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Meeting
January 12,
2017

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.

BUT NOT THIS MONTH

Dear Carvers,

We were very disappointed that we had to postpone our December activity because of weather. We have rescheduled the activity for our next regular club meeting date, January 12. The program and arrangements remain unchanged. Please see the announcement in this newsletter. Because of the delay, we will need to reschedule Don Brigham's presentation on finishing and finishes for woodcarvings. Over the next few weeks we will be seeking to enlist your help with the annual Idaho Artistry in Wood Show. It is not too early to block out some time on your calendar for February 24, 25 and 26, when we will need help with registration, admissions, demonstrations and other functions. If you have not already done so, be sure to check the prospectus and get your registration forms from the IWG website, idahowoodcarversguild.org. On the home page, click on Resources/Links. The prospectus will appear as the first item, ready for downloading.



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President's message continued

It is also available on the IAW website, idahoartistryinwood.org. The show banquet registration form is now available as well.

Help us get the word out by inviting your friends and family to the show.

I hope the winter season has given you time to do more carving. We look forward to seeing what you have come up with at our next show and tell or at the IAW show.

There are two notices in this newsletter that we believe will be welcome news to the membership. The first describes a generous donation of carving wood from Meridian woodcarver Hank Ortman. The second describes a proposed scholarship program that, if approved by the membership, will be available in the new year. We are delighted to welcome new members Glenn Shell and Paige Brown and hope you will take the opportunity to get acquainted with them.

I look forward to seeing you on January 12.

Doug

Holiday Dinner and Program

The annual Christmas dinner/program/gift exchange will take place January 12 at the Wright Congregational United Church of Christ, 4821 Franklin Rd, Boise. Going east on Franklin the church is on the south side of the road just after Orchard St. Door opens at 6:00. Program and dinner will begin at 6:30.

The club will provide the meat (poultry and ham) and drinking water. Two members have been requested to prepare coffee and hot cider. Members with last names beginning with A-H are requested to bring desserts, those with names I-Z are requested to bring a salad or side dish.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For this event we are going to revert to a custom we had in the past and ask you to bring your own table service (plates, utensils, cups, napkins). It saves a lot of clean up and gives you the option of bringing either disposable table ware or something more serviceable if you don't mind taking your dishes home to wash them. We will have a few disposables just in case someone forgets.

Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange are invited to bring a wrapped, handmade gift. (It does not have to be a carving.) We will use this opportunity to present awards to three members who have made special contributions to the club. We hope to see you and your partner on this special occasion.

Carving Wood Donation to the Guild

Thanks to a generous donation from Hank Ortmann, a Meridian woodcarver, the club has received a good supply of valuable wood for carving projects. Larry Crist helped make it possible to accept the donation by making storage space available on his property. The donation includes basswood, cherry, butternut and alder boards in various dimensions. Hank also donated a few basswood plates and decoy cut-outs. The donation is pictured below.



<http://www.idahoartistryinwood.com/>



This is a carving that was done about 15 years ago by a very well known carver. If you can identify the carver, place the carvers name on a piece of paper along with your name and give it to Larry Crist at the (Postponed) Christmas party. Your paper with the information on it will then be placed in a container from which we will draw a name for a very nice prize.

Proposed IWG Scholarship Program

Thanks largely to the proceeds from past Idaho Woodcarvers Guild and Idaho Artistry in Wood shows, the Guild has surplus funds available that should be used in keeping with our status as a non-profit educational organization. With this in mind, the Board proposes a scholarship program for the membership. Under the program club members would be able to apply for reimbursement of up to one-half of the amount they have spent on a class, seminar or workshop that helps them improve their carving, painting or other artistic skills used in producing wood carvings up to a limit of \$200. Newer members would be subject to reduced limits. The first eligibility period will be for classes taken from January 1 - April 30, 2017. If the proposal receives a vote of approval by the club membership at the January 12 meeting, full information and application forms will be available by February.