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• Russell Scott

Viking Web Site - http://www.russscott.com/~rscott/vwca/

- Meeting Location Knights of Columbus, 1114 W 79th St., Bloomington,
- 4th Monday January 23 Meeting Time 7:00 PM

No Meeting in December!!

January Presentation: None available at this time

Meeting Minutes of Viking Woodcarver's Meeting November 28, 2005 By Lynne Medgaarden

President Jim Forrey opened the November meeting. There were 44 members present and a guest, Wayne Loftus from Apple Valley.

Treasury/Meeting Minutes – Leo Mielke reported a treasury balance of \$3,095.00. He announced that he has Viking patches available for \$3.00 each.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report as printed in the previous newsletter were approved and seconded.

Newsletter Editor and Show Chair Report:

Russell Scott announced that applications for the spring show at Har Mar Mall, April 8 and 9, 2006, will be sent out with the January and February newsletters. Russ is considering the possibility of offering carving short courses during the show. Please email Russ at rscott56@netzero.com if you have ideas for classes or would be interested in offering a short course. The classes could be held in the center of one of the squares of tables.

The Lake Area Woodcarvers held their show this year at Mounds View Square on December 2-3.

Vice President Report: Jim Ayers plans to retire as Vice President. If anyone is interested in running for vice president please contact Jim Ayers or Jim Forrey and get your name on the ballot. Jim Ayers will give you a list of contact information and help you get started.

Announcements

Jim Forrey announced that the club was invited to tour a clock museum in Minneapolis, 126 1st Avenue, on December 26 (the date of our regular December meeting). The museum hosts a couple thousand clocks some with intricate woodcarving, along with individual carvings and rocks. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and voted upon to cancel the December meeting because it falls so close to the Christmas holiday. We will meet again at our regular date the 4th Monday in January – January 23, 2006. Russell Scott will send out the newsletter in December to notify those who did not attend the

November meeting about the cancellation of the December meeting. NO MEETING IN DECEMBER will be on the front of the newsletter. Also, members were asked to call friends to let them know of the cancellation.

We will consider going to the clock museum as a group another month. We will discuss getting a bus, carpooling, or meeting at the museum when we decide upon a date to visit the museum.

Sno-daze carving weekend is scheduled for January 7-8, 2006. Sponsored by the Central Minnesota Woodcarvers Association and held at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, Minnesota. For more information and registration materials contact: Martin Fabel (320) 253-8929 or Gen Jensen (320) 252-3966 or Gen Jansen at gencarvves@aol.com.

New Business

It was brought up that we should do something about the number of people who are delinquent on their dues. Should we cut people off if they don't pay dues? The by-laws state that if they are not paid up by June of the year they will be removed from the membership list. What do people receive for paying their dues? Show participation, club membership, and the newsletter. It was decided that Leo Mielke will send Russ a membership list indicating those who are delinquent. Russ will write "Last Newsletter" across the front of their newsletter. Also, Leo will list those who are delinquent in the next newsletter. Some people may not remember that they haven't paid and this will jog their memory. Russ will produce a membership list to distribute in January or February to all members.

Lynne Medgaarden, Leo Mielke and Russell Scott have agreed to continue as secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, respectively, if elected. The positions of President and Vice President will be up for reelection. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for these positions. Contact Jim Forrey at 952-831-2758 if you are interested in one of these positions,

Venders

- John Krantz had fliers for the Lake Area Woodcarvers show in Mounds View Mall. John will be going to a show in Mesa, Arizona.
- George Effrem had a new selection of books related to the November guest speaker's topic – carving treenware.
- Bob Spagenberg had some diamond willow walking sticks for sale for \$3-\$5.

Program for November

St. Paul teacher, Karen Randall, gave a PowerPoint presentation and demonstration of carving treenware (small items made from trees)

Karen started out as a storyteller attending historic reenactments of rendezvous with fur trappers. In between storytelling she was looking for something to do and something to make and trade with other participates at the events. At these reenactments people put out trade blankets with things to sell or trade.



Karen noticed that there weren't any woodcarvers at the events to she decided to take a carving class through St. Paul Community Education. The class was taught at Como Senior High School. She did seven carvings in six weeks.

She wanted to produce useful carvings that would have been designs typical of the time period of the reenactments. So she decided to carve treenware. She uses historic patterns in her carvings.

Some of the tools she uses are a crooked knife, draw knife, adze, and a Swedish axe. She has built herself a bench for carving using a traditional pattern. She has the plans for this bench if anyone is interested in building their own bench.

One of the items she carves is a noggin. The noggin is a cup used to drink with a short handle. It could be hung from a belt of pack and held an English ½ pint measure. She has also branched out into carving bowls and spoons. People only buy or trade so many noggins. Her noggins are carved to last.

She recently contacted a carver in Indiana, Mike Holmes, and visited him to learn more about his hand carved bowls, trays, and rashers. Mike carves giant bowls aimed at an Eastern USA market where people would



purchase the bowls as a showpiece on a table or sideboard. His goal is to produce enough bowls to support himself at the sustenance level. He makes up to 1,000 bowls in a year. Some of his bowls could be \$1,000 each. Karen had photos of Mike's show. He has lots of logs of cherry, walnut, maple. He carves in greenwood. He has a portable saw mill and planer.

Karen also carves greenwood. She stores her wood in a freezer to keep it wet.

Karen gave a demonstration of her carving process. She carves with an adze. She uses the adze to shape the outside of the bowl and then carves out the middle using a chisel and wooden mallet. She keeps the wood wet while carving.

When the carving is finished she soaks the piece in mineral oil to avoid cracking. A coat of heated beeswax is used to protect the carving. She had some beautiful pieces to show (bowls, noggins, spoons, trenchers) some with intricate carving such as Celtic designs.

VIKING MAGNUM OPUS (SHOW AND TELL) - November, 2005

| NAME | CARVING | WOOD | FINISH | COMMENTS |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Jim Ayers | Ivory-Billed Woodpecker | White Pine | | Actual Size Wing Span = 32" |
| Russell Scott | Windy Santa | Basswood | Acrylics | My own design |
| Erik Meade | Professor Egghead | Basswood | Stain | Minwax (Golden Oak) |
| David Rausch | Stain-glass Cross | Butternut | Polyurethane | Glass Paint |
| Nancy Dardis | Wood burning | Basswood | Water Color | Wax |
| Luther Kliche | Owl | Intarsia | Deft | |
| Duane Edwards | Greenman, Bear, Santa | Basswood | Acrylics | |
| John Sailor | Old Couple | Basswood | Stain | |
| Leo Mielke | Santa Ornaments | Basswood | Acr/Poly | From Wood Carving Illustrated |
| Lee Olson | Fireman Bust | Basswood | Unfinished | |
| Al Edwins | Flying Santa | Basswood | Acrylics/Deft | |
| Lynne Medgaarden | Santa | Basswood | Unfinished | From Cannon River Carve Club |
| Barbara Thotland | Whale, Assortment of Carvings | Basswood | Acr/Poly | Sugar Maple Wood Spirits |
| Myrtle Brandvold | Spoon | Buckthorn | Oil | Tried & True Varnish Oil |
| Jim Kueppers | Pheasants | Basswood | Acrylics | |
| Lewis Forsmark | Toy Horse | Basswood | Acrylics | Butternut Wheels |
| | Marketry from Sorrento, Italy | ? | | Poly over the top |

Community Education Offerings: Through Minneapolis Community Education at Southwest, 3414 w. 47th St. 55410, Tel. 612-668-3100

Whittling: Winter Themes. First we will get an overview of what palm carving is about through examples. Next we learn to sharpen knives and then basic cuts by making a wood heart to complete first night. We will carve an angel on the second and finish it and paint on the third. Your instructor is George Effrem. Cost of cutouts and knife are \$20.00. Tuition \$25.00

Dates: Tuesdays, January 24, 31, February 7, time 7:00-9:00PM

Hand Carving Wood Signs. We will learn basic techniques through carving a simple sign with limited number of tools. Through the resources of books on sign carving and alphabets plus carved examples and photos you will learn to carve a sign of your design. Instructor George Effrem will show you how to make a sign from simple to fancy. Four two-hour sessions. Expenses include purchase of the wood, tools and mallet. Approximate cost is \$115.00. Tuition \$30.00

Dates: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, time 7:00-9:00PM

Each year dues are payable near the beginning of the year (in February) for the current year of club membership.

If you are on this list, contact Leo Mielke at: 10223 Johnson Circle, Bloomington, MN 55437 952-831-6907. This will be your last newsletter if your dues are not paid.

List of members who are delinquent on their dues:

| Anderson, Donald | Effrem, George | Klucas, Keith | Rice, Mike |
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| Anderson, John | Erickson, Donald | Larson, Bill & Alice | Smith, William |
| Bjerke, Susan | Gillis, Neil | Lindahl, Gary | Southworth, John |
| Carlson, Lynn | Heal Karl | Lyon, A Cedric | Spillman, Elsie |
| Danielson, Thomas | Huff, Donald | Makela, Dloris | Valen, Richard |
| Delany, Sarah | Hughes, Dave | Mcdondell, Linda | Wenker, Stanley |
| Delong, Bill | Jansen, Gen | Meyer, Marv | • |
| Delong, Ray | Jensen, Georgiann | Olson, Richard | |
| Duerr, John | Jueger, Bill | Reisinger, Chuck | |