



# Geppetto Woodcarvers

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News Letter

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## Message From the President

Carving on the porch was a remarkable success this year, with twenty-seven people attending. Members of the Dover club also joined us. Although the weather was a little cool, we enjoyed tasty food, fellowship, and looking at all of the outstanding carvings that inspired ideas for future projects. See photos from Carving on the Porch below.

The Parkersburg Art Center invited the club to attend the Artist Studio Tour on June 13, 2026. As the June project was canceled, due to other obligations, the officers decided this was a wonderful opportunity for the Geppetto Woodcarvers to demonstrate, show some of the great work the club does and possibly get some new members.

The auction and other business originally scheduled for the June 13, 2026, will be moved to the July 11, 2026, business meeting. The green wood project will be rescheduled for a future date.

I look forward to seeing everyone either at the Art Center on June 13, 2026, or at the July 11, 2026, business meeting if you can't make it out to the Artist Studio Tour.

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 membership renewal year. Members that have not renewed will receive an email with the amount due, a membership form and club liability waiver form. Please contact me if you have questions. If you are mailing your dues and paying by check please make the check out to Patrick Wentzel. Mailing address is 2310 Highland Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Receiving the Life Member recognition from the club members at Carving on the Porch was overwhelming. Since my heart attack in 2018 my emotions are at a much higher level. It was very difficult to hold everything together in front of the members and our guests. My mother instilled in me whether it is your family, a group or organization you are member of, or your

friends; to always be passionate, work for the good of order, and always be attentive to the situation where you may add value and support. The Geppetto Woodcarvers Life Member Award is a huge, huge honor. My dearest thanks to each of you from the bottom of my heart.

Patrick Wentzel  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Project Coordinator

Contact Pat Wentzel with ideas for monthly projects, demonstrations, and educational presentations. There are no projects scheduled after October. Good monthly projects don't just happen overnight.

Our goal is a 12-month rolling schedule of projects, demonstrations and presentations. Club participation has been good for new and unusual projects and educational demonstrations. The project schedule is available with the newsletter on our website. The hope is that new or interested carvers will see what we are offering each month and plan a visit a club meeting. The club will provide upfront material costs for approved projects. Please work with the project coordinator to discuss your project or ideas you would like to see as a future project.

## Quilt Project

We have 5 completed quilt blocks for the 2026 quilt project. This will be a outstanding and colorful quilt project. I need to contact several members to find the missing quilt block by the process of elimination. I'll try to do this in the next week so we can assign the remaining blocks.

The 2025 quilt will be in Sistersville for the month of July. Contact Pat Wentzel if you know a location where the quilt can be safely displayed. We need to have the quilt in the area for everyone to enjoy.

## 2025 Quilt Display Schedule Through October

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

Wesbanco Bank, Parkersburg, WV December 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup> (new quilt project)

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.

## Carver Spotlight



What an interesting interview this was, meeting with Guy Tessum in order to write about him in the Geppetto newsletter Carver Spotlight. In addition to being a woodcarver, Guy has had a very interesting life. It's fun to learn facts about a fellow carver that may not come up during a carving session.

Guy was born in Iowa and after graduation joined the Navy and moved to California. At this point in our conversation, I could have talked with him forever, because what he did in the Navy was so interesting. All of us have a story to tell. What has brought us together is woodcarving, but it is certainly not our only talent, hobby, past time, or interest.

Guy left the Navy and California in 1993 after surviving (thank goodness) a devastating earthquake in which Guy, his wife, Denise, and children lost everything they owned. It was definitely time to leave California.

On their drive East, they stopped in Iowa to see relatives. Guy's uncle was a woodcarver and made caricature carvings. Guy thought at the time, that would be a good hobby to get into now that he had left the Navy.

They settled outside Marietta and in 1996 Guy was asked to help construct a hand-carved totem pole that would be displayed at a new park that was being built, named The Incredible Community Playground. This was no small task. This totem pole stood 44 feet tall and was made up of animals chosen by children at the local elementary school. It took a year to finish it.

Guy took about ten years away from carving and picked up leatherworking as a hobby but is now back to carving. He joined Geppetto in 2024. His ability to picture a design in his head and

just start carving is a captivating thing to watch. Guy has a carving type all his own-its definitely flat plane carving but very detailed, unlike some of the flat plane carving that you really have to have a good sense of imagination to tell what it represents. He wants what he carves to be recognizable as hand carved, so he likes the knife marks to show. His favorite part of carving is that he can “sink into a carving and leave the world behind”. Guy assists the club with making eagle head walking sticks and is looking forward to making Christmas ornaments this fall.

Every one of his carvings has little details that are fun to find. Guy is a great teacher and has taught classes to the Geppetto members on making leather knife sheaths, large scale carving and an upcoming one on carving green wood. He’s a patient teacher and always ready to lend a hand to a new carver (like me!).

Marcia Holschuh





## Road Trip !!

The group trip to Dover to visit the Warther Museum will take place on Thursday June 25, 2026. Google maps says it's an hour and 20 minutes to Dover. Let's plan to meet at Warther's between 10:00 and 10:30. There is a guided tour at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$20 to visit the Museum and Gardens.

If anyone wants to go but doesn't want to drive, please email me at [mholschuh401@gmail.com](mailto:mholschuh401@gmail.com) or call me at 740-350-0250. We have people going that are willing to share a ride. It should be a fun day. Plans are to have lunch afterward. You know our group likes to eat!!

Marcia Holschuh

## Angel Tree Project

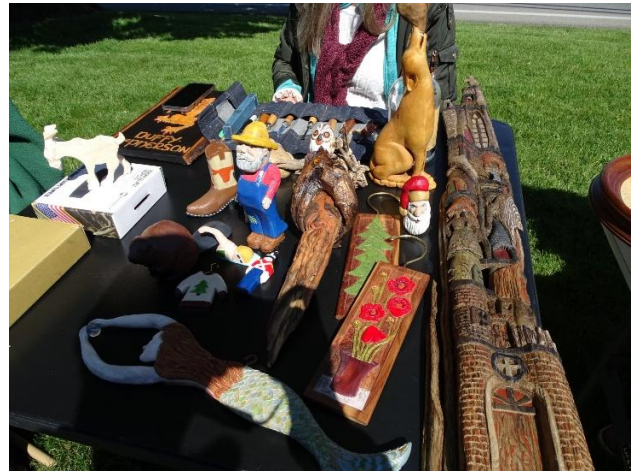
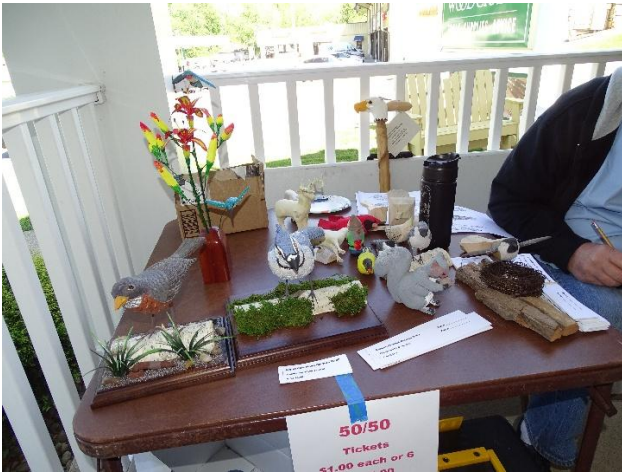
Our 2026 Angle Tree Project goal is to support five children. I have only received a few ornaments as we approach the middle of June. We need your contributions to the project. The club library is source of many good patterns. Ideas for ornaments ae easily found over the internet. Photos of ornaments can easily be turned into patterns. If any member needs help just ask me or another club member. Angels, Santas, Christmas toys, animals, trees, college logos, and other Christmas symbols are great ornament subjects. Please let me know if I can help. I know the children can count on Geppetto Woodcarvers again this year.

Thanks so much.

Patrick Wentzel – Chair  
Geppetto Woodcarvers Angel Tree Project

## Carving on the Porch 2026 Pictures







## Club 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are being sold for the 2026, 2<sup>nd</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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter drawing will be at the **July 11, 2026**, meeting.

## Club Auction

The next club auction will be held at the July business meeting. Let's clean out our extra tools, books, wood and other carving supplies. The revenue from the auctions has gone a long way to help the club offset our expenses. The auctions are fun and this is an opportunity for club members to acquire new tools and supplies.

## Website Second Quarter Report

The goal is to periodically post newsletters to the restricted area of the website. Also periodically update main page photos. The goal is to complete the project by December 31, 2026.

Guy Tessum

## June Birthdays

Jennifer Carpenter

Dale Lott

Jim Nelson

Patrick Wentzel

If we have missed anyone, please contact the secretary.

### Board of Directors

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## May Meeting Attendees:

Roy Holliday, Rich Ward, Ron Leisure, Sharon Dye, Fred Williams, Dale Lott, Steve Miracle, Pat Wentzel, Jerry Yancey, Bob Barnes, Lois Dye, Marcia Holschuh, and Jake Ziggafos.

Steve Miracle won the door prize winner. Winner of Birds: Dale Lott, Louis Dye and Marcia Holschuh.

## Carved Chickadees

Sharon Dye and Ron Leisure carved chickadees for an acrylic painting class at the Williamstown Public Library. Thanks to Lisa, the librarian, the library, and Artsbridge 26 women had the opportunity to paint and take home their own bird. It was a great art party for the community. It even sparked some interest in carving.

Sharon Dye



## Meet Me on Market

Ron Leisure and Sharon Dye participated in Meet Me On Market in downtown Parkersburg WV, on May 15, 2026. A display table was set up for Geppetto Woodcarvers to interest fellow artisans into our craft. Community turnout was good and we got several contacts for potential new club members. It was a fun time for all. Please volunteer to come down to the next Meet Me On Market event.

Sharon Dye



## Eagle Head Sticks

On Saturday, May 23, a Memorial Day celebration was held in Marietta Ohio at the Veteran's Walk of Honor at the Ohio National Guard armory. Dale Lott and Marcia Holschuh attended the event and presented 10 Eagle head sticks made by Geppetto woodcarvers to very appreciative veterans.



Past mayor of Marietta, Michael "Moon" Mullin started the ceremony and introduced Dale and Marcia to the crowd.



All veterans, the 3 Romig brothers were recipients of Eagle head sticks.



Darrell Shock



Hugh Coffman, Marietta



Darrell Shock, USAF , with Dale Lott, woodcarver.

## Jerry Yancey Presenting Eagle Head Stick



## Pictures of Wednesday Carving



## Burning Bird Feathers Pictures

Steve Miracle had a great class on burning Bird Feathers.



## Show and Tell Pictures

Pat Wentzel brought in some great circus figures for show and tell.



## Geppetto Club Projects Schedule

<b>Monthly Meeting Date</b>	<b>Monthly Project</b>	<b>Project Leader</b>	<b>Comments</b>
June 13, 2026	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
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	
April 10, 2027	Nothing Scheduled	TBD	
May 8, 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  
Green Wood Carving - Guy Tessum

## Geppetto Club Activities

Date	Activity	Comments
<b>June 13, 2026</b>	Artist Studio Tour	Parkersburg Art Center
<b>July 11, 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
<b>December TBD, 2026</b>	Christmas Party	King's Buffet & Grill 1302 Garfield Ave. Parkersburg, WV
<b>December 12, 2026</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>January 9, 2027</b>	Election of Officers	
<b>January 9, 2026</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>February 2027</b>	Nothing Scheduled	
<b>March 13, 2027</b>	Club Auction	Woodcraft
<b>April 10, 2027</b>	Club Raffle	Woodcraft
<b>May 1, 2027</b>	Carving On Porch	Woodcraft

In order to ensure all members know 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>June 2026</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
6/3/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
6/9/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
6/10/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
6/13/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
6/17/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
6/17/2026	12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Woodcraft 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Luncheon	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
5/20/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
6/23/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
6/24/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV

## July 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7/1/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
7/8/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
7/11/2026	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Business Meeting at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
7/14/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
7/15/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
7/18/2026	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Club Picnic	Tomlison Park, Williamstown WV
7/22/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV
7/28/2026	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Carving at Blennerhassett Museum	137 Juliana St Parkersburg, WV 26104
7/29/2026	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Carving at Woodcraft	4420 Emerson Avenue Parkersburg, WV