LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We discussed several topics of interest at our last meeting.

The major update is that we will not be charging a fee to see the show. We want to encourage people to bring their entire family.
We will be making new signs to encourage people to come to see live birds, fine art, and the many vendors. If anyone has ideas to make the show better and get more people to come and enjoy the show, please let us know. At the September meeting, the club will be buying dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS:
LWCCG Board/General meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Clearview, Metairie, La.

NEWSLETTER UP-DATE

We are up-dating membership for members who have email addresses: If you still want to get a newsletter parcel post instead of emailed, please contact Sue who is in charge of our membership and let her know. Please text Sue Landry Armand 985-227-8503 for text or email suzannelandry201@att.net

SHOW & TELL



Left: Richard holds a replica of a small parrot he is working on which was his son 's pet for many years and will be a Christmas Gift.

Right: Chris shows a Pintail Drake which he just finished carving and painting.



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LWCCG BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 29, 2026

A.J. opened the meeting at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. There were no new guests, but Frank and Karen Profumo who were members for several years returned tonight to join us A.J. welcomed them back.

Updates on members not in attendance tonight: Bryon, who is taking treatments on Wednesdays; came tonight but wasn't feeling well and left. Mike talked to Mitch and he said that Mitch is doing well and he is slowly getting a little better each day. He got the ribbons ordered, but its not time to order the plaques yet. A.J. said it was good to see Cal back. Mike said that Gene is at his granddaughter's wedding in Tennessee. Emile said Lonnie was not there tonight because he had a procedure done today. Members hadn't heard anything from Curt but Chris said he talked to him about 2 weeks ago and Mike said he talked to him a few days ago and he was doing ok. Mr. Fred attended again tonight with his daughter; was nice to see him back.

Treasurers Report: Emile thanked A.J. for free dinner tonight. He said there was a lot of confusion. Members who cross the causeway had to come a longer route tonight due to an accident which closed it; so meeting started about 6pm. Emile said our financial advisor Nathan wants to meet with us, so he is going to set up a meeting with him.,. He said that A.J. and Lonnie were added as signees at Capital One, in preparation for the Festival. He said he paid the credit card today. No new transactions with Pay Pal, but some members are using it. He said he has taken care of the Conoco Phillips grant form and got it in before the dead line. **Sponsors:** Emile said he hasn't received any new funds , but one said he will pay by September. We have one category for Mr. Ruth and haven't heard anything, will try to contact Reece or his family. He said he will be meeting with Nathan to transfer funds for the Festival cost and our taxes for this year have been taken care of. **Dinner reservations** : Emile said we want to get them in early for a head count for the caterer. The festival dinner application is available on our website and in the Blue booklet. We are asking that you fill one out so we can keep track of who has signed up and who has paid. I asked Bob who coordinated the dinner last year for information on preparations; he said we have to order linens, setup tables and cover them, get table center pieces, etc.. If any one wants to help please let us know. **Wild Fowl Magazine:** They are going on line with the magazine which will be called "We Like Wildfowl Carving" . They plan to continue publishing the Magazine but think online is helping them reach more people. Emile said we had to pay early for the fall but our flyer ad will be online giving us more advertising. as well as in the Magazine. He said we're also posted on "Visit the Northshore" website when October comes you will be able to see our advertisement. Emile reminded members we are collecting dues tonight if you have not paid and would like to.

Venders and tables: Cal said he got 4 or 5 calls and he will start calling everybody in August. He said he received payment from a few already. A.J. said he got a call from a guy who's father and grandfather were carvers and have passed and he wants to get a table to sell their old decoys.

Mike: All is good with the rules and got the coordinated Ribbons.

Advertising : Chris said he called Marsh and Bayou, He said he will get the payment for 1/2 page ad to them this month.. He called La. Sportsman Magazine and spoke with the guy that handled it last year, the guy sent a quote for the 1/2 page ad and will send us an invoice . Chris sent them a photo of out flyer which they said would work. Chris said he also contacted Chris Lacoste at Bayou Wild TV and he told him what our budget was last year and it is the same this year. Chris said we want to run it in October up until our show. Since Don Dubuc is not doing a radio show this year, the guy offered to come to Chris's house and film a show with our carvers to put on social media.. Chris said any carvers who want can come and bring their carvings . Give Chris your phone number and he will let you know when. Patrick Russo said he went over to WGNO to see about getting an ad on TV last year and he did. They used an ad that Marsh and Bayou put together for them. We would like to do it again this year. He said he'll talk to Chris Lacoste about making a 15sec and 30 sec ad. Patrick said he will find out and let us know more information. Sue said she gets a free magazine in the mail. The magazine had pictures in it of people carving. She is going to call and get ,more information about ads, etc. A.J. Said his neighbor is the Accessor for St. Tammany Parish. So he visited him and asked the name of the person who is responsible for getting anything out in the parish about our show. He's waiting to hear. A.J. said he was talking to Matthew, our webmaster about art, and Matthew said any LWCCG member; carvers with their carvings or artist with their paintings, or any art work he can set up in a a special section on our website for them.

NEWSLETTER: Kathy said the newsletter went out early and hopefully will continue. She said we are trying ways to cut cost on publishing of the letter and mailing costs by having the letters printed and mailing ourselves. We also are going back to envelopes which we can put other information in when we need to. The most expensive thing is the stamps and the price is the same no matter how you mail the newsletter. Another way to cut costs is to send a newsletter out in an email to those who want it emailed.
Sue mentioned that she is working on special made greeting cards to send to members on different occasions.

Door prizes were then given out. Being no further business the meeting adjourned. See show and tell on front page.