

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

September 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

MEETINGS RESUME: Meetings, which have been in recess for the summer, will resume in September. The meeting at Woodcraft will be on Thursday, September 12, at 6:00 PM, and the meeting at the Meridian Senior Center will be on Tuesday, September 17, at 12:30 PM.

WESTERN IDAHO FAIR: The Western Idaho Fair has come to a close, and once again, IWG made a strong showing. Be sure to check out the recap of the fair on the following pages of this newsletter.

You are Invited to Our Annual Picnic!



Join us for an evening of fun, food and great company at our annual picnic.

Location: Tony Sciascia's home
2246 E Horse Creek Ct
Meridian, Idaho

Date: September 7, 2024 – 6:30 PM

We'll be serving delicious hamburgers with all the fixings. Please bring a side dish to share.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

September is the month for membership renewal. If you joined the guild anytime during calendar year 2024, your membership is good until September 2025 and you do not need to renew now. If you joined before this year and wish to

continue your membership, you will need to let us know and pay your annual dues to Treasurer Nate Meeks. Those who do not renew by October 31 will be removed from active membership in the guild. To facilitate renewal, a membership form is attached to this message. Please send or deliver it to the guild treasurer, Nate Meeks, along with your dues payment. If there are no changes to your contact information, you can just put your name on it without completing the other blanks.

Join THE IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

Membership benefits:

- Free carving instruction and projects at club meetings
- Information on tools, supplies, carving woods
- Access to the IWG Library of carving instruction books
- Information on carving classes, competitions and shows
- Association with other carvers of all skill levels
- Weekly open carving at Woodcraft and Meridian Senior Center

Monthly Meetings: Time and locations appear in this newsletter

Cost: Annual dues: \$20

For more information, go to: <http://idahowoodcarversguild.org> or contact Larry Crist, Tel. 208 608-3368, ldccsf@gmail.com or Phil Kelly, Tel 208 860-7567, pkelly@boisestate.edu.

Sign up:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail this form with your check for \$20 to IWG Treasurer, Nate Meeks, 4183 Buckstone Pl, Meridian, ID 83646



Western Idaho Fair: 2024 Recap

Congratulations to all the members of the Idaho Woodcarvers Guild who entered their work in the Western Idaho Fair. It was wonderful to see all the recognition for their entries, including the special awards beyond the first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons in both the Hobby Craft and Fine Arts departments of the Fair. The woodcarving entries, the demonstrations and the new banner gave us the opportunity to bring the guild to the attention of a large number of people.

Woodcarving Demonstrations

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered to showcase their craft at the fair. IWG members exhibited their carvings, demonstrated their carving techniques, and engaged with the public about our craft. Demonstrators were:

Jairus Taylor	Eric Owens
Lloyd Tanimasa	Doug Rose
Bill Splaine	Ellie Rose
Phil Kelly	Isaac Bradfield
Johnny Siwula	Abra Bradfield
Michael Chamberlain	

Columbia Flyway & Wildlife

Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria, Sep 20—22

This is a significant show featuring nationally known bird and animal carvers, scheduled at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria. Save the dates and monitor the [website](#) for updates.

Join us for the Dry Creek Historical Society's 15th Annual Old Time Farm

To celebrate their 160th anniversary, the Dry Creek Historical Society is hosting a fun-filled day for the whole family on **Sunday, September 29th from 12-5pm**. Step back in time at this historic farmstead and enjoy live music, exciting children's activities, traditional games, engaging demonstrations, a silent auction, delicious baked goods, and more!

A variety of unique vendors will be on-site.

Interested in having an IWG booth at the event? Contact Larry Crist to explore this

Woodcraft Expo

Woodcraft Boise hosted their annual expo on August 24, where IWG showcased their skills at a demonstration table. The event drew a large crowd, with many attendees stopping by the IWG table to admire the carvings on display and learn about the basics of wood carving.





WESTERN IDAHO FAIR





These two entries were in Fine Arts



- Apologies to those who had entries that were not photographed.

More recent projects (not entered in the fair)



Sheryl Tolliver - Chickadee



John Lee



Share Your PHOTOS

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.

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.

Tips from the Experts



- Learn how to carve many different eyes and expressions.
- Create action in all of your carvings.
- Learn different techniques from several people you admire to create a style of your own.
- Try different styles of painting till you find one you like.

~ Phil Bishop

Media

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