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**VIKING Woodcarvers**  
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- Leonard Kampa

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- Russell Scott

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

- **Meeting Location – Knights of Columbus, 1114 W 79<sup>th</sup> St., Bloomington,**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Monday – September 26 – Meeting Time – 7:00 PM**

**September Presentation: Everett Everson will demonstrate a simple, proven method to sharpen your carving tools. Everett is an award winning carver who specializes in carving realistic human faces and has been a wood carver for over 30 years. Ev has perfected a unique, easy to learn sharpening technique which he has taught to hundreds of carvers with excellent results.**

# Meeting Minutes of Viking Woodcarver's Meeting

August 22, 2005

By Lynne Medgaarden

President Jim Forrey welcomed everyone back for another exciting year with the Viking Woodcarvers. There were 51 members present. Jim reminded us that we are booked into the Knights of Columbus every fourth Monday for our meetings. The KC's do not charge us for use of the building but we do make a \$500 donation to them each year. They provide a pot of coffee for our meetings to go along with the donuts that Len Kampa brings each month. The coffee is free but the donuts are \$1.00.

Jim also reminded us to push our chairs back into place and make sure the room is straightened before we leave.

We had three guests at the August meeting: Barb Gritche, Roger Meade and Lisa DeMoor.

Lisa DeMoor discussed a project sponsored by Local Strategy (a multidimensional art group) that was holding an event at the Stonearch Bridge on Saturday, August 27. The project was a large scale performance art event showcasing the history of the sight. They wanted some wood carvers to carve small artificial limbs as a part of their project. Minneapolis was the leading manufacturing site for artificial limbs in the late 1800's, evidently due to the large number of people who lost limbs while working in the flour mills. John Krantz added a bit of information, "In the 1920's-1970's the wood use for artificial was basswood 4 inches thick."

Jim Forrey would like everyone to wear nametags during our monthly meetings to help us get to know each other better. During the August meeting everyone in the room introduced themselves and mentioned whether they were interested in carpooling from their neighborhood. Many people were interested because of the higher gas prices.

**Treasury/Meeting Minutes** – Leo Mielke was absent but Jim reported that the treasury balance is \$3,970. 40 members have still not paid their dues for 2005-06. Contact Leo to get your dues in. Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report as printed in the previous newsletter were approved and seconded.

**Editor's Report:** Russell Scott requested that members take photos at any carving events where

you see fellow Viking carvers and give him copies for the newsletter. It's always interesting to see what others are carving. Contact Russ if you have any problems receiving your newsletter or if you would like to include items in the newsletter.

Photos from the Viking Spring show at Har Mar Mall were published in the last issue of Chip Chats. Russ had extra copies of the photos available for anyone who wanted them.

**Show Report:** Applications for the Viking Fall Carving Show and Sale at Har Mar Mall, October 22-23, 2005, were mailed out with the August newsletter. If you need another application please give Russ a call at 651-917-2125. Russ will not reserve a table without having your deposit in hand. We have only one more meeting before the October show. Also, if anyone has suggestions to improve the show let him know. It would be nice to get more people to attend – anyone have ideas about that? Currently we send press releases to the Twin Cities newspapers and radio stations.

## Old Business

**Class Committee:** The Viking Club is forming a committee to plan and arrange for classes. Sign up with Russell Scott if you would like to be on the Class Committee or contact Russ if you have suggestions for teachers or locations to meet. Right now, there does not seem to be much interest in having classes through the Viking Club with only two people signed up.

Sno-daze is scheduled for January 7-8, 2006, in Spicer, Minnesota. The list of teachers from last month's newsletter was obtained from the web site, however, the list was incorrect. 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](mailto:gencarvves@aol.com).

The Metro Woodcarvers will hold a carving weekend November 19-20, 2005 in Blaine. The website for information is: [www.minnesotawoodcarvers.com/seminars.html](http://www.minnesotawoodcarvers.com/seminars.html)

## **New Business**

Jim reminded everyone about the CarvFest at the Faribault Ice Arena, August 27-28.

The Redwing Woodcarvers Show is scheduled for October 8-9.

The Lake Area Woodcarvers have scheduling the following upcoming classes:

**October 8-9** (10 am-6 pm) Leaf Dishes (butternut) with Karen Henderson - \$35 + materials.

**November 18** (6 pm-9 pm) and **November 19-20** (9 am-5 pm) Intarsia with Lonnie Gay and Joe Z. Saws and equipment will be provided - \$70 + materials. Check with Swede about this class – he loved it and look at the beautiful pieces he has been bringing in for show and tell.

**Mid-March** Chip Carving a Plate with Walt Grittner – You bring a #2 Exacto handle, school-type compass and a .05 mechanical pencil - \$60 + supplies.

Contact Esther Allen if you would like to sign up for any of these classes at Lake Area (Forest Lake). Esther's phone number is: 651-464-2087

Duane Edwards reported that a group of 5 or 6 carvers meet from 7-9 pm. at the Coffee Grounds, coffee shop at 1579 Hamline Avenue. The are called the Como Park Carving Club. The Coffee Grounds website is [www.thecoffeegrounds.net](http://www.thecoffeegrounds.net).

## **Vendors**

George Effrem had a new selection of books and a list of upcoming classes at his store.

John Krantz had a fine selection of wood, as usual.

Bernie Enright announced that he will hold a sale of his tools, books, magazines and wood this spring as he will be moving out of his house into a smaller place. A definite date for the sale will be announced later.

Bob Spangenberg had a selection of diamond willow and aspen sticks.

## **Program for August**

The August program was cancelled due to a scheduling mix up. Stan Weros will be rescheduled to a later date two months from now. Remember to give Jim Ayers suggestions for speakers if you run across someone with an interesting carving technique or project, etc.

## **Interesting Items**

Read an interesting article about Joe Jewett, a wood supplier for the club, at [www.dnr.state.us/volunteer/novdec02/enterprise.html](http://www.dnr.state.us/volunteer/novdec02/enterprise.html)

Duane Edwards reports that a group of 5 or 6 carvers meet from 7-9 pm. at the Coffee Grounds, at 1579 Hamline Avenue. "We sit at the table and visit while carving. Drink coffee or eat ice cream or whatever."

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## **Last Chance to get your table at 'The Viking Wood Carvers Fall Show'**

**October 22, 23, 2005. Need help set up Friday night 10/21/05**

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**I am moving and must sell most all of my tools and wood. I have:**

14" Jet Band saw with riser block  
Bench sander  
Lathe and Gouges  
3 hp Black and Decker Router (used 2 hours)  
Attic dried and debarked basswood (20 years)  
Logs (about 3' in length)  
Lots of Cottonwood bark  
Kouble Stool (Ready to Carve blank)  
Several Glued up Basswood  
Plaques  
Work and Carving Benches  
Large Electric Turning Lazy Susan  
6' high electric turning show case

**Bernie Enright**

**2251 East Old Shakopee Rd.**

**Bloomington – 952-854-1266**

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## **Stanley A. Wenker – Passed Away**

Wenker, Stanley A. Age 70 of St. Paul Retired Ford UAW On September 8, 2005. Survived by wife of 50 years, Ardeth; children Duane, Keith and Tracey; grandsons Korey and Kolin; brother Jerome; niece, nephews and other relatives. Stan worked 42 years at the Ford Plant in St. Paul. He served four years in the Navy and was a woodcarver.

## VIKING MAGNUM OPUS (SHOW AND TELL) – August, 2005

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CARVING</b>	<b>WOOD</b>	<b>FINISH</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Jupe Houman	Frog Spearing Decoy	Basswood	Acrylics	Liver Shotgun Primer eyes, Rubber feet
Len Kampa	Viking Village People/Birds	Basswood	Acrylics	
Swede Bengtson	Intarsia Clown	Mix	Polyurethane	Judy Roberts Pattern
Dennis Schuster	'Slo-Mo'	Basswood	Acrylics/Poly	
Duane Edwards	Elf	Basswood	Acrylics	
Lee Olson	Cougar	Basswood	Acrylics	Gary Paulson, Wahpeton, ND
Erik Meade	Hrothgard the Viking	Cedar	Acrylics	Spear is wooden cotton swab
Gregg McCabe	Walking Stick	Asper	Tung Oil	
Jack Tourtillotte	Eagle Toilet Paper Holder	Basswood	Acrylics/Poly	
Darwin Krueger	Four Chip Carving Ornaments	Basswood	Acrylics	Unfinished
John Mitchell	Chip Carving	Basswood	Bri-Wax	
Bob Spangenberg	Diamond Willow Walking Stick	DW	Polyurethane	
Karen Randall	Bowl and Noggin	Cherry	Oil/Bees wax	
Esther Allen	Stylized Egret	Basswood	Acrylics	
George Effrem	St. Michael from Greece	Pine		Icon Purchased in Greece
Russell Scott	Three Santa Bark Carvings	Cottonwood	Acrylics	One from Rick Jenson Book