

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

September 2023

Newsletter

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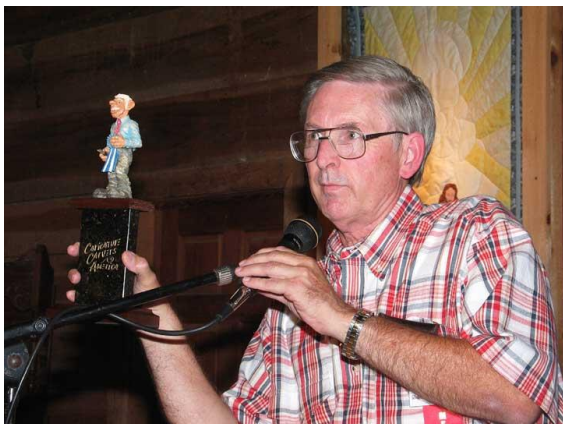
Meetings and Activities

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the Meridian Senior Center.

WESTERN IDAHO FAIR: Many of our members demonstrated our craft at the Department 15 Hobby Craft exhibit at the Fair. It was a good opportunity to share our art and information on the Guild. A big THANK YOU to all those who represented us at the fair.

PHOTO GALLERY SPECIAL EDITION: Since so many of our members participated in the fair by submitting their work for judging, we are dedicating this month's photo gallery to fair entries. Congratulations to all who participated. Many of you took home ribbons and plaques. Idaho Woodcarvers Guild was well represented.

A Very Special Caricature Class Coming



Bob Travis, a senior member of the Caricature Carvers of America, will be providing a class to anyone interested on October 18, 19 & 20, 2023. It will be held at one of the Larry's homes (That is Crist or Hostetler). This will be 3 full days of carving plus other fun activities. The cost for the class is \$150 which includes the roughout. The class will be limited in the number of participants. The roughout was originally a cowboy clown but the roughout lends itself to many variations and caricatures. The only way to sign up for this class is to give Larry Crist a \$75 deposit. This is a very unique opportunity to carve with one the best carvers in the country. Be sure to act soon so you can reserve your space.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

September is the month for membership renewal. If you joined the guild anytime during calendar year 2023, your membership is good until September 2024 and you do not need to renew now.

If you joined before this year and wish to

continue your membership, you will need to let us know and pay your annual dues to Treasurer Nate Meeks. Those who do not renew by October 31 will be removed from active membership in the guild. If you do not wish to continue your membership at this time, but would like to continue receiving the newsletter by email, you can let the IWG Vice President, Doug Rose, know by sending a message to roseboise@yahoo.com. To facilitate renewal, a membership form is attached to this message. Please send or deliver it to the guild treasurer, Nate Meeks, along with your dues payment. If there are no changes to your contact information, you can just put your name on it without completing the other blanks.

Join THE IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

Membership benefits:

- Free carving instruction and projects at club meetings
- Information on tools, supplies, carving woods
- Access to the IWG Library of carving instruction books
- Information on carving classes, competitions and shows
- Association with other carvers of all skill levels
- Weekly open carving at Woodcraft and Meridian Senior Center

Monthly Meetings: Time and locations appear in this newsletter

Cost: Annual dues: \$20

For more information, go to: <http://idahowoodcarversguild.org> or contact Larry Crist, Tel. 208 608-3368, ldccsf@gmail.com or Doug Rose, Tel 208 856-8856, roseboise@yahoo.com.

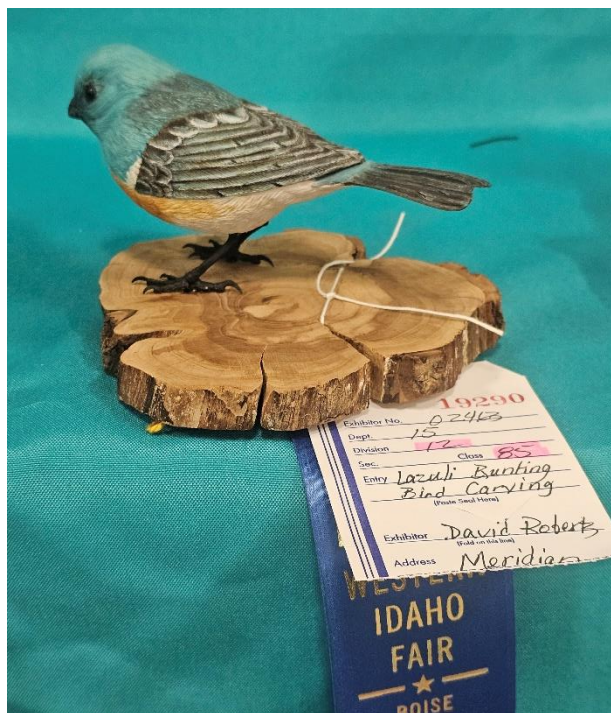
Sign up:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail this form with your check for \$20 to IWG Treasurer, Nate Meeks, 4183 Buckstone Pl, Meridian, ID 83646



Dave Roberts

WIF Best of Show – Amateur - 2023

So VERY thankful to be able to enter the Western Idaho Fair exhibition for my second year this year (DIV 12, Class 86), working very hard on a 10-day 'Idaho Cowpoke' carving (wasn't sure if I'd make it this year - finished it at the last minute Sunday night, 13 AUG), and was so excited to see it at the Fair (with a ribbon and plaque!!!).

Michael Chamberlain





David Colliver - The quail pair was awarded a second-place ribbon in the fine arts category. The other three were entered in the hobby crafts division.



Ted Smith



Larry Crist



Lenny Williams



Nate Meeks

Share Your PHOTOS

Each month this newsletter includes pictures of member's work along with a brief narrative. When you send photos of your work to the IWG Newsletter Editor, please let us know some details, such as:

- Wood used
- Size, including thickness of stock
- Finish, including coloration, if any
- Special techniques or considerations, if any
- Any other information of interest

A few tips on taking photos:

- Position your camera (or phone) level with your work.
- Lighting from the side is better than lighting the subject head-on.
- Use natural light if possible.
- The only shadows you see should be in the work (not you).
- Use a high contrast solid background so your work stands out.

Send your photos to Jerry Robertson at brewbuff@hotmail.com. If you are prompted to reduce the file size, please send a large file.



Lauretta Boulton



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Michael Chamberlain, Eric Owens and Norm Sullivan demonstrated wood carving projects and answered questions at the 2023 Western Idaho Fair.



Open Carving Opportunities

Boise

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.

Meridian

Open Carving at the 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.

Nampa

OPEN CARVING OPPORTUNITY IN NAMPA WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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.

For those of you interested in building your carving skills, Woodcraft is adding intermediate carving classes, taught by Eric Owens. Contact Woodcraft for more information and to sign up for the class. There are current plans to schedule more in the near future.

Woodcarving Shows and Events

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

September 22 and 23 – Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show, Astoria, Oregon <https://www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com>

September 23 and 24, 2023 -Caricature Carvers of America - "Carvin the Rockies", 10 am to 4pm Colorado Springs Shrine Club 6 South 33rd Street, Colorado Springs, CO

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