

Genesee Valley Woodcarvers Newsletter September 2009

Monthly Meeting: September 14th, 2009 6-9 PM

40-8 Club, 933 University Ave. Rochester NY

Visitors are always welcome. Social from 6-7 followed by the meeting.



Welcome back: Another exciting year of wood carving, classes and learning the art of woodcarving is about to begin. Many members took part in the very successful summer carving events. This first time event brought together club members under the direction of Frank Giangioffe and Don Buss.

New to this years meetings will be scheduled carve-ins. The following is a tentative schedule of meeting for this year 2009-10.

9/14 - Business Meeting and election of officers/evaluation of carve -ins/
Discussion of a 12 month meeting schedule

10/12 - Carve-in at 40-8 Club

11/9 - Club member Al pogue will give a presentation on the history and techniques
of decoy fish carvings. Al has become very knowlegable about fish decoys.

12/14 - Carve-in 40-8 Club

1/11- To be determined

May 1, 2010 Club Show

2/ - Carve-in 40-8 Club

3/ - To Be Determined

4/ - Carve-in 40-8 Club

Classes being taught by GVWC members:

Fall Class

Al Adaskin will lead a class at Greece Apollo High School 750 Maiden Lane. Classes will begin 7:00 to 9:30 pm on Wednesdays. The classes will be 6 weeks starting September 26th and end November 4th.



The subject will be a 1/3rd sized mallard Hen with her head turned in a preening position. Basswood cut-outs, eyes and acrylic paints will be provided. The project will be done as a smoothie and students, if they wish, will be able to add detail with their own equipment.

Call 865-1010 to register, see www.AdaskinAvianArts.com for further registration options.

Fred Fox: At the RMSC a beginner /intermediate bird carving class. From 10-1-2009 to 12-3-2009. Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost: \$50.00 plus \$20.00 to the instructor for materials (blank, eyes, paints, leg materials). The carving will be a rustic style Red -belled Woodpecker mounted on a post or attached to a log.

In Perinton Recreation(Turk Hill Rd.) . A beginner /intermediate bird carving class, from 9-22-2009 to 11-10-2009. Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost \$70 to include blank, eyes, paint, leg materials. The subject is also a rustic style Red -belled Woodpecker mounted on a post or attached to a log.

Frank Stirpe: (Ed note: If you are interested in a class taught by one of the very best carver /painter of the decoy, register for this class taught by Frank!) Frank will be running two classes at Webster Schroeder High School starting on September 15th. He will teach the carving of a Nothern Shovler Drake for 10 weeks and then the painting of the Shovler for 10 weeks. The information can be found on the Webster School web site. You can register for the courses at the Webster Aquatic Center at Schroeder High School and on line with the Schools web site.

Robin Salsbury: Robin will be teaching the carving of a Baby American Robin beginning September 22, Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for 7 weeks at Irondequilt High Schoo on Cooper Road in Irondequoit. This is intended to be a beginner to intermediate level course. For information or to register call 336-3014. Also beginning on November 11 the carving of a Miniature Great Blue Heron, again in Irondequoit.

Rex McHail: At the RMSC will teach two classes this fall for intermediate and advanced Bird Carvers. The subject is a Killdeer with the choice of one model decoy style, contemporary and the other model a decorative, broken wing style. The evening classes are from 7:00 to 9:00 pm beginning 10-7-2009, the morning classes are from 10 am to 12 noon beginning 10-8-2009. Call the Museum at (585) 697-1942 to register.

Show and Tell: Bring in anything that may be of interest to others. Such as an interesting carving that you are working on, something done in class, something purchased , tell a story, explain a technique . The S/T should take about 5 minutes to present. Sign in with Ralph and be called upon at the beginning of the meeting.

Dues: Dues will be collected by Lucina Brogan at the meeting. \$20 per individual or \$25 per family. Let's all pay up by the October meeting. Thanks.

Club Show Date: May 1 , 2010.

Election of Officers: As members of the GVWC you are asked to consider running for one of the officer positions. Please give your name to either Ralph or Bob Longyear and let your ideas be known so that the clubs future will be strong and productive.

EDITORS NOTE:

This will be the last year that I will do the newsletter and it is important for all members that someone step forward and take over the role of editor of the club's newsletter. If you are interested please talk with Ralph or Bob Longyear.

Display Table: In the past the display table has been very interesting, let's see your work and fill the table each meeting.

Newsletter articles: Please call or send articles to Al Cretney phone 637 5653 or email to bcetney@rochester.rr.com.

Wood Carving Tip: Painting- A sealant should be applied first so the porous wood will not soak up the paint.

Acrylic paints can be used and are inexpensive. For starters, mix approximately 33% paint with 67% water for most colors, white should be a 50-50 mix. Experiment with different thickness mixtures. Often times a thinner paint to water ratio will give an antique look. Don't use paint out of the bottle(except for eyes) because it will cover the detail marks making the carving look like it was made with a cheap plastic.

Oil paints may also be used. Thin out the oil paint with boiled linseed oil. If an antique look is desired, a mixture of boiled linseed oil,with burnt umber, or a common medium darkness wood stain is brushed on and immediately wiped off. (Note seal before antiquing.) Finish the piece with at least