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- **Meeting Location – Knights of Columbus, 1114 W 79th St., Bloomington,**
- **4th Monday – October 25 – Meeting Time – 7:00 PM**

October Presentation: "Learning from the Masters: Axel and Carl" by Ken Brown. Ken is a popular speaker with the Vikings, and this time he will talk about Axel Petersson and Carl Trygg. Axel carved in alder which isn't available around here, but Ken will have some as well as a drawing for 3 or 4 carving blocks. He will have slides and transparencies to show and will help us take a closer look at these to master carvers.

Meeting Minutes of Viking Woodcarver's Meeting

September 27 2004

By Leo Mielke (Nancy Dardis was absent)

Jim Forrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Visitor: Jack Pearson from the Central Woodcarvers Club.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports:

Minutes from August meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was approved.

Editor and Show Chairman's Report:

Russ Scott reported that he removed vendor's page from last month's newsletter to make room. The Fall Show is scheduled for Har Mar Mall October 23-24, 2004. Pictures from the Spring Show at Har Mar were in the last issue of Chip Chats. The club will have to pay for a security guard at Har Mar Mall during the show for the next two years. The guard was requested by Har Mar Mall store owners and will insure that participant's park in the back of the mall parking lot after unloading their vehicles. There is a need help to set up the show on Friday, October 22, 4:00 pm and to take down the show on Sunday, 5:00 pm. Please volunteer.

Vice President's Report:

Vice President, Jim Ayers discussed upcoming programs: Tonight "Puzzles in Wood" by Harold Kallio, October program will be Ken Brown from Rochester Woodcarvers talking about "Lessons from Waldorf". Possible speakers for future programs: a) Grand Matson - decoy carver, b) Lee Strembe - tool chest, c) Jack Holman - from Chicago, 'Norwegian Termite' carving (maybe November), d) Joan Grey - displaying art work, e) Skip Drake - Grand Rapids - forest history and early logging.

Upcoming Classes:

Lee Olson reported that four classes out of nine are filled for the Metro Woodcarvers November class series. Contact Alice Spadgenske at _____

Minnesota State Fair winners were acknowledged. Leonard Kampa received a 4th place ribbon on his self-portrait carving. Lee Olson received 1st place on his carving on Winston Churchill and 4th place on two dog heads. Russ Scott received several 2nd place ribbons for his carvings.

Old business:

The upcoming show and sale at Har Mar Mall. The club will continue to meet at the Knights of Columbus for the rest of the year.

New business:

Clarence Moe reported that a bus tour to the Woodcarving Congress in Bentendorf, IA, next summer is being organized. Cost is expected to be \$199 for the two days, \$259 for three days. This price includes hotel, bus, and entrance fee. They need 45 people for a good trip.

Vendors Reports:

Jim Abicht had bases and puzzles for \$2. Also basswood - holds paring knives for \$3, plaque of the U.S., business card holders cut from walnut and lots more

George Efram has a new book on realistic dogs, Ian Norbury's new book, and info on upcoming classes at their store.

The meeting was adjourned after a joke from Jim Forrey.

Show and tell followed.

Program for September:

A program on "Wooden Puzzles" was presented by Harold Kallio. Harold got interested in wooden puzzles after playing with puzzles owned by his grandfather. Harold brought a display of books and puzzles he had collected through the years. Some of them were quite old having belonged to his grandparents who brought them from Norway. He told stories about the history of some of his puzzles. Some were from China, Poland, and Japan. They ranged from simple to very difficult. He talked

about inheriting one puzzle that he could not get back together once he had taken it apart but then he found a book titled, "Puzzles of the World" which had instructions for that puzzle. After that he labeled the pieces so he would



know how to put it back together. Harold gives his puzzles to family members, but never sells them. He said he enjoys watching engineering-types trying to figure out how to put his puzzles together. He

showed a book called, "Puzzlecraft". The author of that book sells his puzzles from \$75-\$300. To make puzzles Harold uses a saw, router (in table), milling machine, drill press, sander and hand tools. He makes puzzles out of maple, walnut, cherry, butternut or other hard woods. Then uses a homebrew of linseed oil, turpentine and poly varnish to finish his puzzles. Humidity affects the puzzle and how well they fit together. Thanks Harold for a very nice display and discussion.

Fall Show

Russ Scott reminded everyone that the next Viking Woodcarving show is on October 23-24 at Har Mar Mall. He brought along applications to the meeting and will also send them out.

Important Notes:

A motion was made and passed that we offer tables to members at half price (\$10) if they opt to DISPLAY ONLY and not sell items at the show. Hopefully this will bring in more tables and a greater variety of items. The agreement for this fall show only. We will discuss the pros and cons after the show. Many people do not feel they have enough items for a show so table sharing was encouraged. Find a friend, share a table, share the \$20 fee, and share your talent!

If you feel you had a bad spot last year, talk to Russ. He tries to arrange everyone under the skylight, but you may have some special needs of which he is unaware. Please note – those

people who help with set up on Friday night have the option of choosing their location. The storeowners have complained about parking when shows are held at the Mall. If we are to continue using Har Mar Mall, we must park on the far east side of the complex. You may unload at a different door, but you MUST move your car as soon as possible and park on the east side. We will be charge \$150 to pay for a security guard to monitor the unloading and parking for this year. Our club is not singled out. All organizations holding events at the Mall are required to pay for the 'parking cop'. No exceptions – if you are in the show, park on the east side – period!

Russ is going to check on signage and determine the size and possible placement. He will report back at the next meeting.

Metro Carving Weekend

November 20 & 21, 2004

Sponsored by the Metro Chapter of the Minnesota Wood Carvers Association at the Mary Ann Young Senior Center 9150 Central Avenue Blaine, Minnesota

Classes are available

Call Alice Spadgenske at: 763-531-8005.

VIKING WOODCARVERS

2004 Fall Show and Sale

October 23, 24 - HAR MAR MALL

Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

(7:30 Door Opens)

Sunday, Noon to 5:00 pm (9:30 Door Opens)

Snelling & Co. Rd. B, Roseville, Minnesota

If you are still interested in showing at the Viking Woodcarvers show, you need to

*** Apply for your tables NOW! ***

Also, I need help setting up the tables Friday Oct. 22. If you can help, please be there by 4:00

Also, come out and sit at the Viking's table. Bring some carvings and your project and whittle there.

VENDORS

Woodcarvers Store and School

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VIKING MAGNUM OPUS (SHOW AND TELL) – September 2004

NAME	CARVING	WOOD	FINISH	COMMENTS
Elaine Stenman	2 relief light houses	Basswood	Acrylics	Cut outs
Fred Stenman	Wood burn Moose Relief Wood carved Wolf	Basswood Basswood	Acrylics/Oil Acrylics/Oil	
Clarence Moe	Bozo the Clown	Basswood	Acrylics	20” Tall as ordered
Bill Larson	Silver Eagle	Basswood	Acrylics	A boyhood dream come true
Oswald Mael		Basswood	Polyurethane	
John Sailor	Angel	Basswood	Stain	
Gary Fleming	Cane	Butternut	Polyurethane	
Jeff Lippka	2 Canes	Basswood	Acrylics	Also – Birch Root & Sumac
Al Edwins	Pot Bellied Santa	Basswood	Acrylics	
Alice Larson	Santa	Basswood	Acrylics/Oil	
Jim Forrey	Clown in Car	Basswood	Acrylics	Clarence Moe rough out
Duane Edwards	Whimsical Bear	Basswood	Acrylics	Mike Shipley Pattern
Hugh Salisbury	Buffalo	Basswood	Acrylics	Oak Base
Jupe Houman	Sunfish/Crappie	Basswood	Acrylics	Spearing Decoys – Weight w/lead