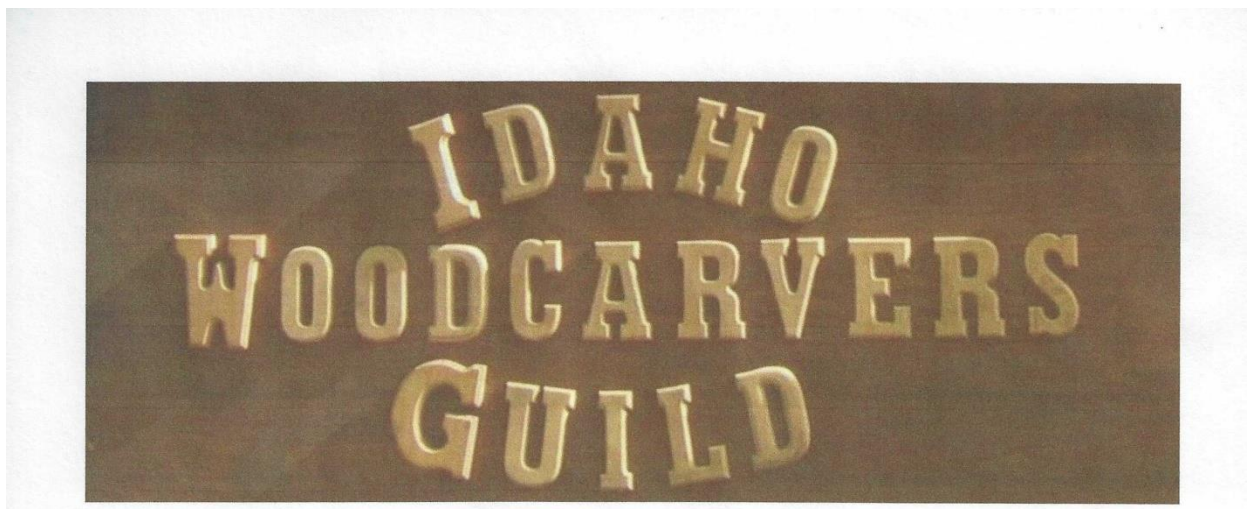




February 2021 Newsletter

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Hello Carvers,

This has been a hard year for all of us, especially organizations that revolve around getting together on a regular basis. The Idaho Woodcarvers Guild is no exception; it has been a hard year for us.

However, we are trying some new ways of doing things, as you will be able to read about in this newsletter. When this newsletter comes out again you may receive it in a different format than what you have been used to getting. It may come on a different platform, so be watching for it and check your junk mail every so often.

In August, Woodcraft will be having their big annual show in the parking lot. The Guild has decided that we would like to participate in that event. We have ordered a tent and hope to share it with the Scrollers. The tent will be used for demonstrations, displays and recruitment for both organizations. This will be a place where you can bring your carvings that you have completed over the last year for display. (I know some of you have been doing some amazing work during this time)

As part of the displays we will have our poles/canes with all the various designs you put on them (remember these were a Guild project), and the 2x2x5 inch blocks we distributed through Woodcraft, prior to Christmas.

Now we would like to offer another project. It will be a 3/4x6x6 piece of bass wood, for you to work on, maybe a chip carving or shallow/deep relief carving. Once, you have completed it and turned it in, so we can make a display, you have the option to get another piece of bass wood the same size for your own use. You can get your block of wood at Woodcraft beginning Friday, March 5.

We are looking for new ways of making carving more accessible; if you have any ideas please share them.

Keep those chips flying and have fun, but above all stay safe

Larry Crist

Club meetings and activities: We are pleased with the participation we have had in the Zoom instruction sessions and open carving. We especially appreciate Eric Owens who has acted as both host and instructor for these. We were very happy to have our President, Larry Crist, back with us in the last session after his bout with Covid19. For now we will continue with our Thursday 7 p.m. sessions. Look for an email each week with the link to join. As weather and conditions change, we are looking at some other options for our meetings and will keep you posted as plans develop. If you want to check out the instruction sessions Eric and Larry have done, just search on Idaho woodcarvers Guild youtube and you will find them.

Connections: It has been interesting to see how other woodcarving groups have adapted to the pandemic and what they are doing. Our counterpart organization in Oregon, the Oregon Carvers Guild, has been rebuilding a strong program after the dissolution of its predecessor club. It is offering online informational and instruction sessions. Earlier this month they hosted an excellent introduction to the art of wildfowl carving with veteran carver and instructor Don Baier of the Feather and Quill club that sponsors the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Art Show. This coming week on February 25 they are offering an instructional session on carving wood spirits and their president, Larry Wade, has invited members of our club to

participate. The program is free, but you need to register to get the link on their website: oregoncarvers.com. Check out their other programs on the website.

A webinar hosted by Wildfowl Carving Magazine this week revealed the impact of the pandemic on the major shows worldwide, but offered hope for some alternatives and good prospects for 2022.

Gallery: Thanks to those who responded to the call for photos of their recent projects. Here are some shots of the work of our members.

Rosie Rosenberg Largemouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Cypress Knee Wizard



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Clare Harkins Eagle with trout



Eric Owens Cowboy, Bald Man



Tony Sciascia: Brown Trout, California Quail, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Grumpy, Native American faces



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Larry Hostetler Caricature, Floral Relief, Chipmunk

