



# Geppetto Woodcarvers

PARKERSBURG WV

December 2025

News Letter

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## Quilt Project



2025 Quilt

The club completed our third quilt project with the unveiling of the quilt at the November meeting held at the Blennerhassett Museum November 12-8, 2025. We would like to have the quilt displayed in the Mid-Ohio Valley during 2026. Please let us know if you have a location in mind and can help coordinate displaying the quilt. At the January meeting the theme of the 2026 Blennerhassett Museum Quilt Show will be announced. The club will need to decide if we will do a club quilt project for 2026.

## New Life Member – Pete Yakob



Pete Yakob was presented with a Geppetto Woodcarvers Life Member Award at the November meeting by the club members.

Pete was elected club president for the first time in 2006 when longtime club president Dick Ryan stepped down because of illness. Pete successfully guided the club through issues with Woodcraft management, the dark days of COVID-19, and membership issues. Each time under Pete's leadership, Geppetto Woodcarvers came through these unfortunate events, a much stronger organization. Pete retired from his second presidency, knowing the club was in a great position for the future. His many contributions and work, always for the best of the club, have been consistent, often unseen and overshadowed by the day-to-day operation of Geppetto Woodcarvers.

Serving as secretary-treasurer during both terms of Pete's presidency we worked well together to support the club. It was my honor and a privilege to present Pete with this much deserved award. I was even able to get a hug from my very good friend and now a Life Member of Geppetto Woodcarvers.

Patrick Wentzel – Secretary-Treasurer  
Geppetto Woodcarvers



## **Message From the President**

Looking over the past year, Geppetto Woodcarvers had a very successful year. We have tried to have a project on the second Saturday of each month and we were able to have nine projects which includes the project (Painting a Chickadee) that is scheduled for December 13, 2025. We are trying to continue to have projects during 2026 and so far, we have already scheduled seven (7) projects. We want to have projects that members want to see and make. If you have a project that you would like to see or would be willing to do please let Larry Hershman or one of the officers know and we will do our best to get it scheduled.

Over the past year, club members demonstrated carving at the following events; Carving on the Porch, Barlow Fair, Parkersburg Art Center's ArtOberfest, and Carvers on the Porch event at New Matamoras and the annual Blennerhassett Quilt Show. Besides the enjoyment of sharing our love of woodcarving these events are also for member recruitment. Several people indicated they were interested in learning more about woodcarving. Club members are encouraged to attend these area events.

Pete Yakob was made a life member. (See the article in this newsletter.)

We had great food and fellowship at the following events the past year: annual picnic at Williamston Park, monthly lunches were held on third Wednesday of the month and don't forget the annual Christmas party that will be held December 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM at King's Buffet & Grill. I look forward to seeing everyone at the party and at the December 13, business meeting.

Roy Holliday President

## **From the Secretary – Treasurer**

Another great year for Geppetto Woodcarvers is about to end. The club needs to continue to fine-tune our course and purpose for the coming years. Reach out to the club officers with ideas you have for future club projects and growth opportunities that will continue the success of the club.

Membership dues are payable for 2026. Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions or if you have not paid your membership dues. We also need the signed waiver of liability for each member and family member participating in club events.

Members and past members who have not attended meetings or participated in club activities recently, please let me know how you are doing. If there is anything the club can do for you let me know.

Pat

## **Board of Directors**

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## **November Meeting Attendees:**

Roy Holliday, Pete Yakob, Ron Leisure, Marcia Holschuh, Steve Miracle, Richard Ward, Dale Lott, Betty Boot, Fred Esker, and Pat Wentzel.

No door prize was given in November.

## **Club Auction**

Our quarterly auction will be held at the December meeting. All proceeds from your donated items will go toward the operation of the club. These quarterly auctions are an opportunity for you to clean out your extra carving items or whatever. These are always fun events.

## **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following members.

Betty Boot

Please let club secretary Pat Wentzel know if we have missed anyone.

## **2025 Christmas Party**

The 2026 Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 PM at King's Buffet & Grill in Parkersburg. We will have a gift exchange for members that wish to participate.

## **Angel Tree Project**

An update on the 2025 Angel Tree Project will be presented at the December meeting. A full report on the complete project will be made at the January meeting.

## December, 2025 Project - Painting a Chickadee

### **Items to Bring**

- Water container to wash brushes
- Paper towels
- Brushes
  - Liner        1/4"    angle or flat
  - Liner        1/8"    angle or flat
  - Liner        1/2"    angle or flat

### **Paint Brand of Choice – Americana Brand Recommended**

- Burnt Sienna
- Slate Gray
- Zinc
- Black
- Cool White

Base coat carved bird with thinned white gesso or acrylic. Cover fully for this will be finished bird's white feathers. Bring white base coat paint/medium for touchups.

### **Supplied Items**

- Pallet paper
- Practice paper
- Printed picture with painting instructions
- Paint to practice in class: Burnt Sienna, Slate Gray, Zinc, Black, and Cool White

## Facebook

Steve Miracle has been posting pictures of the club activities on Facebook if you would like to see these pictures go to the club's group on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/geppettowoodcarvers>

## Club 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are being sold for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 50/50 raffle. See Steve Miracle, raffle chairman, if you are interested in purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets are also available for purchase by non-club members. The fourth quarter drawing will be at the January 10, 2026 meeting.

## **Buy, Sell or Trade Classified Ads**

Ad listings are free. Once an item is inserted it will continue until the member asks to have the ad removed. Send your item, your price and contact info for the ad to Pat for insertion in the newsletter.

## **For Sale or Trade**

**Original Dockyard micro carving tools.** A selection of 1.5mm through 5.0mm U gouges and one 2.0mm skew. These are the original manufactured Dockyard tools and not the current production with the new manufacturer. Tools are \$12.00 each Retail @22.00 each. Pat Wentzel pwentzel@patrickwentzel.com 304-893-7146

**Record woodcarving work positioner.** The positioner clamps to your workbench allow 360 degrees rotation of the carving subject and 90 degrees swing forward and backwards. Email for photos. Asking \$50.00. Pat Wentzel pwentzel@patrickwentzel.com 304-893-7146



## Geppetto Club Projects Schedule

Monthly Meeting Date	Monthly Project	Project Leader	Comments
December 13, 2025	Painting a Chickadee	Sharon Dye	
January 10, 2026	Large Size Carving	Guy Tessum	
February 14, 2026	Small Red Bird	Dale Lott	
March 14, 2026	Carving Awareness Ribbon	Larry Hershman	
April 11, 2026	How to finish Carvings	Sharon Dye	
May 9, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	None	Carving on the porch
June 13, 2026	Green Wood Carving	Guy Tessum	
July 11, 2026	Name Tags	Marcia Holschuh	
August 8, 2026	Wood Burning 101	Roy Holliday	
September 12, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
October 10, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
November TBD, 2026	No Project	All	Club meets at Blennerhassett Museum for the quilt show

### On going Projects

Eagle head Sticks  
Angel Tree Christmas Ornaments  
Quilt Blocks

### Future Projects that need a project leader and Scheduled

Wood Burning  
Toy Soldier  
Snowman  
Relief Carving

## Geppetto Club Activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>December 11, 2025</b>	Christmas Party	King's Buffet & Grill 1302 Garfield Ave. Parkersburg, WV
<b>December 13, 2025</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>January 10, 2026</b>	Election of Officers	
<b>January 10, 2026</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>February 2026</b>	Nothing Scheduled	
<b>March 14, 2026</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>April 11, 2026</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>May 9, 2026</b>	Carving On Porch	Woodcraft
<b>June 13, 2026</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>July 11, 2026</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>July 18, 2026</b>	Club Picnic	Tomlison Park, Williamstown WV
<b>August 2026</b>	Nothing Scheduled	
<b>September 12, 2026</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>September 26, 2026</b>	Barlow Fair	Intersection 339 and 550 Barlow OH
<b>October 10, 2026</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>TBD</b>	Parkersburg Art Center ArtOberFest	
<b>October 17, 2026</b>	Carving in New Matamoras	
<b>November 7, 2026</b>	Warren Craft Show	Warren High School, Barlow, OH
<b>November TBD, 2026</b>	Quilt Show/Quilt on Display/Carving Demo	Blennerhassett Museum



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.

<b>December 2025</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
12/3/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
12/9/2025	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
12/10/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
12/11/2025	6:30 PM	Club Christmas Party	King's Buffet & Grill 1302 Garfield Ave. Parkersburg, WV
12/13/2025	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
12/13/2025	10:20 AM	Club Auction	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
12/17/2025	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
12/23/2025	N/A	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	As this is the day before Christmas Eve their will not be a carving session.
12/24/2025	N/A	Carving at Woodcraft	As this is Christmas Eve their will not be a carving session.
12/31/2025	N/A	Carving at Woodcraft	As this is New Years Eve their will not be a carving session.

<b>January 2026</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
1/7/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
1/10/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
1/13/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
1/14/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
1/21/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
1/21/2026	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Woodcraft 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Luncheon	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
1/27/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
1/28/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV