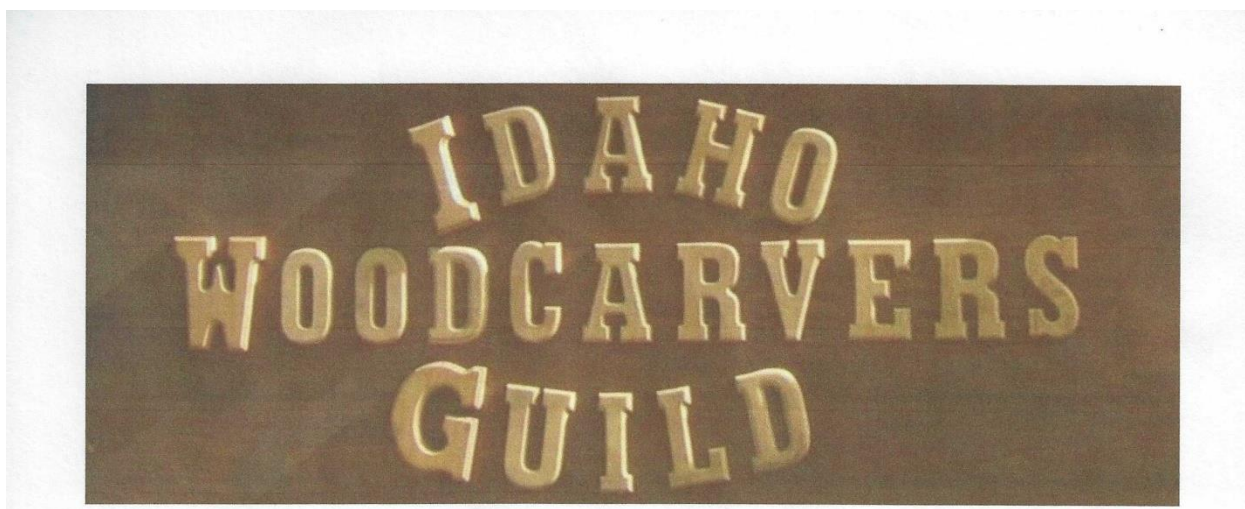




December 2022 Newsletter

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MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Our next monthly meeting will be the annual Christmas dinner party December 1 at 6 p.m. at the Spring Creek Senior Living Community Center, 175 E Calderwood Dr., Meridian. It is the large octagon shaped building in the center of the complex. The club will provide BBQ pulled pork prepared by Larry. Members may bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Bring your work for Show and Tell. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped hand-made item. It does not have to be a carving. Partners are invited. If you plan to bring guests or family members in addition to your partner, just let Larry know so we can plan the food accordingly.

OPEN CARVING AT WOODCRAFT is held on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. with Eric Owens in charge. Bring your own project and enjoy the fellowship.

OPEN CARVING AT MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER is held on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the center at Kleiner Park, 1920 N Records Way, Meridian. Club leaders provide instruction for new carvers. Experienced carvers can bring their own projects. The Senior Center asks participants to make a donation when they sign in of \$2-3 to help cover their expenses.

CLASSES

Eric Owens teaches classes at Woodcraft at regular intervals. Sign up at Woodcraft or contact Eric, at boiseowens@gmail.com for more information. Stay tuned for some other classes that are in the discussion stage.

Minutes of November 10, 2022 Meeting submitted by Thekla Owens:

17 attendees

Show and Tell: Bob with Kestrel. Doug with Cardinal and Little Hombre. Beck with cottonwood bark house.

Projects: ornaments. Name tags. Knife cover.

The knife covers have been issued as a challenge from Larry. Carve as you will. Turn in at the February meeting. Each category of Open, Intermediate, and Novice will have a winner of one of Larry's handmade knives.

Eric reported that there is a possibility of the Club needing to change meeting places.

Possibilities are Maker Shop and Meridian Senior Center. Eric will have further discussion with Monte, once he returns from vacation.

December meeting will be held on Dec 1 from 6-8 pm at Doug's community center. BBQ pulled pork will be provided by the club, side dishes by members. There will also be Show & Tell and a Gift Exchange. All members and their partners are invited.

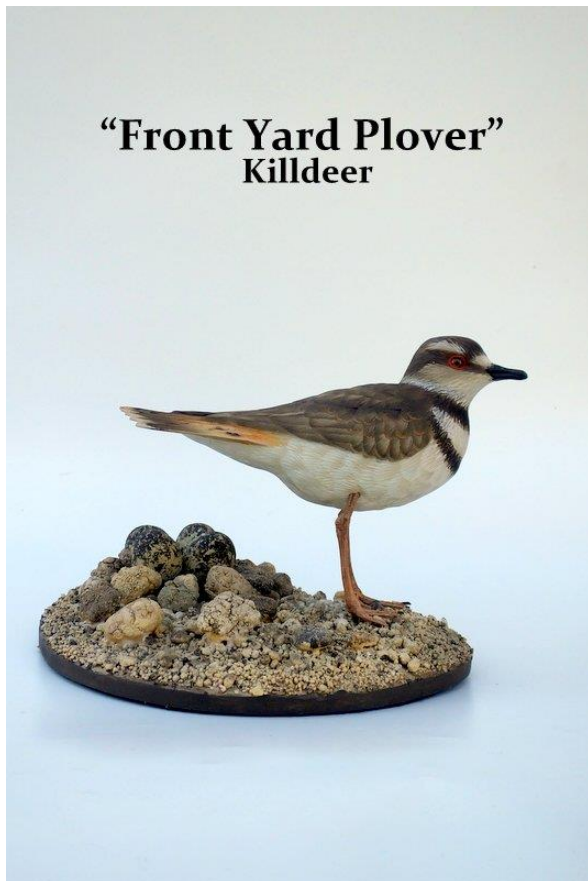
We celebrated Doug's birthday with song and some cookies provided by Cathy.

Doug introduced the club to the leaflet that he and Michael have been working on. These are intended to be a promotional item that can be handed out at demos, the fair, the IAW show, etc. It looks very professional and well done. Thank you! The intention is to print a small number at a time, as details change.

The Artistry in Wood show is scheduled for April 1 & 2. 5 auction items and 5 raffle items are needed from the club. Please let Tony know if you have something to donate.

Gallery

Recent works by Ted Smith





Profile of Wildfowl Carver and IWG member Ted Smith from his website

Ted grew up learning to paint from his artist father R. H. Smith. In high school he started by pin striping cars and went on to manage a sign shop for Mobile Construction Battalion -11 when he was with the U.S. Navy Seabees. While managing a paint store for Dutch Boy Paints for 16 years, he started carving birds for a hobby. In five years he turned his hobby into a vocation.

Ted has been a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Peregrine Fund, the Ward Foundation, National Woodcarvers Association,

International Wildfowl Carvers Association, Idaho Woodcarvers Guild, and has helped to band birds of prey with the Idaho Bird Observatory. He was a co-founder of the Idaho Wildlife Art Show and adviser for the Idaho Woodcarvers Guild's yearly competition show for nine years. He has been an Artist Adviser for the Ellensburg National Art Show in Ellensburg, Washington since 1999, and has judged wood carving shows not only in the North-West and Canada but also at the World Wildfowl Carving Championships that are held in Ocean City, Maryland.

Some of the things that make Ted's carvings stand out above most others are the passion he has for his work; he does his own reference photography and has 8 drawers of photographs of different species. He ages his carving wood in his studio, which he built just for bird carving. On all of his major carving projects, he makes up a photo album showing the steps that he takes from the block of wood, up through the painting of the unit, and presents a copy to the collector of the piece. All of his carvings are numbered in the order of which they are completed, and to date he has created over 1100 decorative bird carvings.

His Idaho studio is located three miles from the Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge. He has observed and listed 79 species of birds from this studio and back yard.

Bob Anderson Kestrel

