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JUNE 2020 MEETING:

Taking the current guidelines into consideration we will be able to have a June club meeting, WOO HOO. **Please, out of respect for you 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. Frank will be running the business portion of the meeting and Kathy will offer her Chick from a basswood egg as our mini seminar this month. Bring and wear a carving glove if you plan to carve in Kathy's seminar. Many thanks to Frank and Kathy for stepping up to cover these roles.



The auction of Conrad Wetzel's carving supplies is still to be scheduled. We are looking at either the July or August meeting for the auction. I will be sending out an email questionnaire to determine which date works the best for the most folks. Please respond to the email when it comes out. Thank you to Steve and Palanita Eli for storing the items to be auctioned until that time.

We received a call from Don Deutsch's daughter last month. She said Don had requested that the Club auction off his carving supplies. I have spoken with Steve Eli and he has agreed to do this auction after Conrad's auction is complete (Thank you Steve).

2020 club dues (\$25.00), If you have not paid your dues please contact Alan Bailey to get this taken care of. You can mail your dues to Alan



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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

at – Alan Bailey, 1407
Terrace Ave., Evansville,
IN 47720 –

Alan has published the 2020 roster and the roster is currently out to club members. Alan will plan to have a few copies at the June meeting for those that do not get my emails.

SHOW:

We are still hopeful that we can have a show in October. Moore Roughouts is willing to sell wood at our show if we can muster enough club interest in also hosting a Pat Moore carving seminar in conjunction with the show. ***I did hear back from the Moores and they still have our show on their calendar. We will need to get that seminar set up for Pat so check your schedules and leave dates open.** Yet again please expect an email questionnaire about dates in the near future.

*Thank Jon Gunnels for his work to get the show listed in as many magazines as he can. Our Show is currently listed in the latest Chip Chats, is scheduled to be listed in Woodcarving Illustrated in the fall issue and in Woodcarvers Online Magazine soon.

2020 MEETING PROGRAMS:

Jeff Hancock, Marvin Daniels, and Ron Tucker have committed to doing mini seminars at this year's remaining meetings. Scheduling for each will be updated in a future newsletter.

SEMINARS:

Marvin Daniels has offered to do a weekend seminar. The seminar would be your choice of one of his roughouts. Cost would be \$50.00 plus the cost of the roughout you choose. The date that seems to fit into everyone's calendar is August 29-30, 2020. Location and time are still a work in progress. I will let you know when I get that all worked out. There is still room in the class if anyone else is interested in attending just let Jack Winkleman know.

ORNAMENTS:

Please continue to carve Christmas ornaments for the show as time and materials permit.

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.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS:

The Master Gardeners "Art Day in the Garden" has been cancelled.

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.

Jack Winkleman

SCRIBBLES:

Well shame on me but all I have managed to carve this month is one golf ball and 2 golf pencils that I promptly gave away.

I did find that some of the tools I keep in tool rolls down in my shop had started to show signs of rust. So, I spent some time coming up with a storage solution that incorporated a rust inhibitor and used materials I had in my shop. For my mallet tools I started out with some plastic buckets that cat litter had come in. I cut $\frac{1}{4}$ inch plywood to line the bottom of the bucket so the carving tool cutting edge would be resting on wood. To separate the tools from one another and keep them upright so I could pick them up easily, I cut 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long sections of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch pvc pipe. I used hot glue to stick the pvc pipe sections together as a rigid lattice that could be removed from the bucket as a unit if I ever needed to clean chips out of the container. I still need to better label the ends of the handles so I

can identify shape and size of each tool. I purchased rust inhibitor pucks from Menards to place in each bucket. Pictures of the components and the finished system are below.





Several years ago a group of us were demonstrating carving at an event. A young man stopped by and said he had a box of carving tools that his granddad had used. They had been left behind in the basement and forgotten. He had found them when he had been cleaning up. No one in the family or that he knew carved. He stated that if anyone was interested in them he would drop them off. I said OK thinking it would be a small box with a few tools. Turned out it was a big plastic tub with carving tools piled in any way they landed. On further inspection the tools had been left to rust. Some looked like they had been used for prybars and scrapers on material other than wood. Off and on over the last few years I have taken time to do a little work on them. First soaking them in a rust remover, buffing and oiling each to stop the deterioration. I have gradually sharpened the best ones. By the way if you want to get better at sharpening by hand, set down with a set of stones and a box of old misused carving tools. I am nowhere near through with the sharpening much less re-handling or rebuilding.... Any Hoo.... While I was working on storage for my mallet tools, I repurposed an old toolbox to house the tool rehab project.

Steve, another auction waiting to happen, someday, someday. The following are pictures of the tool rehab project box.



THINGS TO DO:

If you have a carving related web page, you tube channel or book etc. that you like, please email me and I will share it here for the club to enjoy. Until next time stay safe and keep carving.

Jack Winkleman

