



South Towns Wood Carvers Newsletter.

Elma Senior Citizens Center 3007 Bowen Road, Elma, New York

PLEASE do not send mail to the above address

Guests and Visitors Welcome

October 2019

Club Website: <http://southtownsnny.tripod.com>

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October 1st 2019

Regular business meeting. Doors open at 6:00pm

Demonstrators

October Chris Kieber - TBA

Nominations for 2020 Officers

Nominations for 2020 officers will be this month. Please consider running for an office. New people means new ideas.

Available offices:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Board of directors.

November Meeting

The November meeting date was changed to October 29th.
This change was due to a conflict with Election Day. The Elma Senior Center is a polling place.

Woodburning

Want to try woodburning? Sandy Delphard will be giving classes in woodburning at the Town of Tonawanda Senior Center starting on September 11th.

Time: 9-11 am Wednesdays

Where: Town of Tonawanda Senior Center
291 Ensminger Rd Tonawanda NY

Erie County Fair

At September's meeting the Erie County Fair was critiqued. The captured comments are listed below:

Pros

- Bigger space
- Air Conditioning
- Visitors seemed to spend more time
- Floor Layout
- Close to Rest rooms
- Glass cases
- Open area
- One floor
- High traffic

Cons

- Too many items to close together
- Exhibition items mixed in with the items in competition
- Poor lighting
- Items should be kept together by class
- More and better rope-offs
- More security needed and better locations
- Too much food and beverage in building
- Display cabinets to close to floor
- Signage need on different classifications
- Bigger demonstration area
- Need some kind of a back drop on the Merit and Best of Show display
- Plastic chain ineffective
- More chairs around the demo area and more chairs in general seating
- Display tables should be tiered
- Signs on the chairs used for security "Security Only"
- Limit the number of exhibition items by person
- Bigger break room
- Room to cold
- Judge selection ahead of time (early commitments)
 - Club members could judge Novice and Intermediate
- Transportation for those who need it to and from the Gate/parking area
 - "Friends of the Fair" should be better utilized.

Chuck Trudel's comments.

Some comments may be duplicate of previous. These comments are from Chuck's hand written list that was submitted.

Suggestions

1. Open displays are fine but should have a barrier, such as a chain or rail to prevent handling by spectators or children
2. The winners table should be located near the front entrance and the Novice and Intermediate winners tables moved to the rear of the room.
3. Novice and Intermediate carving should be in separate cases or tables, not with the open entries and the table should be located in the rear of the room by their winners tables. Ribbons for Novice and Intermediate should be smaller than the ribbons for the open class. Signs for Novice and Intermediate would be desirable.
4. Carvings should be displayed by class. (It would help both the exhibitors and visitors compare the competition.
5. Need more cabinets and or tables for displays. For table display a 12" shelf to provide a second tier would be helpful.
6. Raise cabinets 18" for better visibility
7. Display sign (by Don Miller) should be displayed near the entrance. (Mount on a movable post)
8. Rule 13 prohibits more than 2 ribbons per person per class. (It may have been an oversight but 3 ribbons were awarded to one person this year)

Proposed rule changes

1. Limit number of entries to 30 total.
2. Rule 13. Each participant may submit no more than 4 entries per class. Only two ribbons will be awarded to an entrant in each class including honorable mention ribbons. (Remove – "no limit on number of exhibition entries)

Rule 8. Power tool carving is allowed. Any carving that is produced either partially or entirely using any form of duplicating machine or computer aided machine must be entered in the rough o

Upcoming Events for 2019

October 1 st	Business meeting (Nomination of Officers for 2020)
October 29 th	November meeting. Conflict with election day so date was moved. Carving Focused Meeting (Election of Officers and Club Auction)
December 3 rd	Christmas Party

If you have something of interest to the club that you would like included in the newsletter, see me at our meeting, contact me at 716-689-6795 or e-mail at william.scudder@verizon.net

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