

NEWSLETTER

January

Mission Statement

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

Fun Fact

Trees get 90% of their nutrition from the atmosphere and only 10% from soil.

Trees grow from the top, not the bottom. Watch for 100 years and you'll notice the branches only move a few inches up the trunk as the tree grows.

Some trees talk to one another. When willows are threatened by insect pests, they emit a chemical warning to nearby trees, who secrete more tannin to put the invaders off

We had a great time carving a pheasant under the tutelage of Troy Helget. Troy taught us a few tricks, such as how to make barb wire. I went go into detail explaining how, so you will just need to contact one of us to fine out the trick. Easy, simple and looks great.

Troy is a great instructor and we will be looking at maybe carving a wood duck next year with him.

We ended the year in great shape with \$1,159.07 in our bank account. Our two biggest successes this year were Youth Outdoors and the County fair.

We touched 1242 people this year and possibly more with our carving and demonstrations. We did spoon carving, carving and canning pickles, night lights, walking sticks from diamond willow, fish, feathers, faces, gnomes and ended the year carving a roster pheasant.

We held 10 events outside of our normal carving meeting dates.

I just completed the 2024 and 2025 Operations Support Grant from Lake Region Arts Center out of Fergus Falls. The Grant needed to be in by January 4, 2024 by 5:00 PM. Grant review date is scheduled for Tuesday February 20, 2024 and shortly afterwards we will be notified if we were excepted. The Grant will be for \$1000 in 2024 and \$1000 in 2025 to go towards use of the Carving Studio.

In 2022 we held 20 carving/demonstration sessions. These sessions totaled 187 hours and involved 644 people.

In 2023 we held 18 carving/demonstration sessions. These sessions totaled 177 hours and involved 1242 people.

The two big events in 2023 involving a large group of people was Youth Outdoors (777 youth) and Douglas County Fair where we had (277 people).

Instructors we had in 2023 were: Don Fischer, Marty Dolphens, Troy Helget. In addition we had our own members lead a couple of our sessions.



Newsletter/Dues

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2024 dues can be paid anytime



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

Coming Events

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”

Pheasant carving with Troy

