

The next meeting is  
April 11, 2013

# April 2013 Newsletter

Sweet April showers Do bring May flowers. Thomas Tusser Quotes

Our Guild meets the second Thursday of each month all year round at 6:30 P.M. at the Woodcraft located at the Overland Park Shopping Center at 7005 West Overland Road, Boise ID 83709 (208) 338-1190.

### Spring is finally here!

Another winter is behind us and we have hit the ground running. We finally received a positive ruling from the IRS and now are officially registered as a 501(c)(7)! YAAAYYYYYY!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It only took about 18 months to straighten all that out. We had a great Idaho Artistry in wood Show, we have had our first Carve-in (at the Cole/Ustick library) and a busy schedule is ahead of us. The Jamboree is just ahead of us with a great slate of carving instructors to help us advance our skills. This is a great time to be a member of the Idaho Woodcarvers Guild.

I want to challenge each of us to brainstorm and think of ways to increase membership. We have remained steady at about 25-35 members for the past several years. During that time, we have had interested spectators who seem willing to join the club but cannot seem to pull the trigger and get involved. For some, I am sure there are very good reasons not to join, such as work schedule, health or family issues, financial restrictions, etc. For others, we need to provide them with a reason and a way to take up the artistic side of their creative ability. If you can think of any incentives or suggestions we can use to get them involved, please bring them to the Executive Committee so we can figure a way to increase membership. When we conduct public events to draw interest, some seem very willing to get involved, yet we never hear from them again. A recent issue of the Carving magazine interviewed a number of clubs on some of the ways they were able to increase membership. One of those was a series of free classes. I am not sure how we can do that but if any of these ideas can be done, or if you think of other ways to get them involved, please bring them up at our April meeting.

At the April meeting we will tackle definitively the library and the shelters. We will make decisions and move forward on them to get those items off the agenda. If you have library items, bring them to the meeting so we can see what we have and move forward on making the library available and useful to every club member.

For your Internet browsing, check out the Tri-Cities (Washington) club website ([www.tri-citieswoodcarvingclub.blogspot.com](http://www.tri-citieswoodcarvingclub.blogspot.com)) or the Iowa Carver's site ([www.iowacarver.blogspot.com](http://www.iowacarver.blogspot.com)). Look for his gallery in the tabs on the right side.

I am looking forward to a great year for the IWG and its members. I look forward to seeing all the works of art my friends in the IWG will

Eric Owens  
President, Idaho Woodcarvers Guild

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“ A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew, A cloud, and a rainbow's warning, Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue-- An April day in the morning.” Harriet Prescott Spofford Quotes!

## February Meeting Minutes for The Idaho Woodcarver's Guild

IWG Meeting of the General Rabble. Thursday, March 14, 2013, called to order at 6:30 pm by our intrepid leader, Eric Owens.

Jane gave a brief, but inspired, treasury report.

John offered the minutes for scrutiny, but they were approved anyway.

Carolyn gave a short report on the show, promising more details after the after show committee meeting, to be held on April fourth. Even though entries were fewer this year, everyone still deemed the show a success and a rousing good time.

On the IWG Calendar of upcoming events:

April 6th, Carve-in Demo at the Cole and Ustick library, 12-4.

May 25-27, the Grand Carving Jamboree, hosted by Woodcraft.

June 22, Carve-in Demo at the Hillcrest Library.

May 18, Boy Scout Carving Demo.

July, the Canyon County Fair.

Eric then introduced the idea of using club funds to pay for carving classes for the members, or the sponsorship of club members to take classes individually, with the stipulation they come back and teach the group.

Eric talked about organizing our club library, buying shelving, and asking anyone with books to bring them to the next meeting, so we can see what we have.

Beck Beus, as Financial trustee will conduct a Treasurers review, an audit being due in July.

Dean Shaw, as Election Committee Chairman, invited all who would like to be a part of our club governing body, to let him know. Elections will be held in May.

A mysterious representative of the Rogue Carvers Guild issued a Guild vs. Guild challenge. In an effort to increase entries at next year's IAIW Show, the Rogue Carvers have issued the Six Section Challenge. To complete the Challenge, entrants must enter one carving in each of the six Sections of the IWG show prospectus. Each entrant will receive a very fine reward for their efforts, with one entrant taking home an extra special top prize (TBD). OooooOOOOoooo.....

Eric opened the floor for new business, and as there was none, Don told a humorous story.

Then was Show and Tell, a Raffle and Doug's presentation on bird carvings and their relevant scenery. It was VERY informative.

## Challenge –

"The Rogue Carvers Guild invites the Idaho Woodcarvers Guild to a "Six Section Challenge." To complete this Challenge, participants must enter a minimum of six carvings in the IAIW Show in 2014. Participants must enter one carving in each of the six sections of the IWG prospectus. The prospectus can be found at the Idaho Artistry in Wood website, [www.idahoartistryinwood.org](http://www.idahoartistryinwood.org). Each entrant will receive a participation award. Details to follow..." Carolyn Greener, aka. Rogue Carver and other creative handles

## Photos from March Meeting along with Doug Rose's Presentation Of Background Creation.



Thank you Doug



## Show and Tell



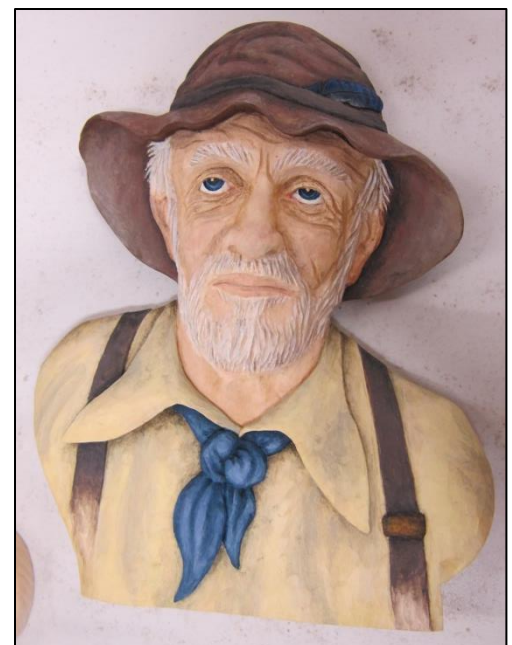
**Beck Beus** showed a beautifully, colorful Duck and a Cottonwood Bark house



**Carolyn Greener** brought two 4 sided face carving that she and John have done from Gene Fuller's class.



**Bob Anderson** shared A great relief carving. He pointed out that he had placed a thin board On the back so it would Cast a shadow when hung On a wall. In addition, he brought examples of a Background, in progress, for a carved Chickadee.



**Show and Tell cont'd**



**David Sharp** showed three carvings that he entered in the February's Idaho Artistry in Wood.



## Upcoming Events of interest

Jun 7-9 **Tri-Cities Woodcarvers 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous**, Benton Co. Fairgrounds, Kennewick, Wa. RV sites and restrooms: \$10 per night with water & power, \$6 per night For RV's and Tents with no hookup. Free (3-4 hour) woodcarving classes; instructors normally charge for supplies and cutouts, bring your own carving tools and wood burners. Contact Leo Forsha 509-586-8738, email: [leo.forsha@gmail.com](mailto:leo.forsha@gmail.com) or Lanny Dagley 509-586-5587, [lkDagley@charter.net](mailto:lkDagley@charter.net)

Carving Jamboree is coming up, Memorial Day Weekend. More info as I get it.

### **Beginning Carving: Small Animal with Eric Owens**

Where at: Woodcraft of Boise

Overland Park Shopping Center

7005 West Overland Road

Boise, ID 83709

Class Days: Thursday, May 02, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuition: \$45.00

To register for a class or ask questions please call (208) 338-1190

May 11 - Migratory Bird Day at Morrison-Knudsen  
Nature Center

May 18 - Scout-o-rama at Lake Hazel Middle School, from  
10-3 pm

May 25-27 - Jamboree (classes) with Dennis Thronton, Ryan  
Olson, Dave Stetson, Doug Rose and Larry  
Crist

June 6-9 - Rendezvous in the Tri-Cities, with the  
Tri-Cities Woodcarving Club, Washington

June 22 - Carve-in at Hillcrest library (1-5pm)

August 16-25 - Western Idaho Fair demo table in  
Hobby/Crafts area

September 28 - Museum Comes to Life at the Idaho  
State Historical Museum in Julia Davis Park

October 6 - Dry Creek Historical Society's Farm Days in  
Hidden Springs subdivision

Thanks to Eric Owens as posted on the Idaho Woodcarving Website