

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

April 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

APRIL MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, April 16 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. Election of officers will take place at the May meetings. If you would like to serve or nominate someone for one of the positions shown in the newsletter heading, please contact Eric Owens.

The board proposed and the membership approved during the February meetings a recess in business meetings during the summer months (June, July and August,) but open carving will continue through the summer. Larry Crist is now hosting carving sessions at his shop in Nampa on Wednesday mornings. Contact him for information if you would like to participate.



2024 Idaho Artistry in Wood Show

The Idaho Woodcarvers Guild was a major player in the success of a great 2024 IAW show. With 109 carving and pyrography entries, participation in the woodcarving section of the show was up this year. We also attracted outstanding carvings from as far away as Damascus, Oregon and Cedar City, Utah. Show attendance reached 1206 this year, up about 15 per cent over 2023.

IWG member contributions were critical to the show's success. Eric Owens serves as IAW president, managing the organization and providing experienced guidance to the show committee. He also set up the carving section for the show with the help of guild volunteers. John Greener represented the guild on the show committee and provided critical support to the carving registration and judging process. Cathy Carson managed the awards for the show and Thekla Owens ran the artisan sales booth. Dave Colliver served as publicity chair and Larry Crist provided key printed material support and worked with John on registration. Tony Sciascia was our primary demonstrator, spending two full days in the Maker Space painting fish. IWG volunteers provided door security, carving demonstrations and helped as judging clerks and other functions. The judging was done by highly qualified carvers Bob Gough of the tri-cities area of Washington and Mary Dame and Susan Hendrix from the Utah Valley Woodcarvers Club. Treasurer Nate Meeks was on hand to provide their honoraria.

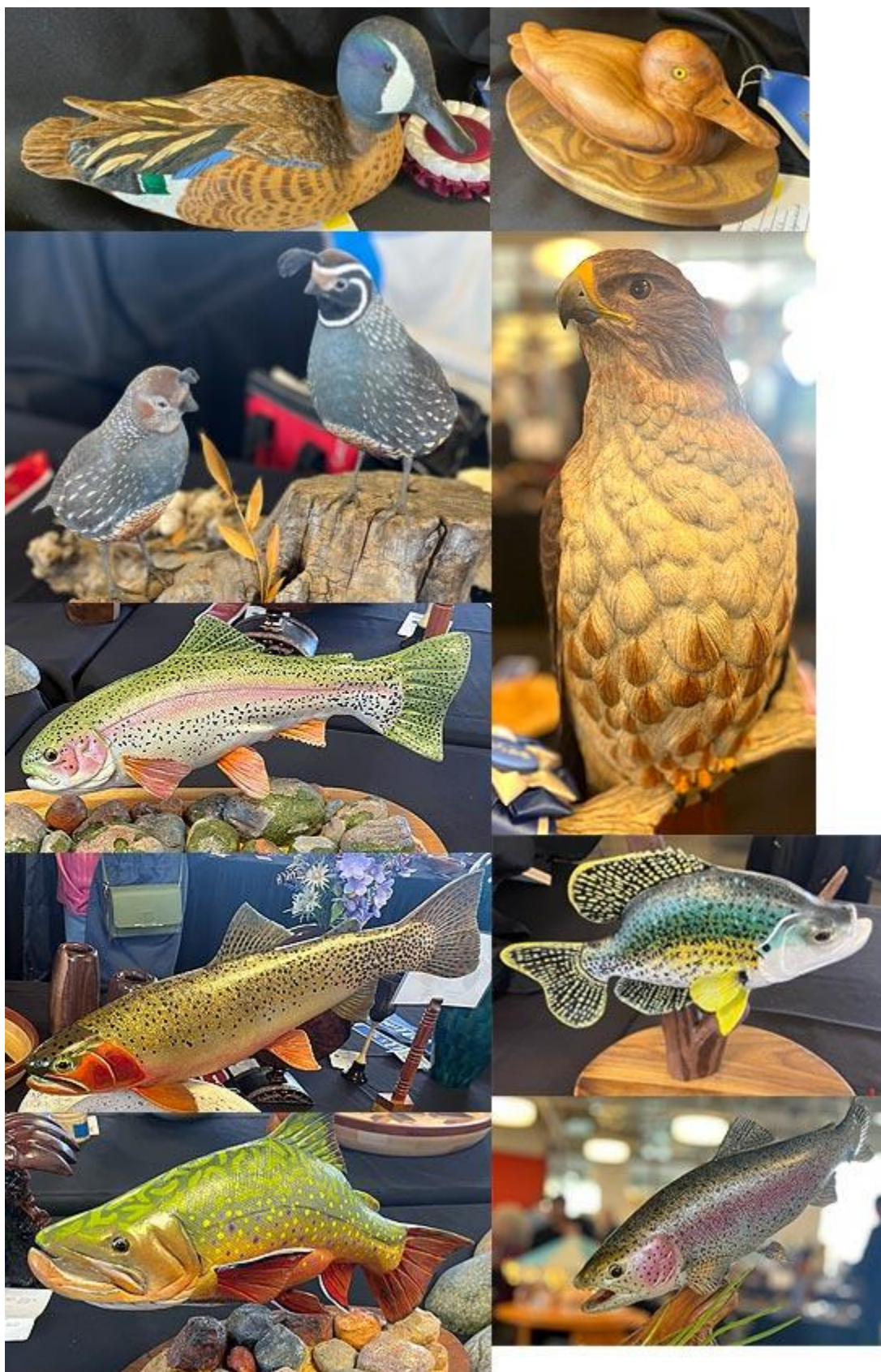
IWG donors made major contributions to the success of the live and silent auctions and the raffles. Ted Smith's beautiful grebe sold for \$750 and Michael Chamberlain's carving of John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn brought in \$550. Excluding the sale of a \$3000 guitar, carver donations made up half of the auction income. Thanks to the increased attendance at the show and the success of the auctions, all expenses for the show were covered and the remaining funds will help both the IAW and the participating clubs to improve future shows.

Top honors in the carving section of the show went to Stephen Nye of Cedar City, Utah for his Red-tailed hawk, Vick Haight from our guild for his Westslope Cutthroat trout and Tom Checketts of Layton, Utah for his "Shroomville" mushroom village. A list of all awards in the carvers section was sent to guild members previously. [Click here](#) to see the list online.



This month's photo gallery is dedicated to the 2024 Artistry in Wood show.















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.

Following is information on coming events in neighboring states:

Northwest Carving Academy 2024

July 8, 2024 to July 12, 2024

Location: Kittitas County Fair Grounds Event Center; Ellensburg, WA

Featuring: a week-long carving master classes with nationally recognized carving teachers from around the country. This year's carving instructors include Izo Becic (European sculptural and relief carving), Rohn Collins (realistic animal carvings), Jeff Gibson (chip carving), Tom Henscheid (spoon carving and tool making), Pam Moore (figurine carving), Ryan Olson (charicature carving), Jerry Simchuk (bird habitat design, carving, and painting), Bob Travis (caricature carving), Rich Wetherbee (human figure carvings), and Dick Wilk (NW native carving). Anita Wells will also be teaching Nantucket basket construction and there will be a quilting circle. Registration is open now. For more information check our website: www.nwcarvingacademy.com

Hosted by: NW Carving Academy Board

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I recently took up wood carving, and accidentally cut my finger. It's nothing serious. It's just a whittle cut.



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