

NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Year in Review

What a year we have had and it is not over yet. I thought I would just recap our Clubs activity for the year.

At the end of 2019 we became a 501c3 tax deductible charity.

We started in January 2020 on a high with one of our own club members, Jim Brooks, showing us how to carve a lighthouse in the round out of cotton wood bark. We were all excited.

We followed that up in February with another club member, Dave Refsal, showing us how to carve ale bowls. We were so excited about that we were even planning on having our very first "Snow What Daze" in January 2021 with Norwegian Ale bowls as the theme.

In February we also applied for a \$6400 Legacy Grant from Lake Region Arts Council out of Fergus Falls. The purpose was to set up scholarships and carving tools for young people wanting to learn the art of carving. We also sent letters out to 13 businesses in the community asking for financial support.

For March we had Don Fischer here helping us carve an Owl, then COVID 19 hit.

During this time we were awarded \$1,184 in Legacy Grant and we did receive \$1600 in donations from some area businesses. We were then able to purchase several tool carving sets to have on hand for new carvers.

We were able to get together in August for some carving with new COVID 19 rules in effect such as masks, 6' spacing and bring your own lunch.

September we had open carving with COVID 19 guidelines.

October we had Don Fischer instructing us on twin owl to the one that we carved with him back in March.

In November we had purchased some Roughouts to carve. This worker great.

December we had to cancel carving with Troy because of the outbreak of COVID in the community.

Now to the present. We will have to cancel our "Snow What Daze" on January 8,9 & 10 because the Governors closing for groups are in effect until January 12th. We will see what happens after we hear from the Governor. Alexandria has an emergency order in place that goes to the end of January. It follows the Governor. The city can be more restrictive but not less restrictive. The city also follows the advice of Horizon Health. Stay tuned.



Newsletter/Dues

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**Dues are Adult or family = \$30
Junior members = \$5**