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SHOW & TELL



Chris shows a Pintail Drake carved by his father in the 70's. It was given to Chris by the owner to fix it.



Dick holds a Gold Finch which he carved, painted and designed so it can be hung on the wall



Richard shows a Wood Duck Slick which he carved and painted.



Gene holds a pair of Blue Wing Teal Slicks he carved and painted

ATTENTION MEMBERS :

Our June Board/General monthly meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Clearview Parkway, Metairie Louisiana.

In April 2023 a suggestion was made by a board member (to enhance our competition) to invite world champion carvers (from other areas of the country) to come each year to our show and help judge the purchase award categories and perhaps give a demo. The proposal was communicated to the board, voted on and approved. As a result Richard, Emile and Dickey approached several carvers at the 2023 Ward World Championship in Ocean City Maryland. During the May meeting the board approved to compensate the chosen visiting carver for his travel expenses.



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Emile opened the meeting and welcomed everyone back since we had no April meeting. He welcomed our guests tonight, Kevin from Houma and John from Mississippi. He also welcomed back John Scallan who was out of town for our last meeting.

Emile asked if anyone heard from Cal. Chris Weaver said he saw Cal and he was still ill. Emile said that Ralph is doing well, but he is not carving and is losing his eye site. Joan said that she spoke with Lydia and she was still having problems with the shingles. She said that Lydia mentioned that we could leave the Art display till the show, but would have to find a new place to store it after. Please keep members who are mentioned above in your thoughts and prayers.

Emile said that Kermit Breaux, a carver and member of LWCCG, passed away and that his funeral was held on May 31st. He said that a Memorial Service was held for Roger Bourgeois, a long time member and supporter of LWCCG on May 6th and that he and Gene attended the funeral. Carolyn, his wife thanked them for attending. Please keep Kermit's Family and Roger's Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Emile said that Jean Frank who recently passed had been chosen to receive the lifetime achievement award for this year 2023 and asked who should we contact in the family. Richard said you should contact her Grand Daughter. A suggestion was made to come up with some ideas to create a Memorial plaque or symbol honoring founders of LWCCG Mr. Charles Frank and his wife Jean. After discussing, a motion was made, voted on and passed by membership. Gene and Richard volunteered to work with Emile.

Emile said that he and his wife went to the Ward World Show in Ocean City, Maryland for their first time. Several of our members attended as well. He named a list of members who did well in the competition and said they enjoyed the show. He noted that David Sibernagel who entered for the 1st time won a 3rd Best of Show in Novice. Emile congratulated all who won. He thanked Curt for bringing boxes of our 2023 Show Rules Books up to the Ward Show to distribute and he thanked Richard and Curt for judging at the Ward Show.

One of our members said we need to search for more sponsor potentials . Coca Cola Company and Cajun Land.

Next on Emile's agenda was the trophies he has been working to clean. He said they now needed to be polished and asked for a volunteer. Judy Sibley offered to do the job. While on the subject of the trophies, Mike said that it was important to restore them. The North American Championship Trophies were given to us by the Michigan Carving Show, one of the big shows of the North. Many of the winning names are prestigious old carver names on the plaques. A motion was then made to do what was necessary to restore and preserve them with the club covering the cost. It was voted on and passed by the membership.

Emile mentioned that the old club lap top computer was very outdated and he needed a new computer. He asked for approval which was given. Motion was made for Emile to get a new computer and a motion was made to allow a \$500 spending budget limit without prior approval. Both motions were voted on and passed by the membership.

Emile said that Joe, our webmaster updated some things on our website.

Joan said she needs some volunteers to work with the St. Tammany School board for our Children's Art Competition. She said she is still working on it.

Ducks unlimited contacted Gene and wants to do a photo shoot on his junior carving class. Gene agreed.

Emile said that we have been notified that we have to pay sales tax on anything sold at the show that is \$600 or more and that our club treasurer will be giving anyone who wins a purchase award a tax form to fill out. Chris Weaver said that if you are selling something you carved you need to get a state form and write on it I sell my own work and I am exempt from local taxes. You will still have to pay federal taxes.

Emile has contacted the Castine Center to change the Banquet to a new location. We would have it at the location of our show and would have it catered. He also would like to change the date of the Banquet from the last Wednesday in September to October during the show weekend on that Saturday night. He is still working on it, getting prices on chair and table set ups, rental of a room, and finding a caterer. He will let us know more at the next meeting in June.

Door prizes were given out and being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.