



The Curling Chip November/December

We are now definitely in winter. We hope everyone is staying warm. In November we had a session on woodburning with Doug Emerson, and the next time the student class had a lecture on relief carving from Cliff. Everyone is looking forward to the Winter Celebration in January. We had the snakes carved in December and this year they should be able to slide down the snow with all the snow we've had.

Having trouble with Twitter and may try Mastodon.

For questions or future articles send your info to Tom/Diane Turck at email address tdturck@bis.midco.net. Good Carving!
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BISMARCK, ND

FLICKERTAIL WOODCARVERS

Event Calendar

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

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

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November 5, 2022	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project by Doug Emerson – wood burning
November 15, 2022	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7:00-9 PM Project -Troy Freize - Fish
December 3, 2022	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project - Snow Snakes – Mike Knudson
December 20, 2022	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7:00-9 PM Project - Snow Snakes - Mike Knutson

January 7, 2023	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project - Eric Gaasland – Whale Tale
January 17, 2023	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7:00-9 PM Project- Eileen Heihn - Acorn
Jan 28, 2023	Winter Celebration – Hillside Park – 8am – 11pm Special Project Part #1– Warren Schlecht – Bookworm, carving
February 4, 2023	ELECTION OF OFFICERS Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project by Bob Pedigo – love spoon
February 21, 2023	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Special Project Part #2– Warren Schlecht & Becky Weisgerber – Bookworm, painting
March 4, 2023	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project by Cliff Orgaard - Gouge Chip Carving
March 21, 2023	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Project by Becky Weisgerber - Relief carving (Peter Fallingsbe carving panels)
April 1, 2023	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project by Mitch Olson - Hillbilly
April 18, 2023	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7 -9 PM Project by Marlene Moser - Chip carving
May 6, 2023	Saturday morning, Monthly meeting 9-11 AM Project by
May 16, 2023	Tuesday evening, Whittle-In, 7-9 PM Project by
June 2023	Clara Yonker would like to host a soap stone carving class at her lot in Mandan – west of Fox Island – special event!

Monthly Meeting Minutes for Flickertail Woodcarvers

November 5th, 2022

Call to Order by President Elect Cliff Orgaard
18 members present

Saturday November 5th, 2022

Secretary's Report

The secretary's October report was distributed earlier and no changes were stored.



Treasurer's Report

There is \$9,243.57 in the accounts and \$950 is being paid to the Bismarck Public School (BPS) Career Academy. Items from the auction at the October Fall Show from Klaes Welch and Dan Chaussee brought in \$1,689.00. Ron Torgeson's donations gave us another \$131.00.

It is now possible to pay your dues using PayPal. Warren and Becky B developed it as another way to pay for dues and merchandise besides cash and checks. PayPal will charge you a transaction fee of 3%. So, for dues for instance is \$0.45, but a stamp to mail them to Doug S would be \$0.60.

Committee Reports

Project (Doug Emerson): He taught how wood burners function, and the various methods they can be used. It was an in-depth class and covered all aspects of the subject and a very good lesson.

Membership (Doug Smith): Everyone has paid up for 2022 by now. To help Doug keep track of funding, and who is a member, please try to get your dues paid at the beginning of the year. Dues are \$15.00 per person and \$25.00 for a family.

Programs (Dale Heglund, Bob Pedigo, Becky Barnes): The October Fall Show was a success and a lot of fun. For next October's Fall Show we will have a chip carving project by Charlene Lynum. The show will be at the BSC Career Academy on October 14/15-2023, a week later than this year. This date change is to accommodate Herb and CJ Johnston's, and Bob Lawrence's schedules.

Winter Celebration is on January 28, 2023, and be at the Hillside Aquatic Complex Community room at 1719 E. Boulevard Ave. Warren has offered to show us the book worm project. The cost is \$10 per person.

We are hoping to get Rick and Cathie Brereton from Canada to teach loon carving at the Spring Session. Originally scheduled a couple of years ago, they had to cancel due to health problems and Covid restrictions. If they can come down from Canada, it will be at the end of April or beginning of May. Rick would demonstrate carving a loon, and then Cathie showing how to paint the waterfowl. If this class does not work out, we may be able to get one of the Eppings as a substitute.

Publicity (Becky Weisgerber): No changes

Property (Bob Pedigo Eric Gaasland): Our sharpener has a new motor per Bob P, and the bills for it are paid.

We have shirts both old and new, caps, tumblers, patches, stickers that are now available on our “Shop Page.” Stickers have a new design.

Library (Todd Englestad): No changes

Historian (Clara Yonker): Clara has the lists of the member projects for 2010, 2011, and 2013.

Facebook (Eric Gaasland, Dale Heglund): up to date.

Website (Becky Barnes, Eric Gaasland): up to date. We have a link where you can purchase the items for sale, a “Shop Page” (see property above).

Old Business

Library Display (Bob Pedigo): The library display period has ended, And Bob is returning everyone’s carvings today. The library wants another window display for next year or a bit later. Consequently, let us think about it. The library keeps a daily visitor count, so we can include this window display data in our grant applications.

Beginners Class (Becky Weisgerber): Sixteen members signed up and it is going well. Six of them were here this morning. Cliff is teaching a session in relief carving Tuesday and asked for people to bring samples in to show the class.

Organizational Learning (repeat): We explain carving to groups such as Boy Scouts and 4H. Some organizations have insurance to cover mishaps, but it is a subject we should pursue before taking on some of these groups. The group tabled the discussion.

Memory Hearts: Doug E reminded us of the importance of creating Memory Hearts for patients in the Cancer Center. So far, we have donated approximately 1,993 hearts for their clients. Last May, Amy Gross sent the Flickertails a letter thanking us for making hearts for the Center. Patients treasure their hearts and will share stories of the heart’s significance in their

lives. Dale suggested we do something to commemorate the 2,000th heart.

New Business

BSC Class (Becky Barnes): Through the Enrichment Catalogue, Becky is heading up a 3-session beginner's class held on the Saturdays of March 11, 19, and 26; making it possible for out-of-town people to attend. Last year Flickertails came to her course and helped. She is hoping that will happen this year as well. It facilitates the instruction and makes it a better experience.

Nominations: This year nominations are open for Treasurer, Property, and Programs. The nominating committee is Ron Holtz and Melody Schiwal with Marlene Moser as a maybe and Eric Gaasland if needed.

Chip Carving: Ron H told us that the public library has a new book on chip carving.

Geoff Theurer: from Carrington must stop working with wood for health reasons. Bob P has a trunk full of butternut wood for \$5.00, and basswood for \$3.00 a foot and cottonwood bark for sale. It will be available after the meeting in the parking lot.

Books and Magazines: Geoff, in addition, is getting rid of a box of books and another box of magazines. In addition, the public library is ridding itself of old *Chip Chats* magazines. We may want to avail ourselves of both sources. *Chip Chats* may have articles in them written by our members.

Show and Tell:

Doug E carved two exquisite hearts made of pink with gray soapstone for Clara to see and have one.

Eric G brought in a spoon that he has been working on in birch. He also had a number of spoons in sumac, olive, and apple. He gave three items to Clara in lilac that had been polished to feel like silk.

Meeting was adjourned.

November 5th, 2022, Wood Burning by Doug Emerson

About 18-19 people were at the Whittle-In and Meeting. The Whittle-In for the day was a class on wood burning by Doug Emerson. He explained different aspects of wood burning, tools, and their uses. Carvers use two basic types of wood burners, a less expensive one having a single temperature and a second with temperature gradations. The first has interchangeable tips while the second can have either a single tip or interchangeable tips. Starting out use a piece of scrap wood to practice

until you are comfortable with its use. Each tool produces different styles and techniques. For instance, a specific tip is used to create fish scales or feathers. One of the uses of a ball tip is for writing.

Other items that you need with a wood burner include 200 to 350 grit sandpaper, or clean silicon carbide cloths. If you sandpaper the wood gently first with 300 grit or better sandpaper your wood burning will be crisper. A warning, don't use the normal pink



Examples of woodburning; note the different tips in the background



Doug E discussing different tips



Copying off of a sketch

erasers on your wood; they will leave indelible marks. Use a white eraser instead. Lightly sand your product after completion as well. If you make an error in the wood and it's not too deep, sandpaper it out. Basswood and hardwoods such as birch are desirable for woodburning. Fine grained wood such as basswood shows little color change while butternut highlights a grain pattern. Applying a pencil sketch to the drawing to make it easier. An important safety issue is to turn the knob on the machine to zero when finished. Polyurethane is a stain that works well with woodburning. Also, tung oil is a common finish for woodburning. Follow the can directions and remember to apply a second coat. Paste floor wax can be used but be careful not to put too much on your woodburning.



Jana looking things over



Eric's spoons

After the lecture, members used one of the several woodburning tools around the room and practiced skills and techniques. In addition, Doug E. laid out various examples of woodburning on the tables in front of the room for people to peruse.

Bob P returned the carvings we had up at the library to everyone. We talked about having another display there next year.

Eric G brought a series of the spoons he soaked before carving. The one in birch that hadn't been soaked and was just regularly carved. Other spoons were made from sumac, olive, and apple. The grain in sumac is so different with bands of dark and light almost like a zebra stripping. He fashioned three items for Clara in lilac. They included a spreader and a spoon, and you can see the purple in the wood and smell the scent. Then he sandpapered them to a lustrous shine.

Doug E also had a gift for Clara. He created two soapstone hearts, one gray and one pink. Together they fit in the palm of your hand. Clara could choose one of them as hers.



Eric and Clara with the lilac spoon, spreader, and disc



Doug and Clara with the pink and gray soapstone hearts

November 15th, 2022, Fish by Troy Frieze

This Tuesday was the host to two projects. About 25 people attended the dual session. The regular Whittle-In had a fish project presented by Troy Frieze. Originally the project had planned to be a shore bird, but he switched to a fish; a little snout-nosed fellow with about five to seven rows of scales on its sides.

The beginners' class learned how to do relief carve. Cliff Orgaard, who was teaching it, had tables placed in the front of the room. They were laid out with various relief pieces to give the class an idea of the depth of the craft. One of the examples was a large set of 14 relief carvings, completed by different people in the Flickertails a long time ago. Several of those members are now dead, but many are still in the group. The panels include animals and birds, still-lives, and designs.

Warren brought a duck to Show and Tell. It is composed of two pieces in butternut and looks wonderful. Warren picked it up from the items that were donated by Gynnel of Ron Torgeson's. Warren didn't have anything of Ron's and thought the duck carving would be excellent. It turned out to be a good choice.



Cliff discussing relief carving with new members



An owl, a bear, bison, deer, eagles, the Abbey, designs, and a flag unfurled



Other styles of relief carving



Preparing to start a relief flower



Dennis and River preparing to carve



Fish blanks



Two different treatments of the fish scales



A closeup of the fish



Warren's completion of Ron T's butternut duck



***Monthly Meeting Minutes for Flickertail Woodcarvers
December 3rd, 2022***

Call to Order by President Becky Barnes
16 members present

Saturday November 3rd, 2022

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's November report was distributed earlier and a change to the Treasurer's Report was filed.



Treasurer's Report

\$8,980 in checking with all bills paid. Some money is coming in as memberships are due next month.

It is now possible to pay for your membership using PayPal. Warren and Becky B developed it as another way to pay for dues and merchandise besides cash and checks. PayPal will charge you a transaction fee of 3%, so for memberships, for instance \$0.45, but a stamp to mail them to Doug S would be \$0.60. (repeat)

Committee Reports

Project (Mike Knudson): Snakes. It was too cold this morning (-1°), and Mike didn't wait to come in.

At the Winter Celebration on January 28, Warren will lead a class on The Bookworm Through a Book. The cost will be \$10 per person and there is no limit to the number of participants.

Membership (Doug Smith): Try to get your dues paid in the beginning of the year. They are \$15.00 for a person and \$25.00 for a family.

Programs (Dale Heglund, Bob Pedigo, Doug Emerson, Becky Barnes): Next October Fall Show we will have a chip carving project by Charlene Lynum. The show will be at the BSC Career Academy on October 14-15, 2023, or a week later in October than it was this year. This is to accommodate several schedules.

Publicity (Becky Weisgerber): No changes.

Property (Bob Pedigo Eric Gaasland): No changes.

Library (Todd Englestad): We have new donations of books and magazines and are giving away duplicates. Anyone looking at old *Chip Chats*, please check and see if we (Flickertails) have articles in the magazine. Becky B will post them.

Historian (Clara Yonker): N/A

Facebook (Eric Gaasland): up to date.

Website (Becky Barnes, Eric Gaasland): up to date.

Twitter (Becky Barnes): Given the recent problems with Twitter, Becky has begun using Mastodon instead.

Old Business

Beginners Class (Becky Barnes): The class is complete. Everyone participating got a certificate, and several new members are coming to the Tuesday and Saturday sessions.

Memory Hearts: (Doug Emerson): Alvin came with a bag of hearts today. He wants to show them to the new members who were in the class so they can see what some hearts look like. He will then make sure the Cancer Center receives them.

New Business

Library Display (Bob Pedigo): The library is requesting that we arrange for another display with them. Sarah, who oversaw the displays, is retiring from that position and being replaced by a new person named MacAlister. Bob P suggested we think about an exhibit on chip carving since that is what the Fall Show will have as a Master Class. Becky B said having one on cottonwood bark houses from this past Fall Show is another idea.

BSC Class (Becky Barnes): Through the Enrichment Catalogue, Becky is heading up a 3-session beginner's class which will be held on the Saturdays of March 11, 19, and 26. That will make it possible for people from out-of-town to attend. Last year several Flickertails came to her course and helped. She is hoping that will happen this year as well. It facilitates the instruction and makes it a better experience. (repeat)

Nominations: This year nominations are open for Treasurer, Property, and Programs. The elections will be soon, and Eric G has volunteered to be Program lead if no one else steps up.

Products (Becky Barnes): We need to put together a group order for T-shirts. It might not have every color in every size, but it would give us the most savings and availability. The range of colors last time was quite extensive.

In addition, Dennis has produced a mug with the Flickertail logo for only

\$15 which can be ordered as well.

Show and Tell:

Bob P brought in two items created from blank boxes he bought from Kim Lyman. The first is a small box made of basswood and cedar which opens and closes with magnets. The second is a larger box of butternut and walnut. Both were decorated with chip carvings. Quite beautiful. The larger box will be a raffle prize in next October's Fall Show.

Bob also made four coffee scoops, three out of walnut and one of choke cherry. He was giving them away to anyone who uses a scoop to make coffee.

Eric G created a *tomte* with a nose enveloping his face. He attended an online class at Vesterheim Folk Art School. He had a second carving, a nasty looking Viking, that he created following a YouTube tutorial.

As mentioned, Alvin carved a bag of hearts for the Cancer Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

December 3rd, 2022, Snakes

Saturday was freezing. Mike and I were late, and the door were locked. I got Eric's number from my phone book and called him to let us in. The operation took several minutes and by that time, Mike was frozen and left for home. Sixteen people were in attendance, but no snakes. Everyone worked on other projects.

The library had a table strewn with old books and magazines that were no longer needed or were duplicates. Some of the old *Chip Chats* have articles written by Flickertail members, particularly Frank Koch. If anyone finds one of those, it should be shown to Becky B who will post it.

At the January 28th Winter Celebration, Warren will lead whoever wants to in the project of Bookworm through a Book. The project isn't difficult but takes more than one session to finish. This session hasn't been done in a number of years, and is one most everyone will enjoy.

For Show and Tell Bob P exhibited two boxes made from blanks he had purchased from Kim Lynum. The smaller box was made of basswood and cedar and used magnets for opening and closing. The larger of the two was of butternut and walnut. Both were decorated with chip carvings. The larger box will be a raffle prize at this year's Fall Show.

In addition, Bob had four coffee scoops that were made for anyone needing a scoop for coffee. Three were made of walnut and one of chokecherry. Ron H

asked for the chokecherry one.

Eric G has been busy taking online courses. From the Vesterheim Folk Art School he developed a *tomte*. The creature has a nose that pretty much blots out its face, but cute. *Tomte* are small Scandinavian gnomes, who are farmers and interested in the farming way of life. At the other end of the spectrum of friendly beings, Eric created a mean Viking using a YouTube tutorial.

Lastly, Alvin shaped a bag of hearts for the Cancer Center.



Extra magazines and books



Working on Projects



Everyone busy



Two well-made pine trees



A fashionable cottonwood bark house



A small box. The top is basswood



A chip carved box for the Fall Raffle



Two walnut coffee scoops



A happy Scandinavian tomte



A YouTube copied Viking

December 20th, 2022

The temperature Tuesday evening was -16 degrees. Some people worked on snakes that Mike had. It was a quiet evening. Eric G brought his whale and mermaid tails a little early. They will be the subject of the January 7 project. It was interesting to see the differences between the two.

Becky was working on a horse that evoked an anime style for Nuala. She was also carving Moravian stars for Christmas and had a fish on wheels with a tail that sweeps back and forth to give as a Christmas gift.



Whale tails



A cartoon horse and Moravian stars



A fish with a flexible tail