

New Woodcarving Season by Linda Anderson



Welcome back to a new season of woodcarving! I hope everyone enjoyed the summer, even with all its ups and downs regarding the weather. Maybe we will have a long pleasant autumn.

Our first club meeting will be held next Thursday, September 11th. There are several items of business for the club that we will discuss. I hope to see you there at 7 pm!

At the next meeting on the following Thursday, September 18th, Andre Beaudoin will lead everyone in a new carving project. Bring your tools and \$5.00 for the blank and the room cost.

Just because it was summer and we did not have regular meetings doesn't mean that Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers were inactive! Our biggest project was putting on a display at the Queen City Ex as part of SK Culture. I think we had a terrific display.

Visit the website at www.reginawhittlersandwoodcarvers.ca to see pictures of our display.





Thanks to all our members who contributed carvings to the display or who worked shifts at the Ex. All of these people helped out: Bob Dawson, Aggie Sebastian, Alex and Irene Tivas, Dave and Mary Hornung, Rob Laing, Russell Littlemore, Herb and Nadine Klassen, Harry Apps, Ken Smith, Jerry and Barb Ford, Bill Dearborn and Linda Anderson. We had many people who stopped by the display, where they could come to our carving tables and talk with the carvers about their art. We also had many people sign up for beginner carving lessons this fall.

The first Beginners Class is underway right now! Bill Dearborn is teaching Introduction to Woodcarving on Friday evening and Saturday, September 5th and 6th. There are at least 2 more Introductory Classes planned for October and November. Bob Dawson will also be scheduling follow-up Beginners Classes, doing three small knife carving projects. This is a large commitment of time and care for both Bill and Bob! Contacting the new carvers and getting everything organized is no small task. They will be working with at least 24 or 25 new carvers on three weekends. I hope we will see some of the new carvers join our club and keep learning and enjoying the many different aspects of wood carving.

Summer Wood Carving Events by Bob Dawson



While I wasn't able to attend the 'Wood 14 Show' in Saskatoon, held May 31st thru June 8th, I managed to attend a few other wood carving events over the past few months.

On June 27th, my wife and I along with Wilbur and Pam Feader attended the "Wahpeton Wood Carving Weekend". I think there were about 15 different woodcarving classes offered with roughly 10-12 participants in each class. This event is held at the State College in Wahpeton, N.D. The instruction is great, the accommodations are reasonable and the food is terrific. It is held on the last full weekend in June, every year and you are welcome to participate.

On July 12th my wife and I participated in the gathering of woodcarvers held in Marcel Pomerleau's yard in Saskatoon. While the event was actually held on the 12th and 13th we were only able to attend on the Saturday. There were about 12 carvers participating, each working on their own projects. Here again, we were able to meet old friends as well as make a few new ones. I came home with a new knife, fresh ideas and other stuff I absolutely needed from Lee Valley.

August 8th thru 10th we attended the Shell Lake Carve In along with about 20 other wood carvers. This was another very pleasant weekend of woodcarving and mingling with friends, both old and new. I also picked up a few more new ideas for woodcarving and tools, as well as stopping in Saskatoon for a few more "must have" tools from Lee Valley.

All of these events were very enjoyable, the people participating are quite nice and you will always be welcome. If you hear of something like these events happening, don't hesitate to plan on participating. You would soon make a whole new batch of friends as well as learning new tips, tricks and plans for future projects. The events I've listed are all "not for profit" undertakings so other than gas and accommodations (tent, camper, hotel, B&B) they are very reasonably priced. If we don't participate with these events they will end up disappearing and we'll wonder why they aren't around anymore.

Speaking of something that seems to have ceased to exist "Carving Magazine" published by All American Crafts Inc. is no more. I've had trouble receiving my last three issues and when calling to inquire about the latest issue, missing once again, the woman wasn't very helpful at all. A number of our members have subscriptions to this magazine and I have to say that you probably won't be receiving your subscriptions. Apparently the publishers closed their doors. I enjoyed getting the magazine and the editorial and writing staff did well so one can only assume the publishers chose not to continue.

I look forward to seeing you at the next event.

RWW Club Happenings

Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings are held on the Second Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. It's a great time to gather, carve, and share. The Odd numbered months are formal business meetings.

September 11, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Club Meeting
October 9, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Club Meeting
November 13, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Club Meeting
December 13, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill	Christmas Gathering

Carving Nights

Carving Nights are held on the Third Thursday of the month at the Neil Balkwill Centre. Project and Blank Provided Cost: \$5.00

September 18, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill
October 16, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill
November 20, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill

Wednesday Drop-In Carving

9:30 am till Noon
Neil Balkwill Centre Woodworking Shop

Carver's Corner

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Chip-Bin Woodcarving Studio

Mike and Jan Sykes have both retired and closed down the "Chip-Bin Woodcarving Studio". I know that Mike was a great help to wood carvers who wanted tools and didn't know what they needed. His advice, cheerful assistance, fast and friendly service was appreciated by all his customers over the years and I'm sure that we all wish Mike and Jan the very best in their retirement.

Bob Dawson

RWW Club Minutes

Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers
Meeting: May 8, 2014

Present: Linda Anderson, Wayne Cann, Bill Dearborn, Peter Dielschnieder, Gord Eistteter, Emile Gaudet, Dave Hornung, Herb Klassen, Tory Neald, John Robertson, Ken Smith, Alex Tivas

Introductions.

Approval of the Mar. 13, 2014 Minutes.

Moved: Emile Gaudet
Carried

Seconded: Ken Smith

Information/Questions/Concerns from or for:

Secretary/Treasurer

-The April Financial report was presented.
The current membership is 40.

Programs

-More beginners classes will be scheduled for the fall. If anyone is interested in instructing, please let Tory or Bob know.
-Emile Gaudet requested that Sask Culture be approached to develop a Grant request to bring in a "high level" instructor to teach a class.
-A HUGE THANK-YOU goes out to Andre Beaudoin. Since Christmas, he has cut out over 65 blanks for the Thursday night carving sessions.

Website

-Bill reported that the website is up to date with pictures from the show.

Newsletter

No report. Samir does a great job on the Newsletter but can always use help with content

President

-The majority of Linda's remarks related to the next 2 items.

Spring Woodworking Show – May 3 & 4, 2014

- Help received was good and appreciated.
- Preliminary financial results indicate the show was financially successful as well.
- Tartan Curling Club is booked for May 2 & 3, 2015.
- A committee will be formed in the fall to divide up the work for next year's show.
- General discussion on the things that worked and ideas for improvements for next year.
- Banquet and caterers were excellent
- May want to consider moving the exhibitor's parking spaces
- Is there someone else we can partner with?
- Advertising

Queen City Ex –July 30 – Aug 3, 2014

- The club will have a display at the Ex again this year.
- If you can help, please let Linda know.
- Help is needed in several areas:
 - Carvings
 - Shifts
 - Ideas
 - Layout
 - Set-up and takedown

Other Business.

- Peter Dielschneider has a request for a carving demo at a library in Regina.
- Last Mountain Lake Cultural Centre is looking for carving instructors. Let Herb know if you are interested.
- A show attendee has some wood available. Contact Herb Klassen if you would like his phone number.

Adjourn

Moved: Alex Tivas
Carried

Seconded: Emile Gaudet

Following the meeting Dave Hornung did a short demo on making your own sanding drums.
THANK-YOU Dave!!

Upcoming meetings:

Sep 11, 2014	7:00	Neil Balkwill	Meeting
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