

NEWSLETTER

December

Mission Statement

To educate and provide knowledge in the art of woodcarving to all ages through demonstrations as well as workshops.

Fun Fact

Wood carving is considered one of the oldest arts of humanity.

- North American Indians use it for their wooden fishhooks, and Polynesians carve patterns on their wooden paddles.
- The Clacton Spear is a 400,000-year-old spearhead and is the oldest known wooden device used.
- Where Timber was present, wood existed as the primary medium to create art and improve technology.
- Figure-work on wood was considered more difficult than sculpting marble. Wood cracks easily and is prone to other environmental factors. But it was still considered a significant medium resulting in magnificent pieces.
- The Shigir Idol is the oldest known wooden sculpture and was discovered in Russia. Said to be at least 11,000 years old, this sculpture remains a mystery to this day.

Magnificent wooden sculptures were created during Germany's late Gothic era, as evidenced in pieces, like the St. Wolfgang Altarpiece.

We had a great time making diamond willow walking sticks at our last carving session. We were pleased to have Sharein Berninghaus supply us with a truck box full of diamond willow sticks that she and her husband cut for us. She did not know what they were until she talked to Sonya. Sharein, graciously, did not want to except any reimbursement. Because of her generosity, everyone was able to work on more than one.

Sharein, THANK YOU

Notice the shavings on the floor in the pictures. Also take a look at the cane that Sonya made for a friend. The handle is made from antler. Look close and you can see animal foot prints on the stick itself.

The final report for our 2022,2023 Operation Support Grant was completed and sent in. I have now started on the paper work for the 2024,2025 Operation Support Grant. It needs to be completed by January 4th. The maximum we can receive from this grant is \$1000 in 2024 and 2025 and it needs to go towards building use or insurance. The program is set up that I am able to import all the information from the last grant. Then, I just need to update some of the imported information.

The December 2nd 2023 will be our Annual meeting. No officers need to be voted on as they are all serving a 2nd term. We will need to approve the 2023 final report and vote on the 2024 Budget.

(2023 Year end actuals)		(2024 Budget)	
2023 Income	2023 Expenses	2024 Income	2024 Expenses
\$4,558.21	\$4,243.26	\$4,600.00	\$4,500.00



Newsletter/Dues

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2024 dues can be paid anytime

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

Coming Events

Nov	11,12	8:00–5:00 pm	Group project	Diamond Willow cane
Dec	1,2,3	8:00–5:00 pm	Troy Helget	Pheasant
Jan	13	8:00–5:00 pm	Sonya, Beth	Painting class
Feb	2,3,4	8:00–5:00 pm	Jim Brooks	Whimsical Bark Houses
Mar	22,23,24	8:00–5:00 pm	Dave Refsal	Ale Bowls
Apr	5,6,7	8:00–5:00 pm	Marty Dolphens	Butternut bench “Bust”

Diamond Willow walking sticks

