



Kettle Karvers

Serving Woodcarvers in East Central Wisconsin

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2016 Artistry in Wood Woodcarving and Wood Sculpture Show

The Kettle Karvers hosted their 26th annual woodcarving show and competition, **Artistry in Wood**, on Saturday, April 16, 2016. After dealing with snow during the weeks preceding the show, April 16 was a beautiful spring day and a large crowd of people joined members at the Lakers Ice Center in Sheboygan.

This year's show included over 50 carvers. County Line Products had a large supply of wood for sale. Christian J. Hummul sold tools. Joanne Drinkwine had many used books and carving supplies for sale. A table selling Dunkle knives and sharpening supplies was at our show this year. Concessions during the event were provided by the Lakers Ice Center.

The Wayne Gilbertson Memorial "Kids Carve" class was held between 11:30 am and 1 pm. Children ages 12 and up, with a parent or guardian present, joined a club member for a hands-on carving project. Lori Gilbertson donates to the club to make this event possible to honor her late husband who was a Kettle Karvers member.

Tony Bartol of Plymouth conducted a tool forging primer and Richard Young of Manitowoc demonstrated tool sharpening during the event.

Dave Bartels of Clintonville, Wisconsin, spent the day out on the lawn demonstrating the art of chainsaw carving. In addition to sharing his carving skills, his work is always available for sale. Contact Dave at dbartels7224@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing an item or are looking for a chainsaw carver for your project.

If you missed this year's show, join us next year at the Lakers Ice Center for our 27th annual show on April 22, 2017. See you there!



The 2016 featured carver was **Gene Mathes** of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Gene is a very active member of Kettle Karvers Klub, volunteering a lot of his time and talent to our various community service projects. Gene had long admired his neighbor John Schumann's duck carvings. John finally got him started with carving, and he joined Kettle Karvers shortly after. Gene branched out into all types of carving, including chip carving. He also does scroll sawing. He enjoys learning from his fellow Kettle Karvers members. Gene finds carving a great pastime, especially during the winter months.



Al Herwig was awarded the Peoples' Choice Award for his table at the show. Fellow members know his tireless interaction with visitors to our show won him this award. Al has been a member of Kettle Karvers for many years, and we all look forward to his stories during the Show & Tell portion of our meetings.





Best of Show and Best in Class went to Ron Engen of Sussex, Wisconsin, for his entry in Shorebirds & Waterfowl.

The Artistry in Wood Best of Show plate was carved and donated to the show by Bob Lawrence.



The Best in Class-Novice winner was Judy Larson of Howards Grove, Wisconsin, for her entry in Bark Carving.

The Best in Class-Intermediate winner was Mike Schuler of Plymouth, Wisconsin, for his Relief Carving.



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