

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

October 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

OCTOBER MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, October 10, at 6:00 PM at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, October 15, at 12:30 PM at the Meridian Senior Center.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 7.

Join us for an evening of fun, food and great company at our annual Christmas Party!

Location: Meridian Senior Center
The Village at Meridian / Kleiner Park
1920 N Records Way
Meridian, Idaho

Date: December 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM



The party will feature a pot luck dinner with the meat dish provided by the club and will include a gift exchange for those who would like to participate. The gifts should be hand-made, but do not have to be carvings. Anything made by the participants, including food items is acceptable. Partners are invited. If you plan to bring more than one family member or guest, please let Larry Crist know so we can ensure that there is enough food.



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



MONTHLY PROJECTS

The Guild is dedicated to fostering and promoting the art of woodcarving, pyrography (wood-burning), and other wood artistry forms. Our weekly open carving sessions are an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn about tools, safety, basic techniques, and the types of wood used.

Guild leaders are available to provide an introduction to woodcarving. Our open carving sessions are held weekly at the following times and locations:

1. **Thursday Evenings:** 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Woodcraft. This session is ideal for those who work during the day or live in the eastern part of the valley.
2. **Tuesday Afternoons:** 1:00-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at Kleiner Park, 1920 Records Way, Meridian. The Senior Center requests a donation of \$2 for members and \$5 for non-members per session to help cover costs. This session is perfect for those who prefer daytime gatherings or live west of downtown Boise.

Each month, we plan a project to help novice carvers try new techniques and improve their skills. An experienced member will lead the project and provide one-on-one assistance as needed. Loaner tools are available, and materials will be provided whenever possible.

Upcoming Projects:

- **October:** Halloween Ornaments
- **November:** Holiday Ornaments
- **December:** Holiday Party
- **January:** Types of Knives/Gouges and Their Uses
- **February:** Flat-plane Carving
- **March:** Painting
- **April:** Spoons
- **May:** Chip Carving or Relief Carving

We look forward to seeing you at our sessions and helping you develop your woodcarving skills!

APPRECIATION

I would like to give a great big THANK-YOU to a fellow whose name is George Bergman. None of us know him, but he gave me a phone call recently and wanted to donate some basswood to the Guild. I met him at the MSC and he gave the Guild 21 1/2 Board Feet of very nice basswood, which will be used for club projects over the coming months. This is quality wood and will be very helpful to the Guild. SO, GEORGE BERGMAN< THANK-YOU.

Larry Crist



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 IWG provides 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 a course they have completed. 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 at a future meeting. Scholarship applications may be submitted at any time during the calendar year to be reviewed by the Executive Committee for approval. 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: _____

For Board Use

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

Date awarded: _____



PHOTO GALLERY



Bill Splaine



Sheryl Tolliver



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 1:00-3:30 p.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 to carve with a carving glove.
- Use a pencil to draw specific parts on the carving (arms, legs, etc.).
- Use reference pictures for your idea. You can find anything you want to carve on the internet.
- Take classes whenever possible; you will always learn something new.

~ P.J. Driscoll



TSA confiscated my cheddar cheese. It was extra sharp.

Media

Website: <http://idahowoodcarversguild.org/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYHBkob1WFSPgMaydZ7Yfw>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Idaho-Woodcarvers-Guild-254983304512338/>

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