



President's Message by Linda Anderson



My goodness, another year is ending and I find myself looking back at an active year for the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers.

So many positive things have happened for the club. There have been several sessions of beginners lessons offered by Bill Dearborn and Bob Dawson. Bill does Introduction to Woodcarving and Bob teaches Beginner Carving Projects. We really owe these two members a hearty vote of thanks for giving their time and energy to help others learn some basics about carving.

We also had a good weekend of learning about Relief Carving, working on a hunting dog project, led by Rick Brereton from Lac du Bonnet, near Winnipeg. Some of our members also went on to do some other patterns that Rick offered.

Once again, the Queen City Ex provided a big boost to our visibility in the community and even members of our own club were a bit surprised and impressed with the quality and quantity of art that we displayed. We also had a display at the Coronation Park craft show in November. Each time we go out into the community we make new contacts. Thanks so much to the members who brought many beautiful carvings for the displays.

Gerry Ford has made new contacts in a unique way. He suggested the Comfort Bird carving project and Herb Klassen organized the day long carving bee on November 8th at Tory's shop. Twelve members produced a large number of birds that will go to the Allan Blair Cancer Clinic where they will be given to patients receiving treatment. Members are carving more birds at home and if you want to participate, Gerry has blanks available.

Many of our activities have been taking place at Tory's shop. It seems to have become sort of a clubhouse for us. That is very generous of Tory and it has made group carving for lessons or projects possible for us on a pretty flexible schedule. Thanks, Tory!!

You are invited to celebrate 2014 and the Christmas season by coming to our RWW Christmas Social on December 11th at 7 pm at the Balkwill Centre. Please bring your significant other, some carving pieces for the Show and Tell table and a carving exchange piece if you are interested. Good snacks and drinks will fuel the good times!

There will be a change in scheduling in January, because I am away on January 15th. Therefore January 15th will be Carving Night with a project chosen by Andre Beaudoin. Our RWW Annual Meeting will be held on January 22nd. You will notice that these nights are the 3rd and 4th Thursdays in January, but given that the first Thursday is January 1st, the Balkwill would like us to meet on the 15th and 22nd. I hope that many of you will be able to come out on both the 15th and 22nd.

I hope that all of you, and your families and friends, will enjoy the coming holiday season, and that the underlying message of hope, joy and peace will enrich your lives.

Merry Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.

Wood Carving Shows & Events by Bob Dawson



The Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers had a Show Table set up at O'Neil High School during their Coronation Park Annual Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. I thought we put on a very nice display of different types of woodcarvings and we had some interest from attending spectators. We were not there to sell anything but to try to generate interest in woodcarving. A number of people expressed interest in our organization and I hope we can perhaps generate a few more future members from this effort. I'd like to thank everyone who cheerfully helped to put on this display.

At our Christmas Gathering there will be a Show Table set up and you are invited to bring in a carving to display. There will also be a "Carving Exchange". The carving exchange is not compulsory. If you want to participate you are welcome to do so. If you choose to participate you take a carving to exchange and you will get one in return from someone else.

Our upcoming class instructed by Doris Sheldon has 2 spots still available at present. I expect the class to be full. To be registered for the class we need your cheque for the class fees. A short "standby list" for the class will be maintained and you will be notified if a space is available. If you are interested send a cheque, made payable to the Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers, to either myself or Herb Klassen. While we offer these classes for the club, people other than club members are welcome to participate in the classes we set up. In a lot of our classes, held over the years, we have had people participating who were not members at the time. A number of them consequently joined the RWWC which is always beneficial to the club.

Emile Gaudet has volunteered to do a painting demonstration on February 12th, 2015. He will be demonstrating painting, not with an airbrush, but with brushes. This will be a "Hands on Demo" and you are requested to bring your brushes (whatever you have), paint palette and a container or disposable cup for water. Emile will supply the paint and wood pieces that will be used to practise on. If you have a piece ready to paint you can bring it but bring the paint you like to use on the carving.

There will be a Woodcarving "Shareshop" March 14th and 15th, 2015 at Cactuswood Craft in Saskatoon. It is an open invitation for wood carvers, new and old to get together to promote the enjoyment of wood carving. Participants will be given a small project pattern and blank when they arrive and can then spend the weekend either carving on the project provided or working on a project they have brought with them. Every year the location changes and it has been quite successful over the years. The cost to participate is a smile as you walk in the door. I have attended most of these Shareshops, found them very enjoyable and I highly recommend participating.

I'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

RWW Club Happenings

Show & Tell

Share your creations with us. Thank you Gerald!

"Bouquet of Roses" by Gerald Ford



Wood Spirit Carving Class

The Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers will be hosting a 'Wood Spirit Carving Class' instructed by Doris Sheldon of Qu'Appelle, Sask. This will be a beginner to intermediate carving class held on January 17th and 18th, 2015 at Neald Glass, 1450 Reynolds St. in Regina. This class will focus on the techniques of carving a male face while carving a "Wood Spirit face in Cottonwood Bark".

The cost for this class will be \$175.00 per participant plus cost of the blank (\$20 to \$30.00 per piece depending on the size of the piece). The cost of the blank is payable directly to the instructor at the time of the class. The class maximum is 10 participants.

Registration for the class will be by cheques received for the \$175.00 class fee, first cheque in first registered. Make cheques payable to the Regina Whittlers & Woodcarvers and forward to Bob Dawson or Herb Klassen. A short 'Standby List' will be maintained in case of unexpected cancellations.

Basic hand tools will be made available for 6 beginning participants and additional carvers will bring their own tools, sharpened and ready for use. The class will be held from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM Saturday and 8:30 until 4:00 PM Sunday with a 1/2 hour break for lunch both days. Bring a bag lunch and your own beverage, with the exception of coffee/tea which will be available on site.

This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn from a very talented instructor. Doris has taught classes for a number of years and is quite successful in teaching beginner to intermediate carvers new techniques and methods of woodcarving. Doris invites you to view her work at www.cottagecountrycarving.com

Class cancellation policy: Prospective participants' cheques for the class will be returned if another participant is available from the class waiting list at the time of cancellation. In addition all cheques will be returned if the class is cancelled.

If any of you have further questions regarding this class, feel free to contact me at 306-789-2945 or e-mail me at bob.dawson@sasktel.net

RWW Club Happenings

Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings are typically 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.

December 11, 2014	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Christmas Gathering
January 22, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Annual Meeting
March 12, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Meeting
April 9, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Gathering
Mar 14, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Meeting

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

January 15, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5
February 12, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Gathering
February 19, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5
March 19, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5
April 16, 2015	7:00pm Neil Balkwill Carving Night \$5

Wednesday Drop-In Carving

9:30 am till Noon
Neil Balkwill Centre Woodworking Shop

Carver's Corner

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RWW Club Meeting Mintues

Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers

Meeting: November 13, 2014

Present: Linda Anderson, Bob Brann, Wayne Cann, Bob Dawson, Bill Dearborn, Gerald Ford, Dave Hornung, Herb Klassen, Samir Makar, Randy Markewich, Tory Neald, Dale Wenman

Introductions: Around the table with the question "What has you excited, what is going on in your life?"

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Sep 11th, 2014.

Moved – Dale Wenman

Seconded – Bob Dawson

Carried

Membership and Financial:

We now have 47 members

Financially we are in good shape (Balance > \$4500)

Programming:

Class with Doris Sheldon is scheduled for Jan 17 & 18, 2015. Currently have 3 people signed up. Please let Bob know if you are interested.

Bob is working on bringing Chris Hammock in to teach a "Bar Fly" class next fall.

To minimize travel costs, Bob is trying to arrange with Melfort and/or Medicine Hat that they too would host a class. Again please let Bob know if you are interested.

That the Regina Whittlers and Woodcarvers subsidize a class lead by Chris Hammock up to \$600.

Moved - Tory Neald

Seconded – Randy Markewich

Another Beginner Class is scheduled for December 5 & 6. Please contact Bill Dearborn if you are interested or know of someone who is.

A Shreshop is scheduled for March 14 & 15, 2015 at Cactus Wood Crafts, just outside of Saskatoon. Mark your calendars.

Club is having a display on November 22, at O'Neill High School as part of the Coronation Park craft show.

Communication:

Always open for photos of members carvings. Both the Newsletter and the Website need your contributions.

2015 Show at the Tartan Curling Club May 2nd & 3rd.

Our club will take the lead this year. Last year the Woodturners had the lead.

We need a Core Planning Committee and Task Groups

Please give this some thought as the process gets started

Other:

Discussed Gerald Ford's initiative with providing Comfort Birds to the Cancer Clinic.

Good job, Gerry!! The club carving bee on November 8th added to Gerry's flock with 12 carvers working on the birds. Gerry will continue to bring blanks to our meetings for members to work on. Will look at hosting another bee in the New Year. Thanks to Tory for the use of his shop!

Christmas Social. The December club meeting will be the Christmas Social on December 11th. Please bring your spouse/partner, some carving pieces for the Show and Tell table and a carving exchange piece if you are interested. Herb Klassen was authorized to organize the food (\$200).

Moved - Bob Dawson

Seconded - Bill Dearborn

Carried

We encourage our members to give some serious thought to taking on some positions in January for the good of the club.

Upcoming meetings:

Dec 11, 2014 7:00 Neil Balkwill Christmas Gathering

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