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FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING:

We are planning to have the February 9, 2021 meeting. The meeting will be in the 4H Fair Grounds Banquet Hall at 6:00 pm as normal. The business meeting will last about 30 minutes. Jeff Hancock will have this month's mini seminar. A picture of the project is included on the last page of this newsletter. Jeff says you will only need a knife and maybe a small gouge (say 3/16 #8, but not mandatory).

Please, out of respect for your fellow carvers, plan to wear a face covering and social distance. Do not feel obligated to come if you are not comfortable with getting out yet and DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL. Please help set up the seminar area so that social distancing is possible. Thanks to Kathy for doing the last mini seminar.

Please remember that if the Vanderburgh School System cancels school due to weather on the day we have a meeting scheduled our meeting will be canceled as well.

As you are aware, we chose to cancel the Club's January meeting due to Vanderburgh County going into the Red status because of Covid numbers. As of this writing the County has returned to an Orange status. I do hope that most of you have become eligible for the vaccine. I for one am old enough to be in the high-risk group, but not old enough to qualify for this round of vaccine. I am sure I am not the only one in the club that finds themselves in this situation. Please understand as we continue to mask up and social distance until all of us have had an opportunity to take the vaccine..

January starts a new year and with that I need to remind everyone that club dues are due. Yearly dues are normally \$25. This is a special year however, we have an anonymous donation of \$200 for the expressed purpose of lowering the 2021



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dues to \$20 for the first 40 members to pay their dues.

Please see or send a note to Jon Gunnels to take care of this as soon as you can.

REMEMBERANCE:

I just wanted to take a moment and remember the fellow carvers and friends the Club lost most recently. In late 2019 we lost Conrad Wetzell and Dick Bitter. In 2020 we lost Don Deutsch, Bob Kleiman, Mike Sturgeon and Sister Anthony Prugger.

If I were to list the impact each of these people made on the Club, as well as my life and carving journey, I would surely run out of space. I will condense it to say they will be remembered, and they will be missed by all.

SHOW:

Reminder - Jeff Hancock reserved the Vanderburgh County 4H Center Banquet hall for the Club's 2021 Show on October 23, 2021. Jeff plans to check to see if it is also available on the 24 to allow for a 2 day show.

MEETING PROGRAMS:

Please consider what kind of programs you would like the club to offer in 2021. Also, consider what techniques or projects you might be able to share.

As stated above Jeff Hancock will be doing the February mini seminar. Jack Winkleman plans to do a demo on power reciprocating carving and holding devices at the March meeting. We will be working on the long awaited auction as soon as Covid vaccination status allows. I will be looking for volunteers to fill in the remaining months, so please be thinking of what you can offer or what you would like to learn. .

SEMINARS:

Please have your ideas ready to help plan our seminar schedule for 2021.

ORNAMENTS:

Please continue to carve Christmas ornaments for the 2021 show as time and materials permit. There are ornament cutouts available in the Club Library. See Ben if you have trouble finding what you need.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS:

Strive to carve on something every day. 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.

Please continue to practice social distancing and stay safe through this health challenge we are currently experiencing.

SCRIBBLES:

Last year I purchased a Kolrosing knife and a DVD on Kolrosing by Judy Ritger. I finally got around to watching the DVD and attempting a simple Kolrosing project. The DVD and the knife were purchased from Pinewood Forge at www.pinewoodforge.com. The DVD was very easy to follow and gives a good deal of instruction as well as history of Kolrosing. Judy even touches on Rosemaling (a style of painting that uses the same pattern form as Kolrosing). The kit includes patterns ranging from simple to intermediate and advanced. The pattern I chose for my first project was from a combination of two sources. The border was from the patterns supplied in the kit. The Iris pattern used was from a Lora Irish pattern included in her "Great Book of TATTOO Designs". If you are interested in checking out this book by Lora Irish, it is in the Club Library. It includes a wide range of patterns suitable for Kolrosing as well as Woodburning. Following are pictures of my first finished project as well as a picture of the DVD and knife included in the kit.



DON'T FORGET VALENTINES DAY:

Valentines day is coming up and with the Covid restrictions it is totally unsafe to go out hunting for Roses for my "Much Better Half", so I guess I will just have to carve a few. OK, she proof reads my newsletters for me. I am pretty sure she may call my bluff on this one, but here are a few roses anyway.



If you add mirrors it looks like you carved even more.... Bet that doesn't work either.



FEBRUARY MINI SEMINAR:

