

NEWSLETTER

November

Mission Statement

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

Fun Fact

The largest wood carving in the world is a 40 foot long sculpture carved by a Chinese artist Zheng Chunhui. The sculpture is based on a 900 year old Chinese painting called "Along the River During the Qingming Festival" and features intricate details of life in a small town. It took the artist four years to complete the sculpture, which was carved from a single tree trunk. The sculpture was declared the world's largest wood sculpture by the Guinness Book of World Records.



The sad news is that Jim Phillip Smith passed away. Jim took up carving later in life and was a member of Prairie Woodcarvers. Born April 16, 1934 and died October 10, 2023. Jim was married to his wife Jeanette Marie Ireland in 1959. They had four children. Jim was best remembered for his stories. Regardless how unbelievable they were, they were his actual life. Anything you could possibly think of doing in life, Jim had already done it.

HE WILL BE MISSED

We will be carving walking sticks out of diamond willow on November 11 and 12th. Hope to see a lot of you.

In November 29th I will again start applying for an Operating Support Grant through Lake Region Arts Council. For the last two years this grant has paid for the use of the carving studio. I recently found out that we can include the cost of insurance we carry and also the cost of our web page and domain name.



This is our December project with Troy Helget. We have not determined the price yet and the dates are December 1,2,3 from 8 am to 5 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Keep watching for our news letter as we will be updating as we get additional information.

Let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in this class.

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		Open		
Apr	5,6,7	8:00–5:00 pm	Marty Dolphens	Butternut bench “Bust”

MEMORY OF JIM



**You'll Never Walk Alone
At times like these,
man is helpless...
It is only God
Who can speak the words
That calm the sea,
Still the wind,
And ease the pain...
So lean on Him
And you will
Never walk alone.**

