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Viking Web Site - <http://www.russcott.com/~rscott/vwca/>

- **Meeting Location – Knights of Columbus, 1114 W 79th St., Bloomington,**
- **4th Monday – December 22 – Meeting Time – 7:00 PM**

At our December 22nd meeting, Jim Ayers will give a presentation entitled: "The Gifts of Woodcarving: Reflections of a Psychologist in the 21st Century." Jim said he would "take the gloves off" for this presentation and speak about woodcarving from the perspective of a clinical psychologist reflecting on how woodcarving plays a part in mental health and living a full life. He will draw from comments by other Viking carvers on how their experiences with woodcarving have guided their lives. Jim will speak about the psychology of learning and demonstrate how woodcarvers learn courage, patience/passion, self-confidence, and "ownership" in their works. He will illustrate how handwork guides headwork and heartwork, and how woodcarvers find meaning in their lives through carving and through sharing their works. He will illustrate his presentation with slides, life video demonstration, and poetry. He will wind down his presentation with some ideas on how woodcarvers might enrich their lives through sharing their work with persons of need and different backgrounds in our society.

Meeting Minutes of Viking Woodcarver's Meeting

November 24, 2003

By Nancy Dardis

President Jim Forrey called the meeting to order. There were 55 members in attendance. Rocky Elton and Harold Ziemann introduced themselves as guests. Barb Thotland returned this month and reintroduced herself. We're counting you as a *member* Barb – not a guest. Welcome back!

Merle Erickson is still recovering from his stroke. Progress is slow. He would love to hear from you. Send a card to his home address: 2012 Laurel, St Paul, MN 55104. He can also have short visits, but you may want to call first and arrange a convenient time.

Treasury/Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Lew Forsmark provided the up-to-date Treasurer's report. The balance on October 31st was \$3,615.75. After the monthly deposits, the balance on November 24th is \$4,000.50. The Treasurer's report and October meeting minutes, as printed in the previous newsletter, were approved and seconded.

Lew has the membership cards for those who have pre-paid their dues. Remember, membership is due in February 2004. Thanks to those who prepay and avoid the rush! Membership year starts on February 1 each year. If you ordered a name badge, they didn't make it for this meeting. Check with Lew at the next meeting and pick up your badge.

Newsletter Publication

Russ Scott has started publishing the Viking newsletter on our web page as approved at the October meeting, rather than in e-mails. The newsletter is also mailed to those who want to receive it. The online copy has colored pictures and has links to other articles of interest. If you have a chance, check it out at (<http://www.russcott.com/~rscott/vwca>). Russ will add back issues of the newsletter to the web site as time permits.

Programs

Jim Ayers, Program Chairman, announced that he was having trouble finding a speaker for December's meeting due to the proximity to Christmas. [**Jim will speak at December meeting.**] If you have suggestions for speakers, call Jim at (612) 721-6074.

REMINDER!!!!

February Meeting at Swedish Institute

February will be a special meeting at the Swedish Institute with a presentation by Urban Gunnarson. The Institute has a large carving exhibition open from February 11 through May. They plan to use all three floors of the Institute to display 100-200 carvings. Although parking should not be an issue at the Institute, one of our members is checking into the cost and availability of a bus leaving from the Knights of Columbus parking lot. About 20 attendees expressed interest in that option. Hopefully we can get a report at the December meeting.

Show Chair Person Needed!! We need a new chairperson for the Spring (April) show. Swede has offered to provide assistance, computer files, recommendations, and his usual enthusiasm to help out the new chairperson. Call Jim Forrey (952-831-2758) to volunteer. [**See job description for chair position later in newsletter**]

NOTE:

**IF WE DO NOT GET A NEW
CHAIRPERSON VERY SOON,
THE SHOW WILL BE CANCELLED!!!**

Caps and Patches

Viking logo caps and the new 3" patch are available at all meetings: Caps = \$15, Patches = \$4. These items and many more are also available from EmbroidMe at 98th & Lyndale (Clover Shopping Center).

Vendors

Thanks to our faithful vendors who drove through questionable road conditions tonight to offer us some great deals:

- *John Krantz (Krantz Wood Sales)*
- *George Effrem (Woodcarvers Store and School)*
** Note: In December, George will be open until 7PM on Thursdays. This is also the day he offers 10% off for club members on everything except electrics.*
- *Jupe Houman* – providing vices and blanks
- *Jim Abicht* – mounts and puzzles
- *Nelson-Johnson* – will be at the Forest Lake show Dec 6 and 7. Also at SnoDaze in January.
- *Iver Anderson* – provided some free Viking cutouts with pattern

Upcoming Classes

SnoDaze in Spicer is coming up fast – January 2-4, 2004. If you haven't signed up already, it may be too late for some of the classes. Contact Gen Jansen (gencarves@aol.com) or 320-252-3966 to get more information.

A Scandinavian Flat Plane Carving Class is being offered at the Forest Lake Senior Center on Jan 17-18, 2004 (9am – 5PM). Bill Jaeger, a

former instructor at the Swedish Institute, will teach this class. If you would like to sign up, contact Esther at 651-464-2087. The cost of this class is \$40, plus cost of the blank.

November Presentation: Christmas Projects

Walt Grittner demonstrated his talent in chip carving.

Jim Ayers instructs how to make fan birds.

Jen Jansen carved snowmen.

Jim Forrey showed how to carve a tramp Santa with instructions he found in Carvers Illustrated.

Activity was brisk around the tables as everyone gathered new skills and patterns.

Hope to see you in December. Have a safe and Happy Holiday season.

VENDORS

Woodcarvers Store and School
3056 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55416-0127
(612) 927-7491 (www.woodcarversstore.com)

Jim Abicht, Fine woodworking
Specializing in bases for carving projects
(651) 451-7217

Ivan Whillock Studio
122 NE 1st Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021 (507) 334-8306 (www.whillock.com)

Krantz Wood Sales - Carving & Specialty Woods
16748 Stanford St., Forest Lake, MN 55025 (651) 464-5632 (Evenings)

David Lindroth, Custom Cut Woods for Woodcarvers & Artists
8150 – 137th St. W. Apple Valley, Mn 55124 (952) 432-7066

Nelson-Johnson Wood Products, Inc.
3910 Bryant Ave No., Mpls., MN 55412 (612) 529-2978 - cell phone (612) 644-4567

Chris Thompson, Carver and Instructor,
(651) 457-4130

Gen Jansen, Carver and Instructor,
(320) 252-3966

Bob Masse "Ruff-Cuts"

4930 Whitcomb Dr, Madison, WI 53711
(608) 271-2883

Brad Oren Sculpture Supply
Complete source for stone, wood, clay, abrasives & tools.

Rockler Stores:
Maplewood, MN (651) 773-5285; Minneapolis, MN (612) 822-3338;
Burnsville, MN (952) 892-7999; Minnetonka, MN (952) 542-0111

Woodcraft Supply
9741 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN (952) 884-3634

Gregg McCabe, Stubai tool distributor
425 Madison St NE, Minneapolis, MN (612) 379-9342

Garry N. Kolb - Woodcarving Supplies
2528 24 Ave NW, Rochester, Mn. 55901 (507) 289-9138

Copperhead Road Logging and Lumber
Joe Jewett – 54852 Great River Rd. Palisade, Mn. 56469 (218) 845-2832

Duck-r-us.com Ron Fisher
Duck Decoy Blanks. 1-800-231-7370
www.ronfisher.com

VIKING MAGNUM OPUS (SHOW AND TELL) – November, 2003

| NAME | CARVING | WOOD | FINISH | COMMENTS |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Swede Bengtson | Intarsia Rabbit | Mics. Wood | Polyurethane | Forest Lake Class |
| Orville Gehlen | Relief | Basswood | | |
| Lew Forsmark | Walleye | Basswood | Acrylics | No eyes yet (unfinished) |
| Jim Weber | Nude on Pillow | Basswood | Bric Wax | |
| Bob Pitts | Rudolph's Day Off | Basswood | Acrylics/Deft | |
| Myrtle Brandvold | Norwegian Love Spoons | Basswood | General Finishes | Wipe on |
| Jupe Houman | Shorebird Decoys | Basswood | Acrylics | Nails for bills are 150 yrs old |
| Ken Waldhauser | Long Billed Curlew | Tupelo | Unfinished | |
| Gen Jansen | Wizard and Snowman | Basswood | Acrylics/Wax | |
| Duane Edwards | Santa | Basswood | Acrl/Polyure | |
| John Jensen | Canada Goose Decoy | Basswood | Oil | |
| Lee Olson | Silkie Terrier | Basswood | Acrylics | Unfinished |
| | Cat Gargoyle | Basswood | Oil | Incomplete |
| Jim Forrey | Santa – Tramp Art | Basswood | Acrylics | Pattern found in Carving III. |

Color Images are available on the Viking Web Site:

<http://www.russcott.com/~rscott/vwca/sandtell.htm> under Galleries

Viking Woodcarver Show & Sale Coordinator Responsibilities

SCOPE:

The **Viking Woodcarver Show & Sale Coordinator** has the responsibility of planning and implementing activities for exhibitors to successfully show their best work and ultimately "promote, develop interest and increase knowledge in woodcarving and whittling."

- **Communicate with Har Mar Mall Merchants Association** to establish show dates, review and approve contractual agreements, provide two million dollar liability insurance, approve mall usage fee and enforce state, local and mall fire and security policies.
- **Develop budget** and approve expenditures.
- **Develop** and publish full, 1/2 and 1/4 page show promotion **bulletins**.
- **Develop** and mail participant **registration forms** and collect table/space fees.
- **Write and mail letters** and promotional materials to carving clubs, informal carving groups, radio/television stations and newspapers.
- **Establish** and coordinate **table/space layout** following state, local and mall fire and security policies as well as exhibitor preferences.
- **Organize Viking Woodcarver Information Table** with carving interest items, events and activities of other clubs and selling of club patches and caps.
- **Organize members to set-up**, tear down and clean show area.
- **Do anything else that may come along!**

The hard copy of Ol' Don's Drawing Table features "The New Year's Baby" which could be found at:

<http://carverscompanion.com/Ezine/Vol4Issue1/DBurgdorf/DBurgdorf.html>