

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

November 2023

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

NOVEMBER MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, November 9, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the Meridian Senior Center.

Idaho Artistry in Wood Show and Gourd Art Show will be held Saturday, April 6 2024, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, April 7, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Jack's Urban Meeting Place, 1000 Myrtle St., Boise, ID [[website](#)]

Competitors from all skill levels (Novice to Expert) may submit their wood carving, turning, scroll work, fine wood working, CNC creations, gourd art and pyrography entries for public display and judging. The show will feature demonstrations, vendors, raffles, an auction, and banquet. It also is an opportunity for artists to sell their work.

Show and Tell



When president Larry Crist called for a show-and-tell at the Senior Center, John Lee brought out these two carvings. We encourage everyone to show their work at open carving events. Your ideas, art and skill are inspiration for the rest of us.



Bill Splaine answered a show-and-tell call with these two Halloween pumpkins. The one on the left is now one of our October projects.



Tony Sciascia – Blue Winged Teal

Eric Owens

'Idaho Cowpoke',
Original Design
(wow!). 2.8 W X 2.7
D X 10" H, single
piece. Stain/oil seal
& acrylic paint.



Tony Sciascia – Golden Trout



Michael Chamberlain

'Bibliofeliac', MAC/2022, Received 2nd place in 'Roughout' category at 2023 CCA National Caricature Carvers' Competition, 2023-09-23. From Dave Stetson's 'Seated Reader' design project (1st roughout I've carved). 3.25 X 4 X 7" H, single piece. Stain/oil seal only.



Michael Chamberlain

'Bird Brain' (no placment): Carved 2023-09, specifically for the new 'Bird Brain' category at the 2023 CCA National Caricature Carvers' Competition, 2023-09-23. 3 W X 3.25 D X 6.5" H. Original Design, single piece. Stain/oil seal & acrylic paint.



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.



Michael Chamberlain

'Bear' project carving, carved at 'PJ Driscoll' class at event on 2023-09-23. 1.5 X 1.5 X 6" H. Fun project. Raw (not yet sealed or painted)

Woodcarving Classes



Eric Owens teaches classes at Woodcraft at regular intervals. Sign up at Woodcraft or contact Eric, at boiseowens@gmail.com for more information.

For those of you interested in building your carving skills, Woodcraft is adding intermediate carving classes. Contact Woodcraft for more information and to sign up for the class.

The first class was held on Saturday, September 9. Beginner classes will still be held each month.

It would be great to have some members of the club supporting Woodcraft in their effort to provide not only beginner classes but also intermediate classes. This is the first time we have held intermediate carving classes since Covid started in 2020. Hopefully there will be enough attendees to schedule and hold more intermediate classes.

If you are interested, go to boiselearns.org and sign up for the afternoon intermediate carving class at Woodcraft.

Here are the classes I will be teaching through the end of the year.

November 4 - Beginning Carving class at Woodcraft - pumpkin faces 9-12pm

November 4 Intermediate Carving class at Woodcraft - Stack of pumpkins 1-4pm

December 23 Beginner Carving class at Woodcraft - 9-12pm snowman/snowwoman

December 23 Intermediate carving class at Woodcraft - 1-4pm C9 light bulb ornament



Jon Cooper, a former IWG member, told us that he is liquidating his inventory of Sugar Pine Roughouts. Jon has the following roughouts for sale at \$15 each.

- 9" Walking Bear – (83 ea.)
- 10" Standing Bear – (26 ea.)
- 12" Standing Rabbit (12 ea.)
- 6" Standing Rabbit (11 ea.)
- 6" Sitting Bear (17 ea.)

He is also selling his Terrco Northstar Carvers (duplicator) if anyone is interested.

You can reach Jon at 208-793-2387 or 208-781-0696.

Open Carving Opportunities

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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.

Woodcarving Shows and Events

Following is information on coming events in neighboring states:

January 14-15 2024 – Coastal Carver Artistry in Wood Show, Lincoln City, Oregon [\[website\]](#)

This annual January carving show is a fixture in Oregon and well worth attending. With the success of their post-pandemic 2023 show, the Coastal Carvers are planning their 2024 show for Martin Luther King weekend.



*How do you know if a wood carver is good at math?
They can whittle any problem down to size.*

Media

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