



Geppetto Newsletter – February 2025

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Meeting Attendees: There was no meeting in January due to inclement weather.

Message From the President

Our attendance at our carving each Wednesday at Woodcraft has been low; The attendance at the Blennerhassett Museum has also been low. I know a lot of this is due to weather. I hope more members can get back to attending these meetings. Please come and bring your friends to any of these events.

Other member projects are a joy to look at and to hear how they were developed. Therefore, as everyone enjoys seeing other members projects, please look around at your projects that you have created over the years and pick out a few for show and tell at the February 8, 2025 meeting at Woodcraft.

As we did not hold a business meeting in January 2025 due to the weather, we will be covering club elections and other business at the February 8, 2025 meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Roy Holliday

From the Secretary – Treasurer

Membership dues for 2025 are now payable. Please see me if you have not paid your membership for 2025 or have questions about your membership dues. The club membership benefit of paying \$14.00 toward the \$29.00 National Wood Carvers Association (NWCA) annual membership can be started at any time. The NWCA membership includes the quarterly magazine Chip Chats.

The club continues to look for ways to promote our club and woodcarving. Please see one of the officers if you have ideas for attracting new members or how to reach out to our local community through events or demonstrations. We would like to see more club members become involved with club activities in 2025. Share your ideas with the club officers.

Pat

Quarterly Financial Report

The 2024 fourth quarter financial report will be presented at the February meeting.

Birthdays

Fred Myers

If we have missed anyone, please contact the secretary.

Illnesses

Please keep Fred Myers in your thoughts and prayers.

February Project – Scrap Wood Challenge

The February project is “Scrap Wood Challenge.” Pat Wentzel will lead the project. The idea behind this project was several interesting carvings by Sharon Dye and Guy Tessum using scrap wood. Sharon and Guy used their imagination and designed carvings based on the shape of the scrap wood. The photo below are examples of their carvings. Sharon’s ostrich began life as the waste from one of Pat Wentzel’s carousel carving kits. Guy’s Santas are the waste from the sugar pine cutouts provided by Bob Barnes. Great carvings using scrap waste.

Scrap Wood Challenge will use basswood scrap from Pat’s carousel carving kits. There will be a selection of scraps to select from. Pieces selected by the members will be numbered and photographed. The pre-carved photo and the completed

carving photo will be displayed together in the newsletter and on the website. The completed carvings will be displayed for Show and Tell at our April meeting. This should be a fun project.



Guy's Santa



Sharon's Scrap Santas



Sharon's Painted Santas



Sharon's Ostrich

Quilt Block Project

The quilt is scheduled to be on display at the following locations.

Wood County Public Library – Feb 3rd – Feb 24th

3100 Emerson Avenue, Parkersburg

WesBanco Bank - The month of April

415 Market Street, Parkersburg

Carving on the Porch Woodcraft – May 10th

Please contact Patrick Wentzel if you know of a location to securely display the quilt so we can add this to our display schedule. We want to display the quilt in Mid-Ohio Valley to show the craftsmanship of club members and to advertise Geppetto Woodcarvers.

Basswood blocks for the 2025 quilt project will be available in February. The theme for 2025 is "Critters." I'll provide the theme criteria used by the Blennerhassett Quilt Committee defining "Critters" with the 2025 quilt block specifications.

2025 Election of Club Officers

The election of club officers will be held at the February business meeting on 2-8-2025. The following members were recommended by the nominating committee.

Roy Holliday – President

Dale Lot – Vice President

Patrick Wentzel – Secretary-Treasurer

If you cannot make the meeting and would like to vote, you may send a write-in vote to the secretary-treasurer.

Parkersburg Wood County Library Presentation & Demonstration

Geppetto Woodcarvers will give a woodcarving presentation at the Parkersburg Wood County Library on February 18th beginning at 6pm and lasting until 7:30pm. The library is located at 3100 Emerson Avenue, Parkersburg. In addition to the presentation, we will have a woodcarving display available for viewing by those attending the presentation. Our presentation is part of the public program series provided by the library.

Pete Yakob, Roy Holliday, and Pat Wentzel will coordinate this event for the carving club. Please contact Pat if you would like to display your carvings at this event. All carving club members are invited to attend. You are asked to wear your club shirt and name tag. We will have club membership information on hand.

New Members

James Nelson - Belpre

Library

The following books were recently donated to the Geppetto Woodcarvers Library by Patrick Wentzel.

How to Carve Wood – A Book of Projects and Techniques by Rick Butz

Carving the Native American Face by Terry Kramer

Celtic Design – An Arts and Crafts Source Book

The books are for use by the members, and you are encouraged to use the library. We are fortunate to have an excellent selection of books and reference material in our library. Take a few minutes look through the library.

Geppetto Club Projects Schedule -2025

Monthly Meeting Date	Monthly Project Scrap Wood Challenge	Project Leader	Comments
February 8, 2025	Sharpening	Pat	
March 8, 2025	Face Study Stick	Pete	
April 12, 2025	No project	Dale	
May 10, 2025	Mystery Carving	All	Carving on the Porch
June 14, 2025	TBD	Pat	
July 12, 2025	Sheaths	All	
August 9, 2025	TBD	Guy	
September 13, 2025	TBD		
October 11, 2025	None		
November 8, 2025	TBD	All	Club meets at Blennerhassett
December 13, 2025	TBD	All	Museum for the quilt show
January 10, 2026			
On going Projects Eagle head Sticks Angel Tree Christmas Ornaments Quilt Blocks			

Geppetto Club Activities

Date	Activity	Comments
February 8, 2025	Election of Officers, Discuss 2024 projects and activities	
February 18, 2025	Parkersburg Library Presentation	
March	TBD TBD Carving On Porch TBD	
April	Club Picnic TBD TBD Parkersburg Art Center Artoberfest Carving in New Matamoras	Woodcraft
May 10, 2025	Quilt Show	Williamstown City Park
June	Christmas Party Election of Officers	
July 19, 2025		
August		
September		
October 18, 2025		
October 18, 2025		Blennerhassett Museum
November 8, 2025		

December TBD
 January 10, 2026

Geppetto Club Meeting Schedule

In order to ensure all members knows the date and place for events, the following schedule has been developed. If you have any questions, please contact one of Officers. We hope all members can attend these events.

February 2025			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
2/3/2025 to 2/24/2025		Quilt display	Wood County Public Library 3100 Emerson Avenue, Parkersburg
2/5/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
2/8/2025	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
2/11/2025	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
2/12/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
2/19/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
2/19/2025	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Woodcraft 3rd Wednesday Luncheon	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
2/25/2025	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
2/26/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV

March 2025			
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