

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

January 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

JANUARY MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 11, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, January 9 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.



IWG Christmas Dinner

We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We had a great start with the annual Christmas dinner party, which was very well attended. It was a great opportunity to get the Meridian and Boise groups together and enjoy the company of our spouses as well. As always, the food would have earned a Michelin 5-star award if their representative had been there. There were some really nice pieces on display in the show and tell and the gift exchange sent everyone home with a wonderful hand made gift. The focus over the next few weeks will be on helping everyone get ready for the April Artistry in Wood Show. Details follow. Under a new provision, your first five entries will not cost you anything, so get going on them. Open carving will resume at both the Meridian and Boise locations the first week of January. We hope to see you there.



INVITATION TO ARTISTS WHOSE WORK INCLUDES GOURDS – WOODTURNING – WOODCARVING WOODBURNING– SCROLLING – INTARSIA–MARQUETRY FINE WOODWORKING

You are invited to participate in the

2024 IDAHO ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW

The Idaho Artistry in Wood 2024 Wood and Gourd Art Show will be held in the fifth floor exhibition hall at JUMP (Jack's Urban Meeting Place) on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7. JUMP is located at 1000 W. Myrtle St., Boise ID 83702. Show hours on Saturday are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The show provides an opportunity for artists working in wood and gourds to participate in a judged competition and display their creations to the public.

Five wood-working clubs (Treasure Valley Scrollers, Southwest Idaho Woodturners Association, Idaho Gourd Society, Idaho Woodcarvers Guild and Ada County Woodworkers) collaborate to make this one-of-a-kind show a major Northwest cultural attraction. The show will include woodcarving, woodturning, fine woodworking, pyrography, intarsia, gourds, marquetry, scrolling and other wood art. No affiliation with a club is required to participate.

Since moving to Boise's premier downtown exhibition hall, the show has gained increased attention, attracting over 400 entries from a multi-state area. Media, government and business support have contributed to the success of the show. Idaho's Treasure Valley is home to many notable artists who use wood and gourds as their medium. Several have won prizes in national and international competition. Aspiring artists will have the opportunity to meet and draw inspiration from these experts and have their work evaluated by professional judges.

Tools and materials used in creating wood and gourd art will be available for sale. In addition to the juried competition, there will be vendors, raffles, a silent auction, demonstrations and artwork sales. The Saturday night banquet and auction is a great place to relax and enjoy the company of other wood and gourd artists. It is not necessary to participate in the banquet to bid on auction items

The cost of entering work in the show is \$3.00 per piece if registered in advance or \$5.00 at registration, which will take place Friday, April 5, 1-6 p.m. at the JUMP 5th floor exhibition hall. Full details, including discount coupons, admission charges, registration, and each club's prospectus (entry guidelines) and other information can be found on the Idaho Artistry in Wood website, <http://idahoartistryinwood.org>.

For specific questions, contact: David Colliver (559) 240-6973. davidcolliver@netptc.net or

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Here are two of the Bufflehead Duck profiles from Doug Rose' class.



Dave Roberts



Jerry Robertson



Blue-winged Teal
Tony Sciascia



IWG Scholarship Program

Thanks largely to the proceeds from past Idaho Woodcarvers Guild and Idaho Artistry in Wood shows, the Guild has some surplus funds available that should be used in keeping with our status as a non-profit educational organization. With this in mind, the Board proposed and the club membership approved in January 2017 a scholarship program that allows club members to apply for partial reimbursement of money spent on a class, seminar or workshop that helps them improve their carving, painting or other artistic skills used in producing wood carvings. Members who are up to date with their club dues may apply once each year for a scholarship to reimburse them for up to ½ the cost of the course they have taken. The amount approved cannot exceed the dues paid by the member since joining the Guild. Those who receive this support should plan to share what they learned with others as occasion permits and bring works produced to show at a club meeting. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, for approval. Scholarship applications may be submitted at any time during the calendar year. The Board may limit scholarship funding each year to maintain sufficient reserves to keep the club in a healthy financial position.

Application for IWG Scholarship

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Course, class or program attended: _____

Provider: _____ Location: _____

Brief description of instruction received:

Amount paid: _____ Year: _____

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Executive Committee action: Approved: _____ Not approved: _____ Date: _____

Date awarded: _____

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.



Why did the wood carver become a baker?

Because he kneaded the dough!

Media

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