

IDAHO WOODCARVERS GUILD

December 2024

Newsletter

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Meetings and Activities

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Our regular monthly meetings will take a holiday break and will resume in January. We'll discuss any important matters at the Christmas party. Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you at the party!

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. Please RSVP Thekla Owens at theklaowens@gmail.com so we know how many to expect.



Idaho Artistry in Wood Show will be held Saturday, March 29 2025, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, March 30, 10:00am to 4:00pm at Jack's Urban Meeting Place, 1000 Myrtle St., Boise, ID [[website](#)]

Competitors from all skill levels (Novice to Expert) may submit their wood carving, turning, scroll work, fine wood working, CNC creations and pyrography entries for public display and judging. The show will feature demonstrations, vendors, raffles, an auction, and banquet It also is an opportunity for artists to sell their work.

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:

- **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: _____



CALLING ALL WOOD CARVERS: Share Your Masterpieces!

Idaho Woodcarvers Guild is buzzing with creativity and skill, and we want to celebrate that by featuring your incredible wood carving projects in our upcoming newsletters! Whether you're an experienced carver with a treasure trove of masterpieces or a novice eager to hone your skills, your participation can make a tremendous impact on our wood carving community.

Why Share? For our seasoned carvers, your creations are a beacon of inspiration. Your detailed carvings and intricate designs showcase the heights of craftsmanship that can be achieved. By sharing photos of your projects, you can spark the imagination of fellow members and provide valuable learning opportunities for those just starting their carving journey.

How it Helps Novice Carvers: Seeing what can be accomplished with patience and practice is incredibly motivating for novice carvers. Your submissions will not only highlight techniques and styles but also give beginners concrete examples to aspire to. It's a chance to mentor through your work, guiding others by example.

Encouragement for Novices: If you're new to carving, this is a golden opportunity to share your progress and get constructive feedback from our talented community. By submitting your photos, you'll open the door to comments and suggestions that can help you improve and grow your skills. Plus, it's a great way to document your journey and see how far you've come.

How to Submit:

1. Take clear, well-lit photos of your wood carving projects.
2. Include a brief description of your piece and the techniques you used.
3. Email your photos and descriptions to brewbuff@hotmail.com

We can't wait to see the artistry and creativity that each of you brings to the table. Let's inspire each other and grow together as a community of passionate wood carvers!

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



Have fun with it. Don't put pressure on yourself.

Don't be afraid to try more-challenging carvings. That is what makes you better.

Always be thinking one step ahead.

Take your time, don't get in a rush, and always block your carving out first.

Keep carving. The next one will always be better.

~ P.J. Driscoll



Trying to come up with a new woodcarving pun is not as easy as you might think!

Media

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

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