



Geppetto Woodcarvers

PARKERSBURG WV

April 2026

News Letter

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Message From the President

One of the club's big events of each year is carving on the porch. Which is a great time for all members to come out and show some of their carvings so others may enjoy seeing them. This year the Dover club will also be attending this event. This is a great time to see other carvings and get some great ideas for future carvings. Please put this event on your calendar for May 2, 2026, between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Other member projects are a joy to look at and to hear how they were developed. We may learn some new techniques and be able to use them on a future project.

I would like to thank Fred Williams for sharing his chain saw at show and tell at the March business meeting. This was a great project, and everyone enjoyed the story behind the chain saw. Please look around and bring some of your cool projects to April 11, 2026, meeting.

We continue to look for members to come up with projects that they would like to see. Therefore, put your thinking cap on and think about what you would like to see or lead and contact Pat Wentzel to get the project scheduled.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the April 11, 2026, business meeting.

Roy Holliday
President

From the Secretary – Treasurer

I still need 2026 membership dues from a few members. I would like to close out the 2026 renewal process ASAP. Please contact me if you need a membership and club liability waiver form. If you are mailing your dues by, check please make the check out to Patrick Wentzel. Mailing address is 2310 Highland Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Patrick Wentzel
Secretary-Treasurer

Former Club Member Obituary



Tim was a Geppetto Woodcarvers member most recent in 2007.

Timothy V. Geist, 73, of Vienna, WV went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Marietta Memorial Hospital. He was born October 15, 1952, in Warren, OH, a son of the late Millard C. and Laverne A. Easton Geist.

Timothy had a love for woodworking and was very active w/ former students of Mt. Carmel High School in Jackson, KY. He took pride in owning his own business for 40 years, T.V. Geist Manufacturing.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Shirley Geist; two daughters, Susan Marie Geist and Kathryn Thompson; his grandchildren, Samuel Christian Thompson and Josiah Douglas Thompson.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his step-mother, Alma Gingrich Geist; and his brother, Thomas Geist.

A Memorial Service to honor Timothy's life will be held 1:00 PM Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Vienna, with Pastors Steve Thibault and Jason Parsons officiating. A gathering of family and friends will begin at 11:00 AM until time of service at the funeral home.

Club Shirts

Club shirt information including styles, sizes, and pricing was sent via email to the membership. If you have not received the information, contact Pat Wentzel ASAP. A shirt order will be placed on April 9th.

A reminder for new members or members that may not have ordered their first shirt. One of the club's benefits is paying \$10.00 toward your first club shirt. Shirts range from \$25 - \$40 depending on the type of shirt. Club members wanting to purchase additional shirts may contact Pat. Club members look sharp at club events all decked out in Geppetto Woodcarvers Blue.

We have one (1) XL and one (1) 2XL polo shirt available for sale. The price is \$20.00 each. Contact Pat Wentzel if you are interested in purchasing these shirts.

Club Luncheon



The theme for the third Wednesday, Geppetto Lunch this month was Pasta Galore. The Members had a variety of pasta dishes to choose from but settled on Pasta Fagoli, Mac and Cheese and Spaghetti with meat sauce. Sides included two pasta salads along with bread sticks. Once again, we were treated to delicious cheesecake by Bob and Marian Barnes. Cookies by Betty and a surprise chocolate birthday cake with a few candles.

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Life Member and oldest member Jerry Yancy. Thankfully 90 candles were not on the cake. If so, they might have set off the store's fire alarm.



Chef Pedro was presented a surprise gift – a special Chef Pedro apron specially made by the Wentzel clan. They must have known that food usually ends up on the Chefs shirt




Chef Pedro


Project Coordinator

Contact Pat Wentzel with ideas for monthly projects, demonstrations, and educational presentations. We need members to come forward and lead these monthly events. The club will provide upfront material costs for approved projects.

Lunch and Coffee Cost



Geppetto Members are asked to donate \$1 for paper products and serving ware at each Monthly lunch.



If you are a coffee drinker, a \$2 donation is requested whenever Chef Pete asks for one.

Quilt project

At the April meeting we will have the final call for members that have not signed up for their first quilt block. If you will not be at the April meeting and have not signed up for a quilt block you will need to contact me prior to the April meeting to reserve your block.

Members who wish to do a second block will have the opportunity to select another block at the April meeting. I will figure out a way that the second block is from a different time period than your first block.

2025 Quilt Display Schedule Through October

Carving on the Porch Woodcraft – May 2nd

Senior Citizen's Building, St. Mary's, WV – July 1st through July 31st

Please contact Patrick Wentzel if you know of a location where we can securely display the quilt. We would like to display the quilt in Mid-Ohio Valley as much as possible to show the craftsmanship of club members and to advertise Geppetto Woodcarvers.

Photos of WesBanco display



Show and Tell



Fred Williams Chain Saw

Hack of the Month

When painting with acrylics, never leave paint in your brushes. Rinse thoroughly in water, blot on paper towel and lay flat to dry. Water in ferrule may damage bristles. Never leave brushes sitting in water basin. Brushes may be stored vertically after dried to prevent distortion or damage. If painting with oils or stains, use mineral spirits to clean brushes. A product called Awesome, available at The Dollar Store, works very well. I have removed dried acrylics from cloth by spraying, hands rubbing, rinsing from the inside out, repeating until not visible and then machine washing. Once a brush is used for oils, I keep it for oils. A used, out of shape brush is useful for dry brushing, rouging or blending. Happy painting!

Sharon Dye

Angel Tree Project

The November Warren Craft show will be here in the blink of Santat's eye. We need your Christmas ornaments and other carved items for our angel tree project. The club's goal for 2026 is to support five children. I hope we can count on each club to contribute to this worthwhile project. Don't wait until the fall to carve an ornament. If you have an idea for an item, please contact Pat Wentzel.

Patrick Wentzel – Chair
Geppetto Woodcarvers Angel Tree Project

Club 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are being sold for the 2026, 1st 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 1st quarter drawing will be at the **April 11, 2026**, meeting.

Club Auction

Our next quarterly auction will be held at the **June 13, 2026**, 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.

Board of Directors

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April Meeting Attendees:

Roy Holliday, Pete Yakob, Marcia Holschuh, Sharon Dye, Ron Leisure, Dale Lott, Bob Barnes, Fred Williams, Sandy Scott, Jake Ziggafoos, Pat Wentzel, Betty Boot, Jerry Yancy.

Sharon Dye won the door prize winner.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday and Belated Birthdays to our members

Marcia Holschuh – April

If we have missed anyone, please contact the secretary.

April Project – How to Finish Carving

PROJECT TITLE:	How to finish Carving
PROJECT LEAD:	Sharon Dye
BRIEF DISCRIPTION OF PROJECT:	Learn how projects are finished. (for example paint, water-colors, colored pencils etc.)
MATERIALS NEEDED:	Please come to the April meeting with some of your own hand carvings to share your finishing techniques and products. We have a lot of experience in our club, and it is important and encouraging to share your knowledge. I've heard about using leather dyes, colored pencils, gesso, linseed oil and other mediums for finishing. What do you use?
MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CLUB:	None
MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY PARTICIPANTS:	Participants bring finished projects to share techniques and products to finish their carved items.
NOTE:	Please come and share with us on April 11th.

Geppetto Club Projects Schedule

Monthly Meeting Date	Monthly Project	Project Leader	Comments
April 11, 2026	How to finish Carvings	Sharon Dye	
May 9, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	None	
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	Christmas Ornaments	Pete Yakob	
October 10, 2026	Chip Carving	Fred Esker Fred Williams	
November TBD, 2026	No Project	All	Club meets at Blennerhassett Museum for the quilt show
December 12, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
January 9, 2027	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
February 13, 2027	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
March 13, 2027	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	

Ongoing Projects

Eagle head Sticks
Angel Tree Christmas Ornaments
Quilt Blocks

Future Projects that need a project leader and Scheduled

Toy Soldier
Snowman
Relief Carving
Software for Drawings
Spoon Class on usable Spoons

Geppetto Club Activities

Date	Activity	Comments
April 11, 2026	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
May 2, 2026	Carving On Porch	Woodcraft
June 13, 2026	Club Auction	Woodcraft
July 11, 2026	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
July 18, 2026	Club Picnic	Tomlison Park, Williamstown WV
August 2026	Nothing Scheduled	
September 12, 2026	Club Auction	Woodcraft
September 26, 2026	Barlow Fair	Intersection 339 and 550 Barlow OH
October 10, 2026	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
TBD	Parkersburg Art Center ArtOberFest	
October 17, 2026	Carving in New Matamoras	
November 7, 2026	Warren Craft Show	Warren High School, Barlow, OH
November TBD, 2026	Quilt Show/Quilt on Display/Carving Demo	Blennerhassett Museum
December TBD, 2026	Christmas Party	King's Buffet & Grill 1302 Garfield Ave. Parkersburg, WV
December 12, 2026	Club Auction	Woodcraft
January 9, 2027	Election of Officers	
January 9, 2026	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
February 2027	Nothing Scheduled	
March 13, 2027	Club Auction	Woodcraft

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.

April 2026			
Date	Time	Activity	Location
4/1/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/8/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/11/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/14/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
2/11/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/11/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/15/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/22/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/22/2026	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Woodcraft 3 rd Wednesday Luncheon	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
4/28/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
4/29/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV

May 2026

Date	Time	Activity	Location
5/2/2026		Carvin on The Porch	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/6/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/9/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/12/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
5/13/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/20/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/26/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
5/27/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV