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Club Web page: <http://www.tristatecarvers.com/>  
2020 Club Librarian – Ben Meyer  
2020 Club Show Chair – Jeff Hancock  
2020 Club Historian – Robert Koressel  
2020 Club Web Master – Neil Ward

## FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING:

The February 11, 2020 meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in center banquet hall. As normal the business meeting will roughly run from 6:00 until 6:30. Frank Wildeman will host the mini seminar after the business meeting. The mini seminar will be "Carving a Personal Angel". Carving one of Frank's angels is always a treat. Frank plans to use a carving knife and a #5 palm gouge. This is a small relief carving so if you have a carving board, it might be handy. As always bring your safety glove and thumb protector.

**As always if the Vanderburgh School system cancels school on a meeting night the meeting is automatically cancelled.**

**2020 club dues (\$25.00) are now due. The roster will be finalized at the March meeting. Please settle up with Alan Bailey before that time, if you have not already.**

## SHOW:

The club will need to decide if they want to support a show this year. If the club does decide to have a show this year Jeff Hancock has agreed to be Club Show Committee Chair, and last year's show committee members have agreed to serve on the committee again this year. These folks are Jeff Hancock, Kathy Vonderahe, Sherry Schaefer, Warren Schaefer and Steve Eli. If you would like to serve on this committee let Jack Winkleman know.

## INFORMATION:

The January meeting minutes are posted on the club web page. Thank you to Steve Eli for publishing these for us. Please visit the club web page (address in the header of this document) for archived meeting minutes, seminar schedule, club history and other information.

**Once again there is a "Magic Word" embedded within the monthly minutes. If you know**



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the "Magic Word" you can be included, at this meeting, in a drawing for your choice from a selection of carving related books and magazines. There is also a separate "Magic Word" hidden in this document that will make you eligible to win the "SCRIBBLES" go-by and cutout. Good Luck.

## Library:

Our club provides a library for the use of club members. Study casts, magazines, books, videos etc. are available to be checked out. A member can check out an item by filling out the card corresponding to the item and leaving the card in the library. The member has three month's free use and is charged .25 a month thereafter. There is a supply of basswood carving blocks, basswood plates, eggs etc. that members may purchase from the librarian. Members can request new items for the library by contacting the librarian.

## 2020 MEETING PROGRAMS:

We currently have the following tentative commitments for monthly meeting programs in 2020:

Feb.11 – Frank W..	Aug. 11 – Kathy V.
Mar. 11 –	Sept. 8 –
Apr. 14 –	Oct.13 –
May 12 –	Oct. ?? – 2020 SHOW
June 9 – Jeff H.	Nov. 10–
July 14 –	Dec. 8–2020 Christmas Party

Ron Tucker and Steve Eli have offered to do mini seminars, dates to be set at a future time. If you are willing to present a mini seminar or have a suggestion for a seminar you would like to participate in please contact Jack Winkleman. If you prefer to try a different activity or format for this time slot please contact Jack Winkleman.

## **SEMINARS:**

Some of the possible 2020 seminars include:

We have not yet started the seminar scheduling process. This is your chance to let one of the Club Officers know what you would like to learn this year, or if there is an instructor you like to take a class with.

## **ORNAMENTS:**

Yes, I know it is early, but before you know it we will be asking for Christmas ornaments for door prizes at this year's show.

## **NAME TAGS:**

It is a club tradition to wear a name tag to each meeting. The name tag should be one carved by the wearer but can be from anyone's design. You will find a few resources in the SCRIBBLES section on the third page. To encourage Club members to wear their nametag we impose a 25 cent fine to anyone not wearing their nametag at each meeting. New members have a 3 month grace period in which to carve their nametag before any fine is imposed. We have also worked this into a friendly competition most years. Existing Club members and new Club members that wish to compete, will each carve a new name tag. There will be two categories in this competition a novice carver category and an experienced carver category. Club officers will judge each category. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category.

## **THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST A FEW OF THE CURRENT LOCAL CARVING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CLUB'S MONTHLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

### **BIRD CARVERS:**

Ken Alvey hosts a Wednesday night bird carving group at his studio. This is a power carving group, and space is limited and usually full. If you are seriously interested in trying power carving birds contact Ken about getting on the wait list for an opening.

## **THURSDAY MORNING CARVERS:**

Jim Green has worked with the Newburgh Indiana Bell Road public library to set up a place for carvers to gather on a weekly bases to carve, commiserate, and share our hobby with the general public. Several Club members and nonmembers are meeting every Thursday from 9 am to about noon in the food court area. Please come out and join us or contact Jim Green for details or directions.

## **OPORTUNITY KNOCKS:**

If you don't see a carving opportunity here that meets your time schedule or travel restrictions, consider starting one in your area that does. Talk with Mr. Green and get some insight on what it takes to be successful. You will find that carvers are always looking for someplace to carve and someone to carve with. Strive to carve on something everyday whether that is by yourself or in a group.

I hope you will continue to support the Tri-State Woodcarvers Club as part of your personal woodcarving journey. As stated in the Club bylaws "The objective of this Club shall be to promote the art of woodcarving and to provide activities for woodcarvers." I sincerely hope that we have and continue to strive to fulfill this objective.

Jack Winkleman  
Newsletter Magic Word "Valentine"

## **NOTICE:**

Sadly, we were informed early this year that Conrad Wetzel, a long-time club member from Harrisburg IL, had passed away last fall. His family contacted the club because he had specified that his carving tools, magazines, wood, etc. all go the Club to do with as they saw fit. Steve and Palanita Eli stepped up to work with the family to get Conrad's carving items consolidated, identified and ready to bring to the Club. Once we have a feel for what this all includes, we as a Club will need to decide what to do with everything, (auction, set up kits in the library for beginner carvers, set up kits in the library to allow members to try different brand tools before they decide what to buy.....possibly a combination of these and other things?). Appreciate your thoughts and ideas as we move forward.

A special thank you to Steve and Palanita for their considerable efforts.

# SCRIBBLES:

In this section I try to post an original carving pattern each month. This month is a pattern for a Valentine Bear lapel pin, also usable as a name tag. This one should be OK for a beginning carver. Feel free to carve, copy and or modify as you like. Most importantly HAVE FUN.

## PATTERN:



## GO-BY PICTURES:



Below are a few links that you might like to try for a name tag and other patterns and basic beginner carver information.

<http://www.littleshavers.com/NameTag.html>

<http://www.littleshavers.com/BeginnerDirectory.html>

<http://www.littleshavers.com/FreePatternProjects.html>

A BIG thank you to our outgoing 2019 officers:

Sherry Schaefer

Steve Eli

An even BIGGER thank you to our 2019 officers that will be continuing in their post for 2020:

Alan Bailey

Frank Wildeman

And finally, a thank you to our new officers for 2020:

Robin Meyer

Jack Winkleman

A thank you to those that accepted 2020 appointed positions:

Jeff Hancock – Club Show Chair

Ben Meyer – Club Librarian

Robert Koressel – Club Historian

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Show Committee is in the process of being finalized.

Audit Committee and Budget Committee are still to be filled. Please step up to contribute where you can.

Thank You