displaying the carving produced by the new students, or carvings created by the past annual shows.

2) The **Fall Carving Course** grew from 14 to about 20 participants by the time it was complete on November 30. Becky B has reason to be proud of all the students and those who helped. Some people who assisted on the Tuesday evenings were Eric G, Becky W, Eric T, Cliff O and Bob P, but I'm sure there were others as well. Thanks to you all.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted by *Diane L Lehman Turck*, Secretary

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### ***December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Whittle-In***

Becky Weisgerber had the project, a little Christmas tree, the larger version suitable for an ornament, the smaller, a pair of earrings. Not too difficult, it was the beginner's class assignment for their second week. Becky brought square columns of basswood in two sizes to use for the trees. Each end of the column sustains a carved tree. The tree can then be cut off the piece of basswood and painted.

Becky B brought the order of shirts we had purchased with the new flickertail logo. She laid them out on one of the long tables by color and size. The shades are a muted rainbow of grays, greens, pinks, purples, bricks and blues. There are a few extras in larger sizes to augment our low number of stored shirts. She had a list of those who requested what size and color, and made piles for each recipient. It was nice to receive an order of the shirts for yourself.

On another long table, Cliff O has aligned the VCR tapes for everyone's perusal before the end of the meeting, when they would be thrown out. Virtually no one has a VCR to listen to the tapes that way anymore. Besides the VCR tapes, there

were four publications that Eileen has offered to the library that were shown. Cliff will put her name in them as the donor.

Everyone was nicely spread out among the tables. Mike brought a stash of snake blanks for those who wanted to work on them. A few snakes from last time were completed and returned. Bridget, a new member and fourth grader in one of the two schools that is given the snakes is going to take her snake from its origins as a template to carving it as a snake and then preparing it in art class in her schoolroom, and finally racing it. That's pretty cool.



**Becky W's templates and trees**





**Piles of varied colored shirts**



**VCR tapes lined up**



Warren showed us a sea captain made of cottonwood bark. It is very expressive. It looks similar but different from the one in the fall issue of *Woodcarving Illustrated*. He wanted to carve a face before he attempts to complete his bust that he began with Vic Hood. He wanted to test what he was thinking about for stains and finishes. He discussed Deft sprays from House of Color, and stained the carving in American walnut.

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### ***December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Whittle-In***

Even though it was close to Christmas, ten members decided to show up for the Whittle-In. The door was locked, but Eric G was again standing to wait for anyone showing up a little late. Mike arrived with some template lengths to change into snakes. There were some finished ones in the back room that Eric G showed Mike.

Becky B brought snacks for everyone, vegetables with dip and a small tray of white chocolate pretzels and chocolate covered nuts. A nice treat.

Doug E was rasping a snake over a waste paper basket. Marlene decided the snakes she had fashioned were not gracile enough for racing, and she rasped her snakes as well. Her snakes are cute with dark eyes and a forked tongue.

Eileen had two hearts she made to give to Doug E for the Cancer Society. The tree on the one heart has tiny burn dots around the greenery defining it.

Her current project is a woman from the North in a warm coat and boots. Her hair is pulled back in a bun. Eileen is having trouble with her nose, but the carving is well done.



**Snakes ready to give to schoolchildren**



**Hearts for the Cancer Society**



**A lady trying to keep warm**



**Santa getting ready for a sleigh ride**





### **A hornless, mane-less unicorn**

Cliff O has been going through the old magazines that were part of the materials given to the flickertails over the October Show. In one of them he found a wonderful Santa holding sleigh bells with the beginning of the song *Jingle Bells* burned in around the lower part of his suit. His beard and the sleigh bells give the impression that it might be windy outside.

A new member, Alyse, is carving a crane from one of the lessons given to students. Becky B has a finished one for her to copy. The legs are tricky and it takes a lot of patience.

Becky B is creating a unicorn. Presently it looks a bit like a frog or maybe something else not a unicorn, but that will change over time. She offered to make a carving of everyone's favorite animal at the veterinary office her family uses for their pets. She was surprised how many people's favorite animal is a dog. One did name a giraffe, however and another a shark.



**A giraffe and shark for a veterinary clinic's employees**



**Eric G working on a snake**





**Bridget creating her very own snake**



**A sea captain carved for experimentation**





**A lovely winter chip carving**



**Eric T's Tableau of Attack**

Bob P brought a sleigh that he had copied from this last edition of *Woodcarving Illustrated*. It was carved in butternut. He told us how he had gotten the stain in the chip carving and that he had the heat transfer pattern for anyone else wanting to try it.

Eric T is starting to work on a piece in butternut. He's just got the drawing on the piece of wood and has cut along some of the outline. It is going to be a buffalo being attacked by a predator going for its haunches.

While visiting in the meeting, we discovered that Bob P is going to Hawaii over Christmas. Somewhere warm. Doug E is also traveling to a warmer climate, to build two homes for God's Child in Guatemala. Bridget, on the other hand, is going to see relatives in Montana, so it will probably be about as cold as Bismarck.