

July 21st Picnic

Mike was the first person at the shelter, and I arrived shortly afterwards. He and I talked about the coming possible events and what we will do if they do occur. It continued as a general topic during parts of the evening. Unfortunately, no one has a definite idea what to do. Capital A'Fair seems to be ongoing and Mike thinks the Buckstop events will occur too. We didn't decide what we will do. A number of others showed up then and we spaced out among the picnic tables. By the end of the evening some 16 members came, or about the same as during the June picnic, although not exactly the same people. Like June, we occupied about 4 or 5 tables. Many people ate before they came, but there were sandwiches from Country Deli, Jimmy Johns and Arby's as well as from home. Ruth and Larry had watermelon besides, which is always good at a picnic.

As with last month, a number of people came with items to share which was excellent. Bob F showed us a two-faced toy. On one side it is a humming bird and on the other a donkey. The wings of the bird on the one side form the ears of the donkey on the other, and the head of the donkey appears to be the body of the bird



A humming bird in flight



A cute donkey's head

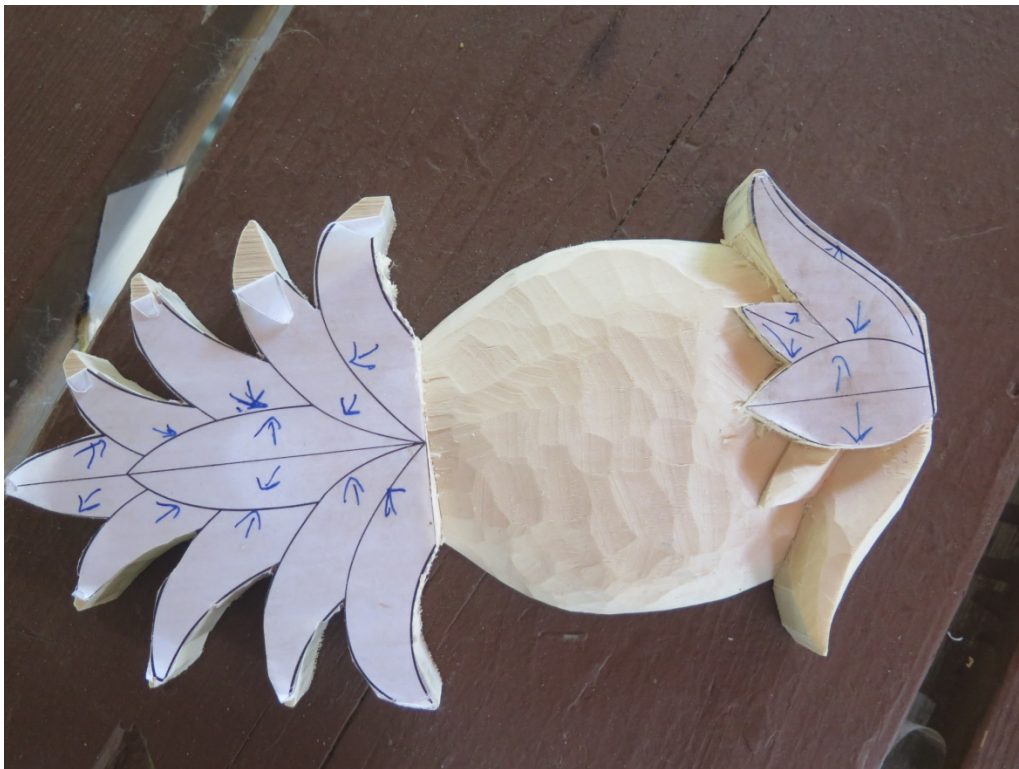
with tucked up wings. In addition, he had a cross that was originally part of the things that Karen Henderson had at the show last October. It's a Celtic style cross which he is trying to replicate.

Eric G is still working on pineapples. He has the body roughed out and has begun on the leaves. Then he will need to cross-hatch the pineapple body. With him as well is a spoon made of lilac and a spatula of another wood, perhaps black walnut. Finally, he has three hearts in the beginning stages of reduction. These are for the Cancer Society.

Larry brought some beautiful things. Two are polished comfort birds. One is of purple-heart. Larry has been making these birds of various woods for Ruth and showing them on special shelves in their house. Ruth says he has made enough that he is going to have to add some additional shelves. She really likes them. Larry also has a spoon with *kolrosing*, a Scandinavian form of design made by rubbing substances, in this case cayenne powder, into thin cuts in the wood.



A Celtic Cross and template



Working on a pineapple



A spoon of lilac and a spatula of black walnut



Rough outs for Cancer Hearts



Larry's two highly polished keepsake comfort birds



A well-made Love Spoon with kolrosing in the bowl



A closer picture of *kolrosing* using cayenne as the medium

Ron is working on a pair of black bears in basswood. One is actually done and painted with the ground under his paws painted to look like a meadow. The other needs overall modification, but is close to being done. Then there will be a pair of them.

Troy came with a chip carved plate that he has only started. It is done in the style of Jan Jensen who taught us how to chip in this method, from Europe, several years ago. The plate showing five diamonds surrounding a star has five cuts between the back-center of each diamond. When done, it should be quite attractive.

Eileen brought the completed guitar spoon she was working on last month. Now stained and with the bowl smoothed out, it looks elegant. Besides the spoon, she had a couple of Cancer Hearts. She often comes to meetings with some which is always welcome. Kelly, her husband is attempting to complete a diamond willow cane. The wood is rather old, however, and the bark is resistant to removal. It appears to be coming along rather well, though.

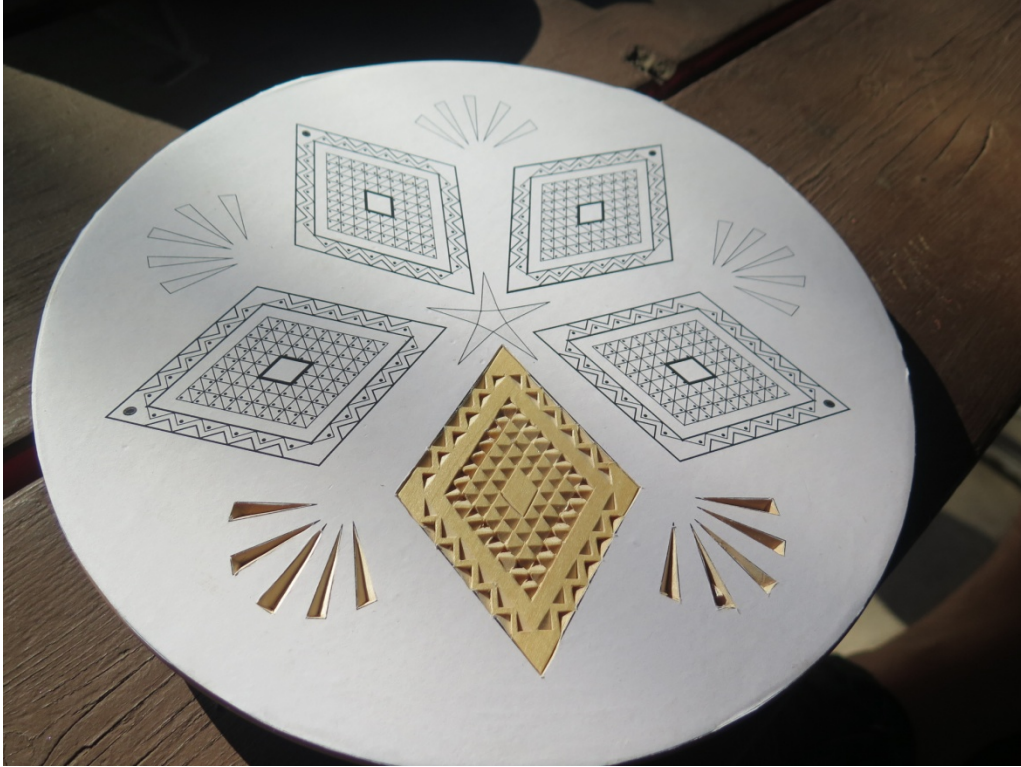
Vince has created the Minnesota Vikings logo. The head is very realistic. To show



A finished black bear



Bear in the final stages of being completed



A partially made chip carving



Eileen's polished guitar spoon



Two more Cancer Hearts



A difficult diamond willow walking stick



A good replica of a Minnesota Viking with horns next to his helmet

How the head is actually situated, it has been canted forward, leading with his chin.

Besides sharing all these works of art, everyone visited. Topics were normal family news and things going on in the community. Towards the end of the meeting, Becky W came to discuss some of the possibilities of future events with Eric G, and just to visit as well.

Other News

Karen Pedigo's father died. He led an interesting life. His family were quite important to him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and Bob during their time of grief.

Bob Lawrence is in the process of moving to be closer to family. He had a tool sale a couple of weeks ago where with planning, some people got bargains. Hopefully Bob will be close enough to come to the Fall Show in October. We already miss him. The Corn Festival on August 16th at Buckstop Junction, at which we usually have a booth, has been cancelled.