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MARCH 2020 MEETING:

The March 10, 2020 meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. in old skating rink. This is a change from our normal meeting place so please make note. As normal the business meeting will roughly run from 6:00 until 6:30. Steve Eli will host the mini seminar after the business meeting. The mini seminar will be "Pyrography". If you have a wood burner please bring it. If you do not have a wood burner and want to participate in the seminar, we will have a few extra wood burners you can use for the evening.

Please thank Frank Wildeman for last month's fun mini seminar. Find more information on the wood he used for this seminar on the last page of this newsletter.

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. If you can't make the meeting you can always mail your dues to Alan at – Alan Bailey, 1407 Terrace Ave., Evansville, IN 47720 ---

SHOW:

Thank you to everyone for your input on this year's show at last month's meeting. Jeff is busy pulling his show committee together and will be keeping the club informed as the process evolves.

INFORMATION:

The February meeting minutes are posted on the club web page. Thank you to Robin Meyer 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.



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35 Years of Woodcarving

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-cents 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 Ben Meyer.

When you return a book, cd or study cast, please complete the library card for that item and return the card to the pouch in the book, the cd sleeve or the study cast's pouch on the door of the cabinet. There currently are several library cards in the checkout cup for items that have been returned but the card was not returned to its proper place.

FINANCE, BUDGET:

Per the Club bylaws a financial audit committee has been assembled and our yearly audit is underway. The same committee will then transition into working on a budget for this year and beyond. This will be the first step in understanding if it is financially feasible to expanding our 2021 show back to a 2-day event. More to come.

Once again there is a "Magic Word" embedded within the monthly minutes. If you know the "Magic Word", you can be included in the prize drawing at this month's meeting. 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.

2020 MEETING PROGRAMS:

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

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

2020 MEETING PROGRAMS continued:

Ron Tucker has offered to do a spoon carving seminar, date 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:

Jack Winkleman is working on a questionnaire to help set a seminar schedule for 2020. Not sure, but he may have spread himself a little thin starting out. Patience, please, he will get there.

ORNAMENTS:

There are several Christmas ornament cutouts in the library and more will be added through the year. Please take a few cutouts and start carving ornaments to be given away as door prizes at this year's show.

NAME TAGS:

The gauntlet has been thrown for this year's name tag carving competition. We will select winners for the 2020 name tag carving competition at the August meeting. You have plenty of time to work on your design, and to get the carving completed. Let the chips fly. More details can be found in the Feb. 2020 newsletter on line.

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 basis 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:

The Master Gardeners "Art Day in the Garden" is tentatively set for Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. I will let everyone know the date and time for sure once we have confirmation. If you can, please plan on joining me in promoting the art of carving, through this opportunity of displaying and demonstrating what we do.

Strive to carve on something every day 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 "Shamrock"

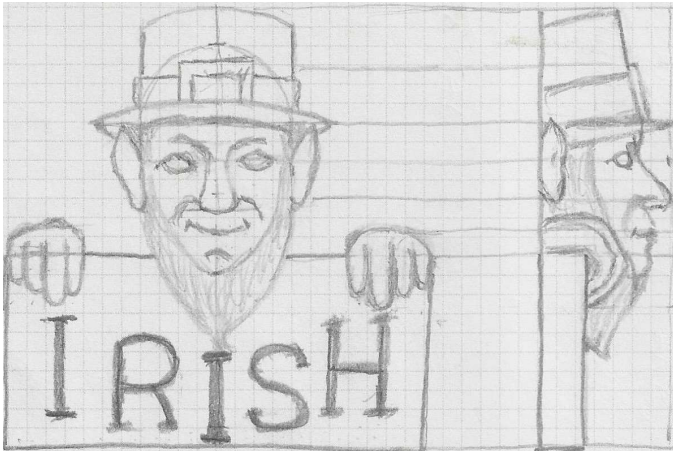
NOTICE:

Please remember that our April meeting will focus on the auction of Mr. Conrad Wetzel's tools, books etc.. The business meeting will be very short for the April meeting so we can have ample time to complete the Auction. Bring your cash or check book. Again, the auction will not be open to the public.

SCRIBBLES:

In this section I try to post an original carving pattern each month. This month is a pattern for a Leprechaun 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:



GOOD TO KNOW:

The Personal Angel that Frank Wildeman helped us carve in last month's mini similar was cut out of Catalpa wood. Catalpa is a locally available wood that can be carved green or after it has dried. If you are ever curious about a specific type of wood try the following web page:

<https://www.wood-database.com/wood-finder/>

This database lists a lot of different types of wood and their uses and properties. Most importantly, it lists the hazards to your health involved in working with different types of wood.

If you have Crape Myrtle in your yard and ever prune it back, you may want to save the cuttings. Crape

Myrtle carves well when it is green (fresh cut). It can be carved after it dries, but is a bit on the hard side. To keep the green wood from drying out too fast you can store it in a closed, air tight container for a short time. Any wet wood will start to mold if held this way for too long a time. An alternative method that the fan bird carvers use is to put the wood in the freezer until you are ready to carve it. Just make sure everyone knows what it is and why it is there or it could end up in the soup pot.... Just say'n.

If you are ever looking for a step by step video on carving, check out Doug Linker on You Tube. Doug has several videos that would be appropriate for beginners and experienced carvers alike. There are other resources out there that I will try to share with you in future newsletters.

Keep carving, try something new and share what you learn when you get the chance.

JUST A THOUGHT:

Before the next newsletter April 1st will have come and passed and the Morrell hunting season may well be in full swing. With that in mind just how much fun (trouble) can I??????

