

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

February 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

FEBRUARY MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 8, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the Meridian Senior Center.

Meeting Schedule Changes: Monthly business meetings and open carving will be held on the usual schedule through May. The board is considering a recess in business meetings during the summer months (June, July and August,) but open carving will continue through the summer. Larry Crist has begun hosting carving sessions at his shop in Nampa on Wednesday mornings. Contact him for information if you would like to participate.

Notes from January 11 and 16 IWG business meetings:

Bill Nowlin from the Idaho Artistry in Wood Show Committee stopped by the Thursday meeting to encourage our members to donate items for the various AIW auctions. Our club is responsible for 3 banquet auction items, 5 silent auction items, and 15 raffle items. He will be back to our March meeting to collect all the donations.

Larry unveiled the 2 new banners that were purchased for the club at both meetings. They will be used for club demos and shows where our club is represented.

The highlight of the show and tell session was Eric Owens' new cowboy carving.

The first demo of the year was at the Garden City library on Jan 23. Eric Owens and Steve Moreno represented the club.

John Greener spoke at the Thursday meeting of the Artistry in Wood show, April 6 & 7. The featured artist will be from the Woodworker club. They will be showing a collection of CNC First 5 entries for each carver are free of charge if preregistered. If registered on Friday (between 12 and 5:30) the fee per item is \$10. The admission fee for all is \$5.00 per person. No discount tickets this year. The club is again responsible for Security and will need volunteers. We will also require volunteers for Friday. Help is needed for set up and clerking for the judging. A sign up sheet will be available at the February meetings. The information was conveyed to the Tuesday group by Doug, Larry and Eric.

Following the meeting, Larry introduced a carving project and passed out cut-outs for it at both meetings.



Idaho Artistry in Wood Show Coming up the first weekend in April

Just two months left until the show. We want to see your carvings in it. The cost of entering work in the show is free for the first five entries and \$5 per piece after five if registered in advance or \$10.00 per piece on registration day, which will take place Friday, April 5, 12-5:30 p.m. at the JUMP 5th floor exhibition hall. Full details, including 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, John Greener, 208 283-6811, greener1115@gmail.com, or Scott Taylor, 64setaylor@gmail.com.

We will have registration forms available at the February and March meetings. Please fill them in as best you can, then bring your entries to our club meetings on March 14 at Woodcraft or March 19 at the Meridian Senior Center and you can skip registration day at JUMP. We will take your entries to the show.

The Guild will have a major presence at the show. We have lined up donations for the live banquet auction, the silent auction and raffles. Thank you to those who have agreed to contribute carvings for the show. Our club will have a table at the show for members to demonstrate and provide information to those who attend. Tony Sciascia has also agreed to do fish painting demonstrations during the show. Keep in mind that there is an artisan's sales booth. Contact Thekla Owens if you are interested in selling any of your work.



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

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American Goldfinch on Redbud Branch
Doug Rose



Jerry Robertson



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.



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