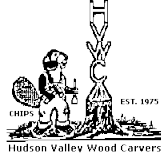


# “BLADE AND CHISEL”



## Hudson Valley Wood Carvers Pleasant Valley, NY January 2012

### President's Message

I want to thank all those involved with making our Annual Holiday party a success. I also need to thank the members who donated items for the raffle. To me there is nothing as nice as getting an original piece of a fellow carvers work.

I want to thank everyone who helped setup and breakdown and clean the room. It is important that we always try to leave the meeting place as we find it and carry out our trash.

We had a good turnout with 35 members and guests in attendance. The Hal Weisel players presented 'Twas The Night Before Christmas'. Thank you Hal and cast members. It was delightful.

John Helmeyer won the Year End raffle, a \$115 gift certificate to Smokey Mountain Woodcarvers. Additionally, each member won a rough out or fellow carvers finished carving in the second Holiday raffle.

The members voted to have a special year-end raffle again this year. Each month after the 50/50 and supply raffle we will write our names on the back of the ticket and keep it in the special raffle can. At the December meeting we will draw one ticket from the monthly tickets and present the winner with a special prize. The more Business meetings you attend the more you increase your chances of winning.

Happy Carving,  
*Pat Paraggio*  
[pparaggio@optonline.net](mailto:pparaggio@optonline.net)

### Calendar of Club Events

#### **2012 Dates for Carving and Business Sessions**

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Carving Session  
Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Carving Session  
Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Carving Session

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Carving Session  
Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Carving Session  
Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Carving Session

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
Mar 19<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
Apr 16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

## **December 19, 2011 Business Meeting Minutes**

Meeting opened by Pat Paraggio  
Joe Palmeri led the pledge of allegiance

Members in attendance: 18

Joe Gleeson gave the Treasurers report – In 2011 we had 44 paid members. So far for 2012 we have 20 paid members.

**Dues for 2012 may be paid to Joe Gleeson at meetings or sent to his address with checks made payable to HVWC:**

**Joseph Gleeson  
15 Robert Drive  
Hyde Park, New York 12538**

## **Show and Tell December 2011**

John Frederick did the Show and Tell – Pictures available on the website below.  
(See <http://hvcarving.org/allslideshow/current/index.html> for photos).

**Joy Bauer** – Heirloom Santa, 2 Eagle Cane Toppers.

**Bob Borquist** – 5 different types of Ducks made out of Pine with varnish.

**Carl Ford III** – Tall Snowman, 4 turned plates made from Cherry Wood and finished with Black Acrylic paint or Black Milkpaint

**Joe Gleeson** – 2 Round Santa's, 3 Santas, 1 Snowman Ornament, 1 Santa Face, Woodbark Carving.

**John Helmeyer** - 2 Hillbillies, 7 Cottonwood bark Carvings.

**Ralph Herrmann** – 2 Eagle Cane Toppers.

**Keith Stark** - 2 Bluebirds.

**Ken Stark** – Geigo, Otter, Woodbark Carving of Petra Jordon.

**Hal Weisel** – Sled with a painting, 3 Woodbark Carvings, Dancing Santa, Cane, Spool carved with a face, Abraham Lincoln Bolo Tie.

## **Eagle Cane Project (Our 5<sup>th</sup> year of making canes)**

### **Eagle Cane Project**

**January 2012 update:**

- 41 WWII/Special canes have been completed as of 1/08/12
- 83 Iraq/Afghan canes have been completed as of 1/08/12
- 4 canes are in different stages of the process
- 128 canes total

If you are interested in getting involved in this project in any way, carving, turning, assembly, etc. please contact Pat Paraggio at [pparaggio@optonline.net](mailto:pparaggio@optonline.net) or 845-223-5674.

## **Club Supplies**

### **Carving wood:**

The club has some carving wood available for purchase. If you would like to purchase any wood Please see John Helmeyer or Joe Gleeson. Prices vary depending on the size.

**Blanks:** Project blanks, are still available. Contact Joe Gleeson if you are interested.

**Knives:** We have a supply of Ron Wells and Murphy knives available. See Joe Gleeson for pricing.

## **Club Logo Items (Hats and Shirts):**

The club has more shirts and hats. The hats are \$15.00 and the t-shirts are \$10.00 for Small thru XL larger sizes cost a few dollars more. Pat Paraggio will have a supply of the hats and t-shirts at future work sessions and meetings.

If you are interested in purchasing any other club logo items (sweatshirts, denim shirts, etc) please stop by Red Hook T's in Rhinebeck. They have our logo on file and they can custom make any embroidered item you may want. Screen printed items require a quantity order. Red Hook T's is located on Rte 9 across from the Dutchess County Fair Grounds, (845) 876-1165 or online at [www.redhooktees.com](http://www.redhooktees.com).

## **Upcoming Carving Events and Shows**

(HVWC is participating in those shown in **Bold**)

**Sat/Sun Mar 31-Apr 1 10-AM-5PM: 21<sup>st</sup> NWA Showcase 2012 and Totally Turning Show; Saratoga City Center, Saratoga, NY. Continuous Schedule of Free Seminars on Tools and Techniques, Sales and Exhibits of Tools and Materials by National Manufacturers and Local Suppliers See <http://www.nwawoodworkingshow.org/index.php> for more detail.**

## **CLUB NEWS**

New club directories are now available.

**Everyone who attended the Christmas Party had a good time. The food, prizes, skit, and company was excellent. Everyone was in the holiday spirit.**

**It certainly felt like the night before Christmas when the Hal Weisel Players presented their skit. You had to see Hal spring from his bed when he heard Santa Clause.**

**Here's hoping 2012 is an great year for the club, its members and their families.**

## **HVWC 2012 OFFICERS and STAFF**

Pat Paraggio, President  
John Frederick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Frank Bottego, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Joe Gleeson, Treasurer  
Bill Malkus, Secretary  
Clay Brooks, Web Master  
Ralph Herrmann, Photographer  
Pat Paraggio, Eagle Cane Project Coordinator