

Dear Friends,

This message is being sent to you in place of the August newsletter, which unfortunately will not be available this month. We are all mourning the loss of our dear fellow carver and newsletter editor, David Sharp. He will be sorely missed by all of us. We will let you know of any services to honor him as soon as we receive word from Paula.

NEWSLETTER

If anyone would be willing to help us keep the newsletter going, please let me know. It is a vital communication vehicle for our club, so we will need to get someone to work on it. Even if you do not have all the photographic, composition and graphics skills David had, we could manage with something more basic for now.

PICNIC

We hope you and your partner will join us at the annual IWG Picnic, which will take place Thursday, August 11. All of you should have received a prior message on the picnic but in case you missed it, here are the details again:

Meet at the Wright Congregational United Church of Christ

4821 Franklin Rd, Boise

Going east on Franklin the Church is on the south side of the road just after Orchard St.

Come at 6:00 - dinner at 6:30

The club will provide dishes and silverware plus water, but no meat or other food, so plan your pot-luck contribution accordingly.

If you would like a drink other than water, please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Dinner is in the basement. Steps down are to the left of the main entrance

There is an elevator (send someone downstairs so the front door can be opened

Please bring: If your name starts with A - F Main Dish

G - M Salad or side dish

O - Z Dessert

We will have a few items of business to cover at the picnic, including information on participation in the Western Idaho Fair and the Museum Comes to Life Day. We will also present for your consideration and vote Life Membership for two long-time contributors to the club and will announce plans for club projects for the remainder of the year.

WESTERN IDAHO FAIR

We appreciate those who have agreed to help with carving demonstrations at this year's fair. A schedule was sent earlier to those who volunteered, but I will have a printed copy available at the picnic for anyone who needs it.

I will also have entry forms and information for those who would like to exhibit their work at the Fair. Submission time is coming up soon, so if you are thinking of entering your work, it would be best if you check the information now online at www.idahofair.com. Look for Department 15, Hobby Craft.

FEATHER PROJECT

Some of you have completed the June and July club project, a Green-winged Teal Feather. For those who have not finished, I will let you know when I can be available on one of our Open Carving evenings at Woodcraft to provide guidance, paint and the clasp.

IDAHO ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

It is not too early to be thinking about and working on your entries in the 2017 show. We hope to see a good representation from the club in this event. It is a good opportunity to try something new.

COMMUNICATION

The elected club leadership represents you and your interests. We welcome your input at any time and in any form. If you have suggestions, please contact us:

Doug Rose – President

Gene Fuller – Vice President (Programs and projects, assisted by Bob Rudkin)

Jane Eubanks – Treasurer

Tara Jones – Secretary

Eric Owens – Past President (Website, Compliance, Jamboree)