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NATIONAL FISH CARVERS GUILD NATIONAL FISH CARVERS GUILD IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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All great events have a story behind them and this is ours. The beginnings of the National Fish Carvers Guild was conceived by a small group of dedicated fish carvers. The group consisted of beginning novice to world class carvers, they were young and old and in a couple of cases just down right ancient. What they had in commons was a vision that something great was about to happen. I still recall those inspiring words that started it all around the breakfast table in that small town restaurant in Eastern Washington. "Wouldn't it be great if we could share this ex-



perience with others," now nine months later we "delivered" metaphorically, the birth of a new era in fish carving. Pictured above is the group of dedicated fish carvers that inspired the beginnings of what is now know as the National Fish Carvers Guild. Top (left to right)

Ron Edwards, Scott Brown, Larry Deedon, our instructor Jeff Compton, Jerry Simchuck, Royce Embanks, Bottom (left to right) Ed Barrett, Rich Grienart, Andy Anderson, Dale Barrett, and Ray Dodge. Classes like the one pictured above are just one of the many benefits..

MISSION OF GUILD

The mission of the guild is: to promote, create, and enlarge the art of carving, designing, appreciating and exhibiting fish carvings; to disseminate information about fish carving activities world wide to its membership; issue publications which will provide

information on the art of fish carving not only to members but also to the public at-large; to provide information to the public-at-large through news releases to the media and other public relation endeavors; to encourage and promote the chartering of local

chapters where interest is expressed and to assist them in becoming and remaining viable. To exemplify the Guilds professionalism, the governing board of directors have adopted the follow core values of: Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

National Fish Carvers Guild Board of Directors

On Nov. 6, 2004 a small group of founding charter members gathered to install the first governing board of directors and discuss critical timelines on task to be completed. From that meeting the following Charter members have been installed as the current Board of Directors to lead us through the first 2 years of the National Fish Carvers Guild.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson—Dan Patterson
Vice Chair—Larry Deedon
Secretary— Dale B. Barrett
Treasury— Ed Barrett

Western Chapter

Co-Chairpersons

Scott Brown & Ray Dodge

tions process, please send all communications to the Secretary by the following means:

Email - Flyboy@bendcable.com

Mail - 922 NW 20th Ct

Redmond, Or 97756

Ph - 541-923-5935 After 6pm

Cell - 541-279-9461 Anytime

To simplify our communica-

Up and Coming Events

OR Jan 15-16 2005

Costal Carvers

13th Annual Artistry in Wood Chinook Winds Convention Center, Lincoln City, OR Contact Jon "Andy" Anderson Ph 541-994-4841 or icarve@charter.net

CA Feb 26 - 27 2005

Calif. Open Wildfowl & Fish Carvers 32nd Annual, Balboa Park Club, San Diego Ca Ph 760-945-8442 or Mike Dowell mdowell@earthlink.net

IL Mar 31 - Apr 2 2005

World Fish Carving Championship

Sponsored by Breakthrough Magazine Ph 985-345-7266 or breakthrough@earthlink.net

BC Apr 9-10 2005

Brant Festival

15th Annual Wildlife Carving Competition & 8th Annual Fish Carving Championship, Parksville Community Centre 132 E. Jensen Ave, Parksville BC Contact Jack Vincent 250-954-3262 jkvin@shaw.ca

WA Apr 16-17 2005

Quilceda Carvers

20th Annual Show & Judged Competition at Evergreen Fair Grounds, Monroe, WA Contact Jerry Clapp 425-828-3136 or Charlie Ricketts 360.435.5413 rickettscharlie@aol.com

The NFCG is dedicated to promot-

ing the art of fish carving. Many of our artisans are involved in shows for both competition and sales. One of our goals is to support you in those endeavors.

We will be having a booth at the Costal Carvers Show in Jan 05, any members or prospective members at this point are invited to bring two pieces of their work to display at the show.

Additionally, if you know of shows/events that promote the art of fish carving, please submit your recommendations to the NFCG board.

Looking for Volunteers to serve on NFCG committee's

The following is a list of standing committees established by the Board of Directors to assist in the goals of the National Fish Carvers Guild. Please contact any Board member if you wish to serve on one of these committees.

Membership Committee

NFCG Show Committee

Publications Committee

Judging Certification Committee

Annual Seminar Committee

Speakers Committee

By-Laws Committee

All committee members will be appointed by the Board of Directors for a tenure of two years with no successive term limits. This is a great opportunity to

make a significant contribution.



New technology (New generation of fish scale tool)

Welcome to the new and improved nail scaler. For under \$15.00 you can make a set of three fish scale tools that will have you wondering, "why didn't I think of it". Below is a series of pictures that guide you through the process of making your own set of small, med, and large scale tools.

Step 1 purchase 3 each 1 1/8" eye bolt and 3 each wood tool handles

Step 2 Flatten one side of eye bolt with belt sander

Step 3 Flatten beveled edge of eye bolt all the way around head of bolt

Step 4 Get a smooth 90 degree angle where the two flat sides meet.

Step 5 Select 1/16, 3/32, and 1/8 diamond bits, these will simulate small, med, and large scales.

Step 6 cut a series of notches around the head of the bolt where your 90 degree angle is established

Step 7 Bevel the tool towards the

back of the head away from the notches. (This will prevent flat spots as you roll your scales on the fish)

This whole process will take about 3 hours to make three tools.



FEATURED ARTIST



DAN PATTERSON

CHAIRPERSON

NFCG

Greetings to all the members of our newly formed National Fish Carver's Guild. This is our first newsletter and I have been asked by the publisher to let you know a little bit about myself along with some of my thoughts on the NFCG. First of all, believe me when I say that I am absolutely honored that our NFCG founders want me to lead you in this first time

The National Fish Carver's Guild

Here are a few thoughts of mine concerning the "National Fish Carvers Guild". As with any organization it takes time to get established and ours will be no exception. However, there is one true exception in our new organization. It is the people that have come forward and volunteered to take the reigns like the Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Advertising, Publishing, and Web Master. These are dedicated and motivated folks, not only to NFCG but also to their families and their professions. We are very lucky to have this kind of talent at the forefront. Their jobs in the working sector match them up perfectly with their positions. So the first hurdle of any organization, "The Board of Directors" is behind us. They have the right professions, knowledge and education for our needs. With that said, we cannot forget that no one person is an island. We all have our own contributions no matter how small to make the National Fish Carver's Guild a success.

I think the founders of the National Fish Carver's Guild will all agree about some of our top priorities. We have needed a place to promote fish carving and a venue to present the art of fish carving to the general public. Our Guild will accomplish that with things like representation at discreet public functions, publications, public releases, our own web master, and shows conducted by us exhibiting our art for all to see to include art collectors. Just importantly there is a need for the average beginner carver to get free precise and accurate information on fish carving. Our Guild can also accomplish that by making available through our member rooster someone they can contact in their area. Also things like free handouts, publications, and NFCG Chartered Chapters in the areas they live. There are already plans put in motion for a Northwest Chapter of NFCG. The International Wildfowl Carvers Association has a wonderful program for young up and coming carvers. They present a Youth Carver of The Year Award. The youth winning the award receives youth instructor money grants to help off set some class costs for him or her. This is a great way to encourage youth to continue their carving. Along the same lines, there are hundreds of established carvers that would like to try their talents on fish carving but perhaps lack the additional information to nudge them into trying it. Again our Guild can provide that kind of information. Anyway this kind of gives you an abbreviated indication of how I look at what we can offer through the NFCG.

Membership application



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PRINT THE FORM BELOW, FILL IT OUT, AND ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO **(NATIONAL FISH CARVERS GUILD)** AND MAIL TO: **ED BARRETT * 730 SE CEDAR AVE * DALLAS, OR 97338**

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$25.00 FOR A SINGLE OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP. RE-NEWABLE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE \$12.00 PER YEAR PAYABLE EACH JANUARY.

Please enroll me as an Associate member of the National Fish Carvers Guild

Name: _____

Street: _____ PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Hm Ph: () _____ Wk Ph () _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____ Other Family members
