

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Brenda Lodermeier doing pyrography. This is exciting. It has been a number of years since we had Brenda here. The bad news is, unless you have already signed up, the class is full. We will be doing a 1 day class on Saturday October 8th starting at 9 am. She will come up with a couple of different projects to choose from and show them to us before the class. Bring your own burner if you have one.

We just finished having a three day class with Marty Dolphens carving an Indian bust. Marty is such a great instructor that we had two of our members, who are both new to carving and have never done mallet carving, take the class and took home a hand carved Indian bust. See the pictures in the picture section. When Marty is teaching a class you will learn and also have a lot of fun doing it. He will be back again in April teaching another class. We are looking at something in cottonwood bark. Stay tuned.

We presently have about \$1500 in our account. We have ordered three sets of mallet carving chisels and mallets to have on hand for new carvers. These have been on back order but once they come our treasury account will take a big hit. Consequently dues for 2023 are due anytime.

We have implemented a new policy for Marty Dolphens classes. Because of the distance he travels to get here it is important that we make sure he gets compensated for the numbers of participants that sign up and he is expecting. We understand that sometimes circumstances occur, including sickness, that prevents one from attending but this also is unfair for the instructor. Going forward everyone signing up for Marty's class will be required to pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit. We have been toying with this idea the last few years for all classes and will consider it some more.

We have had a request from Community Ed to put on a decoy carving class including painting. We are looking into this but this might also be a project for our group.

If anyone has an idea or thought on something we should carve or a class we should put on, let Sonya or myself know. We are open to new things and ideas. We have a lot of great carvers in our group that have put on classes in the past and maybe we should look at doing more of that, especially in the winter months.

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**

Marty's class



Coming Events

Oct 8	9:00 am	Brenda Lodermeier	\$50 Pyrography
Oct 22	1:00—4:00 pm	Community Ed	Xmas ornaments
Nov 16	6:30—9:00 pm	Community Ed	Tree ornaments
Nov 19	8:00 - 5:00 pm	Open carving	Roughouts available
Dec ?		Troy Helget	
Jan ?		Open	
Feb ?		Open	
Mar ?		Open	
April ?		Marty Dolphens	