

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

December 2023

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

DECEMBER MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be the December 14 Christmas party. See the announcement below for location and details. There will be no meeting at Woodcraft that evening.

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.



IWG Christmas Dinner

The annual IWG Christmas party will be held Thursday, December 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Edgewood Spring Creek Senior Living Community recreation center, 175 E Calderwood Dr., Meridian 83642. Club president, Larry Crist, will provide pulled pork for the main dish. Buns will also be provided. Those who attend are requested to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Water and a limited supply of tableware will be available. You may wish to bring your own tableware and preferred drinks. We will have a show-and-tell table, so bring any work you have completed recently. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped hand-made item. It does not have to be a carving, just something hand-made, including food as an option. Family members are invited and are welcome to participate in the gift exchange. If you plan to bring more than one guest, let Larry know so we can be sure to have enough food.



Vic Haight



Larry Crist



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.



Jerry Robertson

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.

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.

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

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

EVENTS

Saturday, December 2, from 9-3pm, we will have a booth at the annual Sons of Norway bazaar held at the King of Glory Lutheran Church, 3430 N. Maple Grove Road. Also, Friday and Saturday. This show is focused on Scandinavian food, products and items. I will have lots of Santas, ornaments, gnomes and figures.

December 15-16, we will have a booth at the 2C Cowboy Christmas, held at O'Connor Field House in Caldwell. We will be focusing on Christmas and cowboys. Hours are 10am to 6pm. Address is 2207 Blaine Street in Caldwell.

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.

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.



What do you call a carver who likes to make jokes?

A pun-kin carver.

Media

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