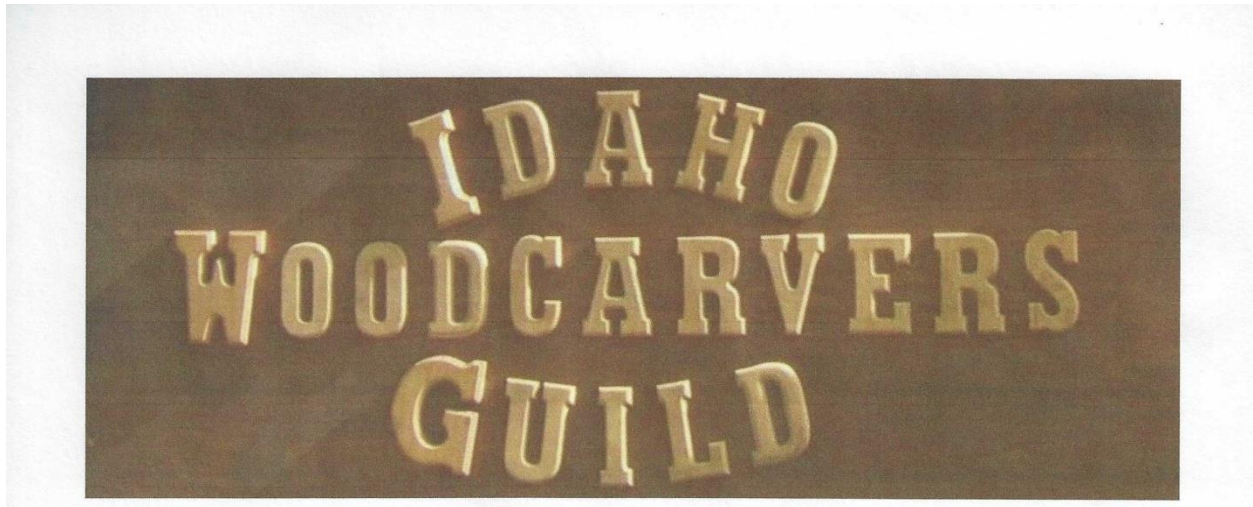




May 2023 Newsletter

Guild Officers

President: Larry Crist Vice President: Bob Rudkin Treasurer: Nate Meeks
Secretary: Thekla Owens Trustees: Beck Beus, Eric Owens, Clare Harkins
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MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

MAY MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the Meridian Senior Center. At these meetings we will conduct the annual election of officers and introduce a new face carving project.

ELECTIONS: The annual IWG election of officers will be held at the May meetings. You can still contact Eric Owens, head of the nominating committee if you would like to nominate someone or would like to serve on the board yourself. All offices except for Treasurer (Nate Meeks was elected this year) will be open for nominations. These include President, Vice President, Secretary and three Trustee positions.

ACTIONS FROM APRIL MEETINGS: (from notes by Secretary Thekla Owens)

The April IWG meetings included a review of the 2023 Idaho Artistry in Wood Show. Congratulations to all who participated and helped with the show, which was very successful. Those who have comments or suggestions for improvements can contact Tony Sciascia, who represented the IWG on the show committee: anthonysciasciadds@gmail.com. There was an announcement that Eric Owens will accept nominations for the election of officers for the May election. The board has reinstituted a scholarship program that can help members pay for classes they take to improve their carving skills. Details and application forms are available from Doug Rose. Eric led the meeting project teaching how to carve eyes with opportunities to practice on a stick.

Help Wanted

There are a couple of Guild functions that could benefit from the help of people who have skills in website management and desktop publishing. Eric, in addition to all his responsibilities with the club, is now president of the Idaho Artistry in Wood Association and is finding it hard to keep the club website up to date. Doug has kept the newsletter going, but without desktop publishing skills that could make it more presentable. If anyone with the appropriate skills could help out with either of these functions, please let a member of the board know.

PROJECTS: For the May meetings Eric will lead us through how to carve a face, building on the eye carving project from April. You will be better prepared if you view Eric's You-tube videos on eye and face carving . The links are as follows:

Eye video 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOG_qYi8bKg

Eye video 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI_SMLhzi88

Eye video 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C6FEffTW74>

Eye video 4 <https://youtu.be/PsLEAxR4WRw>

Face Study Stick Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKLkMXrPJA0>

Face Study Stick Part 2

<https://youtu.be/onCX5NAYTMM>

Face Study Stick Part 3

<https://youtu.be/0EXANl88XM0>

Face Study Stick Part 4

<https://youtu.be/ZQx-CZE85z0>

COMING PROJECT SURVEY: The club leadership is assembling a set of a dozen or so projects that can be made available over the next year. You will soon receive a list of these projects accompanied by pictures. You will be asked to select those from the list that interest you. Selection of projects for club meetings and open carving sessions will be based on the level of interest shown.

OPEN CARVING OPPORTUNITY IN NAMPA Larry Crist has an open shop on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The address is: 6463 Sunrise Ave., Nampa. It is located between Happy Valley and Southside, one-half mile south of Kuna Rd.

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. We are working on making some carving projects available for those who are new to woodcarving.

OPEN CARVING AT MERIDIAN SENIOR CENTER is held on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30–3:30p.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 for members, \$5 for non-members to help cover their expenses. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON MAY 16, WHEN THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE IN USE FOR AN ELECTION.**

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.

Woodcarving Shows and Events

Following is information on a few coming events in our neighboring states:

July 10-14 - Northwest Carving Academy, Ellensburg, Washington. Week-long intensive instruction with some of the country's top carvers. Contact Kathy Jensen, northwestcarvingacademy@gmail.com

September 22 and 23 – Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show, Astoria, Oregon

<https://www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com/>

Caricature Carvers of America "Carvin the Rockies"

September 23 and 24, 2023, 10 am to 4pm

Colorado Springs Shrine Club

6 South 33rd Street, Colorado Springs, CO