

NEWSLETTER

December 2022

Well the year is coming to an end. We have had a GREAT year at Prairie Woodcarvers. A complete run down of the year will be in the January Newsletter.

November 16th was our last Community carving class for this year. We held a total of 8 classes. These included 4-H, Boy scouts, Community Ed, Kalon academy and Smoky Timber lodge. The income from these classes totaled \$1450. We already have two classes scheduled in February of next year.

We purchased some mallet tools and mallets to have on hand. We are now equipped with 12 palm carving sets, 12 knives, 3 mallet carving sets, 3 mallets and 6 wood burning kits. These kits are needed if we want to put on any carving classes but also helps with new carvers wanting to learn before investing in their own set.

December 3rd will have our potluck at noon followed by our annual meeting. We will be voting on Beth Aaberg becoming vice chair, Roger remain as Secretary/Treasurer and Sonya remaining Activities director. Jim Bridenstine becomes chairperson for next year. We will also be approving a \$5000 budget for next year.

“Snow Daze Carve In” is April 28-30, 2023. It is being sponsored by Central Minnesota Woodcarvers Association of St. Cloud. The location is the “Loyal Order of Moose Lodge” located at 1300 3rd St. N., Waite Park. Classes begin at 2pm Friday and end at 4pm Sunday. Many classes to choose from. They fill up fast. Contact them by email at centralmnwoodcarvers@gmail.com and they will forward you a learning seminar booklet or you may also contact Wayne Nicoloff - Show Chairperson (612) 750-8716.

We have some holiday specials going on for December and January. See the next page. The ale bowls are \$10 each, the gnome is \$15 and the bakers are \$20. The animal cutouts are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. We will also have tree ornaments at \$2 and larger roughouts for \$25. Show up to check it out or else contact me if you have any questions, 320-491-2027.

The Community Ed classes have worked great for us this year. We have gotten some community interest in carving going and we have gained some new members from it. With the \$1450 we have taken in from our classes, we have been able to purchase the 3 sets of mallet tools and the mallets to go with them. By having these tool on hand it allows to expand our classes into the community. It also lets new carvers try out carving before they make and investment into carving tools for themselves.

Let us know if you are aware of anyone or groups that would be interested in us putting on carving demonstrations for them. Boy scouts, girl scout, 4-H club, senior centers, school class, etc. We are open to reach out and our objective is “to provide education and increase knowledge in the arts of wood carving, wood sculpture, whittling and related crafts.”



Newsletter/Dues

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



This was our last Community Ed class for this year. We were carving tree ornaments. Everyone had 4 in the packets and they all completed 3. Great class and we all had a lot of fun.



These are all the animal cutouts we have. We have a pattern for each of them. Sale for the next two months is \$3 each or \$2 for \$5. Good projects to work on over winter.



For those into ale bowls we have these available for \$10 each. The gnome is \$15 and the bakers are \$20. We have patterns for the gnome and the bakers. We have other roughouts available of Viking, Fireman, Bear, etc at \$25.

Coming Events

Dec 2,3,4	8:00—5:00 pm	Troy Helget	Ice fishing scene
Jan ?		Open	
Feb 1	6:30—9:00 pm	Community Ed	Feather from cottonwood bark
Feb ?		Central Lakes Chiropractic	Feather from cottonwood bark
Feb ?		Open	
Mar ?		Open	
April ?		Marty Dolphens	