

NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Mission Statement

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

Fun Fact

What four-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down and can still be read from left to right.

We had a great time learning some painting tricks from members Sonya and Beth. Speaking for myself, I love carving but have always looked at painting as a necessary evil. I keep putting painting off. When I collected my unpainted pieces to bring to the session, they totaled 31 carvings. I understood how you make cuts or gouges in a carving to help give shadows. I didn't realize you can also cause shadows with paint. I would pick the colors I was going to use, did not water them down and just painted. One coat of paint and I was done. At our class I found out it works a whole lot better by watering your color down and using several coats. This allows you to blend your colors together instead of having hard lines. By using the multiple coats you are able to create shadows. While painting before it only took me about 15 minutes to complete a project and now it takes about an hour or so, but it looks a lot better. By watering down the paint and mixing colors, I am now able to get the color I wanted. I would not go as far as to say that painting is now fun but I will say that I don't view it as a necessary evil. I almost look forward to it now.



One of our carvers, Dave Refsal, retired this past December and is getting ready to enjoy the good life. Carving in the morning, carving in the afternoon and then maybe a little carving in the evening. Life will be good. Dave is going to be teaching a class for us in March, carving an ale bowl. This will be a little different than the class we did with him before. This is smaller and simpler style with easy engravings. It will be three days but we think everyone should be able to complete it. The picture of it is on the other sheet.

Congratulations Dave

We received notification from Lake Region Arts Council that our final report for the 2022/2023 Operational Grant was received and approved. We also received notification from them that our application for the 2024/2025 Operational Grant was accepted and we will hear if it gets approved later in February. The good news is they said they had more money than all the applications applied for so we would not be competing against anyone.

We applied to help at the Community Wood Fire Oven Pizza this summer. We will wait to hear if we got accepted and if so what the schedule is. We have the possibility of earning around \$700 dollars for our group.

We have \$1079.07 in our checking account.



2024 dues can be paid anytime

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



Newsletter/Dues

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Coming Events

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”

Future class



Painting Class

