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# NEWSLETTER

The Club meets the second Monday of the Month from 6:00 to 9:30 PM at the 40-8 Club, 933 University Ave. Rochester N.Y. . Social from 6:00 to 7:00. Visitors are always welcome. Next meeting is October 13th.

Last spring Rex McHail was identified in the Rochester D&C as one of the unknown artists in the Rochester Area . Carl Dumbauld then wrote a follow up letter to the editor, on the importance of Rex to the GVW Club. For those who have not read Carl's letter to the editor I have included the text in this newsletter.

A thank you to Rex and Carl

## **Artist Rex McHail shines in spotlight ( Rochester D & C Friday May 23, 2008)**

What a delight it was to see last Sunday's Artist spotlight article featuring Rex McHail. Rex is a legend among bird carvers, and the article was wonderfully descriptive of his beautiful work. However, there was an omission of one of his very important contributions to the art of bird carving and that is of his skill and years of dedication to the sharing and teaching of his art.

There is little question that a major portion of us local bird carvers got our start by taking one of Rex's classes. I believe that I am safe in saying that it would be virtually impossible to find a more patient, more motivational, more skillful teacher of the art of bird carving. I know that all of us thank Rex for getting us started in this rewarding hobby.

**Carl Dumbauld  
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## **ARTISTS IN WOOD**

**"ARTISTS IN WOOD"** is the Greece Historical Society's exhibit.

Phyllis Brown, The Museum's Curator, has planned the exhibit that includes the works of 14 members of the Genesee Valley Wood Carvers. Animals, Birds Carvings, Caricature Carvings, Relief Carvings, Walking Sticks, Wood Burning, all done by our members that live in, or on the fringes of the Town of Greece. On the weekends of September and October, participants will demonstrate their carving skills on Sundays from 2-4:30 PM.

The wood carvers include: Al Adaskin, Doug Angold, Al Gabriel, Lester Haines, Dick Lewandowski, Bob Martin, Bonita McClure, Rex McHail, Ed McKeown, Diane and Kevin Monaghan, Bob Myers, Bob Padden, Anne Pepe, Richard Van Meter, Renee Ward & Vi White.

Sunday demonstrations include:

**September 7th - Al Adaskin**

**September 14th - Rex McHail**

**September 21st - Al Gabriel**

**September 28th- Ed McKeown, Bob Myers**

**October 5th - Richard Van Meter**

**October 12th - Bob Martin**

**October 19th- Lester Haines**

**October 26th - Bob Padden**

For more information see [www.historicalsociety.greeceny.org](http://www.historicalsociety.greeceny.org) or call GHS at 225-7221

**Pictured at the right is Club member Wolfgang Spath with his third place State Fair winner.**

**Club Officers for 2008-9**

**President - Ralph Sholts**

**VP - Don Buss**

**Treasure- Bob Longyear**

**Secretary/Newsletter - Al Cretney**

**Directors at Large**

**Al Adaskin**

**Robin Salsbury**

**Frank Giangio**

**Paul Yarrows**

**Doug Angold**

**Show Chairpersons( 2009 Show)**

**Chris Nilsen**

**Alison Currie**

**Fred Fox**



**2008-09 Dues:** As stated in the by-laws-

“ Dues unpaid after December 31 will render the member “in arrears” and cause their membership to be terminated.” Dues are \$20.00 per individual or \$25.00 per family.

Pay to: Lucina Brogan 6796 Ann Lee Drive North Rose NY 14516

Checks payable to GVWC

**Check out our website at [www.gvwoodcarvers.com](http://www.gvwoodcarvers.com)**

The Genesee Valley Woodcarvers website has been up and running since January of 2008. Through the website, we hope to make information about the club and its offerings easily accessible to both current members and the general public. Sub-categories detailed include: Club History, Officers, Meetings, Classes, Small Groups, Membership, Annual Show, Contacts, and currently a link to the Artists in Wood exhibit.

This website belongs to everyone in the club so please take a look. Any constructive comments, corrections, or suggestions for content are welcome; email them directly to [webmaster@gvwoodcarvers.com](mailto:webmaster@gvwoodcarvers.com).

Thanks : Alison Currie

**Program for October:** Don Buss will present a program about woodcarving SAFETY. He will talk about wood toxicity, tool sharpening and the safe use of tools. Besides these important topics Don will discuss many other carving safety issues.

**“Special” Class for the May 2, 2009 Show  
Champagne Division**

**Entries must:**

Fit within a 3 1/4 circle.

Float properly; self-righting is not required

Be carved in wood

**This division will be divided into two categories:**

1. **Waterfowl - Can be flat bottomed or have a keel.  
Groups of feathers, tertials, scapulars, side pockets etc, may be defined**
2. **General- Anything goes, be creative.**

**Note:** During the show, each entry will be displayed floating in its own champagne glass (to be provided by the club). Be aware of this requirement when finishing your piece.

**Entries will be judged while floating.**

This division will have its own **People’s and Member’s choice** award.

The designated champagne glass holds four ounces and stands approximately 4 1/4 inches high, 3 inches of which is stem and base. The diameter of the bowl measures 3 1/4 inches. At its deepest point, the bowl depth is 1 1/4 inches. For the carvers edification, a champagne glass and a copy of these rules will be available during the club meeting. Please take one to use as reference while creating your entry. Remember to bring the glass to the show along with your entry in May.

**Missing:** Book- Carving and Painting “Northern Cardinal with Bob Guge”

**50/50 Winner:** Fred Fox \$27.00

**Genesee Country Museum’s Agricultural Society Fair. ( Oct . 4,5)**

The organizers of the Fair have extended an invitation to our club to take part in the Fair. They would like to see a Decoy display and demonstration of carving. If interested call Ralph Sholts at 671 6475.