

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

November 2024

Newsletter

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- Eric Owens
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Meetings and Activities

NOVEMBER MEETINGS: The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, November 14, at 6:00 PM at Woodcraft. The meeting for the Meridian group will be on Tuesday, November 19, 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.



LEADERSHIP CHANGE

We would like to inform you of a recent leadership change within the Idaho Woodcarvers Guild. Larry Crist has resigned from his position as President, effective immediately, due to time constraints. We extend our gratitude to Larry for his dedicated service.

Eric Owens will assume the role of President until the next election of officers. Consequently, the trustee position previously held by Eric is now vacant. We appreciate your understanding and support during this transition period.

Larry will continue to lead the Tuesday open carving session at the senior center and Eric will continue to lead the Thursday session at Woodcraft.

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:** 12:30-3:30 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:

- **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!



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: _____

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

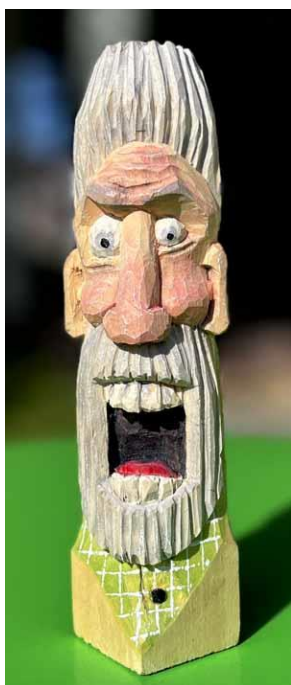
Date awarded: _____



This month, our theme was all about holidays. Larry Crist brought an assortment of magazines to the senior center session, allowing members to select their projects. He then provided roughouts cut from his bandsaw. Here are a few shining examples of our members' creations.



The Thursday evening group challenged each other to a pumpkin carving contest, the winner to be announced at the next meeting in November. The pumpkins pictured below were suggested patterns. But carvers were encouraged to be creative.



Jerry's
Halloween
character



Eric's
latest
cowboy

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 12:30-3:30 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.

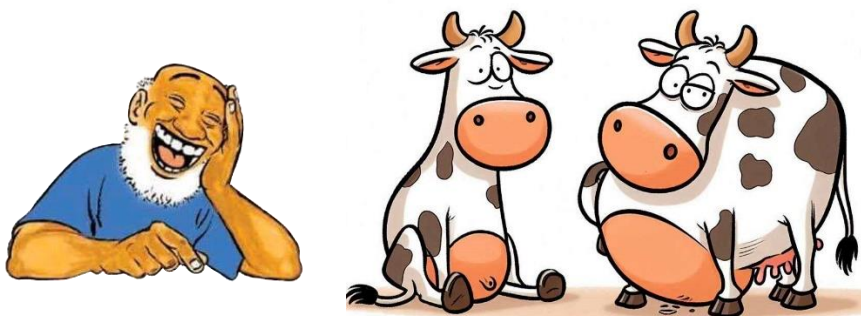
Tips from the Experts



The most important ingredient in a caricature carving is not action, or clean cuts, or a fine paint job. All of those can help, but the most important ingredient is always humor. A caricature carving without the humor is like a rum and coke without the rum.

~ Chris Hammack

**So if a cow doesn't produce milk,
is it a milk dud or an udder failure?**



Media

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

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

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