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*Next Meeting, April 6, 2016, 6:30 pm, Generations, Highland & Douglas, Plymouth WI*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Jim Rooker

All my life I only knew UFO's to be unidentified flying objects until I joined the world of woodcarving. UFO's now take on a whole new meaning in my carving world; *unfinished objects*.

When I first started carving, I often heard fellow carvers talking about UFO's. Back then I couldn't put the two together, woodcarvers and science geeks, hmmm. I thought the two made for a strange but intriguing combination none the less.

My father carved for ten years and was one of the founding fathers of the *Kettle Karvers Klub*. After he passed away, I went into his woodshop to spend some time reminiscing about him. As I looked around, on every surface, there was a UFO to be found. I remember thinking, "My goodness, Dad, did you finish anything"? After a bit of time passed, I finished my visit in the house catching up with my mom. I received an immediate answer to my previous question. Yes, Dad had finished many amazing projects which are, to this day, on display on the shelves that he had also crafted with his own two hands.

The other day I was at the table carving where in front of me sat six UFO's (I won't admit to anymore than that). Karen went out to get the mail and was laughing as she entered the house. I thought what could be so funny about a stack of mail. She placed a 4x4x4 inch box on the table. Side note, for Christmas, she had purchased Chris Hammock's *Bar Fly of the Month* rough-outs for me. She continued to laugh as she set the box next to the rest of the UFO's and left the room still smiling.

So the only advice I can bestow upon my fellow carvers is to keep on carving and *May the Force Be With You!* ✧

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

by Judy Larson

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Rooker at 6:34 pm on March 2.

**Please Sign In.** Sandy Doebert asked everyone to use their key card to sign in when entering Generations for the monthly meetings. If you do not have a card, see Jim Rooker or sign in as a guest.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dianna Witt reported expenses of \$425.03 and deposits totaling \$431.00.

**Sunshine Report.** Mary Nowacki sent a card to member Tom Marker whose wife passed away. She also sent a card to Mary Noordyk.

**Saturday Carve.** The March 5<sup>th</sup> carve, led by Darrell Abston, was a little dog. You are also welcome to bring your own project. Carves are held on the Saturday after the meeting in the craft room at Generations.

**Display Cabinets.** Thank you, Larry Lienau, for displaying your work during the month of February. Gene Mathes' items are now on display in the cabinets during the month of March.

**Cancer Survivors' Group Carve.** Pam Moir reported that you could still sign up to help with the carve to be held on March 8 at 6 pm at Matthews Oncology.

**Unity Music Festival Tree.** Joanna and Tom Tripp brought the 9-foot tall tree crafted out of rebar to trim with our woodcarvings. The tree will be raffled at their event held on April 9<sup>th</sup> with 100% of proceeds going to the Sheboygan County Cancer Care Fund. Don Lorier thanked everyone who contributed to this project in any way.

**Artistry in Wood.** Neil Lorenz was asked to give a report on our upcoming April 16<sup>th</sup> show. Bob Lawrence reported 26 tables already booked. Posters were available for us to distribute to offices or businesses.

Richard Young has committed to demonstrating tool sharpening at the show. More demonstrators are needed. Raffle items are needed. One friendship cane will be assembled by Phil Schils and will be raffled at the show.

Gene Mathes has been chosen to be the featured carver. Volunteers sign-up sheets were available for members to pick their assignment. We need a few more members to help with the youth carve.

**Show & Tell.** Eighteen members brought items to show during the show & tell portion of our meeting. The winner of the caricature book, which was the raffle item, was Dave Rowlands.

**Raffle.** Larry Lienau took home the strop and Karen Rooker the carving apron.

The meeting was adjourned. Sandy Doebert and Pam Moir gave a demonstration on their procedure for coating their carvings with boiled linseed oil and painting with acrylics. ✧



### **CANCER SURVIVOR GROUP CARVE**

*by Pam Moir*

On Tuesday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>, some Kettle Karver members donated their time and talents for the third year in a row in an evening carving session for the Sheboygan County Cancer Survivor group. Tim Renzelmann leads the group and is also a carver!

There were approximately 15 participants, all fun and wonderful folks. The project for the evening was carving a hedgehog. Everyone completed the project and, thanks to Gene Mathes and his trusty blowtorch, the little creatures had their fur burned on.

Joining me, the following carvers provided instruction, direction, and a few good laughs: Sandy Doebert, Bob Lawrence, Ron Feld, Dennis Sundell, Darrell Abston, and Gene Mathes.

Thanks to everyone for a meaningful and fun experience! ✧

### **UNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL** *by Don Lorier*

The 2016 Unity Music Festival will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Weill Center in downtown Sheboygan. All proceeds remain local to help cancer patients through the Sheboygan Cancer Care Fund. Tickets are now on sale at the Weill Center or many other locations including the local Piggly Wigglys. ✧

### **APRIL 6 DEMO** *by Larry Lienau*

Tony Bartol will present the demonstration at the next meeting. He is a tool maker. If you would like to demonstrate at a future meeting, please talk to me about scheduling a time. ✧

### **WOOD** *by Judy Larson*

Don Lorier mentioned that if you have a special size wood request, see him to order for delivery at the show. ✧

### **LAKELAND COLLEGE FRIENDSHIP CANE** *by Pam Moir*

Would anyone who has carved a block for the Lakeland College friendship cane, please bring it to the April meeting. Another option is to get the block directly to me. Thanks for all who participated in this project. ✧

### **NEW MEMBER**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 16, 2016: Kettle Karvers Klub Artistry in Wood, Woodcarving and Wood Sculpture Show, Lakers Ice Center, 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan, WI; 10 am-4 pm.

May 1, 2016: Mid-Wisconsin Chippers Woodcarving Show, Competition, and Sale, Crystal Falls Banquet Facility, 1500 Handschke Drive, New London, WI; 9 am-4pm.

July 23, 2016: Art at the Mill Art and Fine Craft Fair, Richfield Historical Park, 4399 Pleasant Hill Road, Richfield, WI; 9 am-4pm; richfieldhistoricalsociety.org; artfairhs@gmail.com.

August 4, 5, 6, 2016: Carv-Fest 2016, Alexander Park Ice Arena, 1816 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Faribault, MN. Registration is now open at [www.carv-fest.com](http://www.carv-fest.com). Reach by telephone at 507-339-0336.

August 16-19, 2016: Musky Area Wood Carvers Workshop in Boulder Junction, WI. Contact Mary Moscinski, 4447 Scarlet Oak Drive, Rockford, IL 61109, 815-874-7978 or muskycarvers@moscinski.net.

September 10, 2016: Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin, Inc. Show & Sale, Rock County Fairgrounds, Craig Center, 1301 Craig Avenue, Janesville, WI; 10 am-4 pm, rosietom@centurytel.net or 608-868-4522, [www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com](http://www.rockrivervalleycarvers.com).

September 17-18, 2016: Wisconsin River Woodcarvers 16th Annual Woodcarving Show, Competition & Sale, The Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI; Saturday 9 am-5 pm and Sunday 9 am-4 pm. For more information about the show/seminars, go to [www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org](http://www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org).