

# May 2022 Newsletter

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#### 2022 Wood and Gourd Art Show

Congratulations to all of you who entered work in the Idaho Artistry in Wood Show. The entries were outstanding and earned a lot of well-deserved awards. You have a year to get ready for the next show, where we hope to see even more members of the club represented.

## **MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

## **MAY CLUB MEETING**

The monthly club meeting will be held on May 12 at Woodcraft at 6 p.m. Our annual election of officers will take place as part of the business meeting. Please turn out and cast your vote. Don't forget to bring your work for our Show and Tell activity. The May meeting will also feature a special presentation by Tom Matus.

Tom was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to teach the art of decoy carving. One of the NEA requirements is that the work from his teaching is shared, so he and the learner will talk about the instruction and show examples of their work. Here is what the Ward Museum has to say about this world champion decoy carver: https://www.wardmuseum.org/artists/tom-matus/.

**OPEN CARVING AT WOODCRAFT: O**pen carving at Woodcraft is held on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m.

OPEN CARVING AT MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER: We have Open Carving on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Meridian Senior Center at Kleiner Park, 1920 N Records Way, Meridian. Participants are asked to make a small donation of \$2 for each session they attend to help with overhead.

## Minutes from April 14, 2022 IWG Meeting (Eric filling in for Thekla)

Minutes from April 4 IWG Club Meeting

Meeting started at 6:07 pm. (16 attendees)

Discussion was started about the 2022 IAW Show at the JUMP Center. The following topics were discussed as a general set of topics, with some suggestions and various ideas tossed around

Good things – It Happened!

Carvers had the most entries

Good representation geographically

121 entries were accepted on the Carvers portion of the show

The Artisan Booth was well run and productive (Thanks, Thekla)

Things about the show that need fixing

Registration – Hang tag issue needs streamlining, creating a claim check We should look at changing the by-laws to allow entries for carvers at different levels in different sections (Pro in one does not equal Pro in different one) We need more advertising directly before the show, with everyone helping out Facebook advertising (John Wilson volunteered to help with that)

Display of pieces, not judged, just for show and publicity

More space is needed for each club, but not sure how to do that Take a look at the floor plan to find more space

We need more active participation – demonstrations – classes(?), etc.

Dave Roberts suggested creating a map of free downtown parking

More signage is needed to direct people to the right door and correct elevator

Newcomer – Mars, returning to carving

Doug suggested everyone email other suggestions to the club via the <a href="mailto:idahowoodcarversguild@gmail.com">idahowoodcarversguild@gmail.com</a> email address

Doug alerted everyone to the need for elections, all positions are always open. Those who wanted to run for a position should let Eric know, and those who wanted to stay in their current positions should let Eric know. Elections will take place in May, for any new office holders to take office in June.

Larry opted to put off the garage sale until we have time to discuss the details and guidelines

Doug mentioned we had an offer for Tom Matus to do a demonstration in May

Reminder from Doug about open carving at Woodcraft on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $4^{th}/5^{th}$  Thursdays from 6-8 pm, as well as open carving at the Meridian Senior Center on the  $4^{th}$  Thursday from 6-8 pm. Club meetings are on the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday of each month.

Evening continued with carving a wooden spoon from butternut, supplied by Larry Crist

### **CLASSES**

Carving Classes at Woodcraft – Eric Owens teaches classes at Woodcraft at regular intervals. The May class will be held on May 18 from 6-9 pm., carving a folk art animal (fish, chicken, duck, pig). Sign up at Woodcraft or contact Eric, at <a href="mailto:boiseowens@gmail.com">boiseowens@gmail.com</a> for more information.

# MAY CARTOON FROM TINA JOHNSON



# **GALLERY**

Tony Sciascia Crappie



John Wilson: "Trouble Brewing" Winner of People's Choice Award, IAW Show

