

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Wow, what a month of April we had. We started the month out with carving a mountain man bust with Marty Dolphens. Any class with Marty is always a great class. The Echo Press stopped over and interviewed Marty and some of the carvers for a great write up in the paper. We have had a lot of interest from the community since that.

Thanks to some Grants we received plus donations from community civic clubs, we now have the tools and supplies to put on carving classes in the community.

This month we did a small fish carving class for the Boy Scouts to help them earn a woodcarving merit badge. Earlier we did a relief carving of an eagle head with them. These classes all went about 3 hours. Kids were all excited.

We also carved a feather from cottonwood bark with 10 students and four teachers from Kalon Academy here in Alexandria. We had 4 Prairie Woodcarvers instructors helping, Beth, Sonya, Roger and Jim. This was the largest group we have ever worked with and it went great. We accomplished it in 2 1/2 hours. The kids were all great to work with and excited to come away with a completed project.

We have really worked hard to get youth involved this year. We charge \$10 each for youth. This gives them a carving glove to take home with them and a completed project. For adults we are looking at \$20 each and this also includes a carving club that they can keep and a completed project. If they want us to go off site for the training, we are looking at an additional \$5 each to cover travel expenses for the instructors. Not a great money making opportunity but our mission statement is "To educate and provide knowledge in the art of woodcarving to all ages through demonstrations as well as workshops."

As you look at the scheduled classes on the next page be sure you contact us if you plan on attending or can no longer make the class. If you are signed up for the class and don't show up, this is an expense to the club that we pay the instructor for.

Next carving class is May 20,21,22 with Troy Helget carving a Hognose sucker fish.

We now have all 6 of our woodburners equipped with the same 5 pyrography tips and three different sized fish scale tips for carvers who do not have a burner to use.

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."

Accepting 2022 Membership Dues



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



Newsletter/Dues

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Coming Events

May 20,21,22	All day	Troy Helget	Hognose sucker fish
June 11	10:00–3:00	Farwell	Carving demo
June 22	1:00–4:00	Smoky Timbers Campground	Carving ornaments
Aug 28	All day	Youth Outdoors	Demonstrations
Sept 23,24,25	All day	Marty Dolphens	Indian Bust
Fall		Community Ed	Xmas Ornaments
Oct	2 day	Brenda Lodermeier	Pyrography

Marty Dolphens class



Boy Scouts



Kalon Academy

