

## The time has come...

The Board of Directors have been informed of the resignation of Show Chairman Larry Yudis. His wife Carol was supposed to have resigned a couple of years ago but still keeps getting calls about various items. Larry has served our organization for over 35 years and has reached a time when he has to step aside for someone else to take over the Show Chairman's position. We need someone to step up and fill that position to assure the Congress show continues.

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## Gift Exchange at the 2019 Annual Awards Banquet

The Carvers' Secret Pal Exchange has been going so well the last couple of years that we are going to do it again. Carve something nice... Something that takes a bit of time and that you'd be proud to have in someone's collection. We will be collecting the carvings throughout Congress Week. You can drop one off when you carry in your carvings for competition the weekend before the banquet. You will be given a ticket that will enable you to get a carving in return for the one you carved. You must be present at the banquet to participate in the Carvers' Secret Pal Exchange. Carve something nice to get something nice!

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## 2019 Fund-Raising Efforts

There are three different events during Congress Week that we count on to raise funds: the Silent Auction, The Banquet Bucket Raffle and the Show Bucket Raffle. Please consider a donation of a carving or some sort of handiwork. We also have received such things as specialty chocolates and nuts; also a basket full of goods from Wisconsin. Things like that are just right for our Show Bucket Raffle because they are some things that would interest everyone visiting the show. You can drop your donation off when you carry in your carvings for the competition or ship it to the Jackson County Fairgrounds, 1212 E. Quarry Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060. Thanks so much for what you can do.

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## Big Changes By The Board

At the recent Board meeting it was decided by the directors that the following will happen:

Due to the lack of entries for 3 years, **Group U - Chainsaw Sculpture** has been eliminated.

**Expanded Carving Drop Off.** You can now drop your carvings off for the show on Monday morning from 6:00 - 8:00 AM but to be able to do this your carvings must be pre-registered.

**Absolutely no carving will be accepted without pre-registration**

**Shipping Home:** Anyone who drops off a carving may have it shipped back to them without being present on Sunday. But to use this service you must abide by all the shipping rules that apply to those who mail in their entries. Carvings must have proper packaging and shipping labels. So to those that want to come for the seminars but don't want to spend the weekend here, please go ahead and enter your carvings. Just see your shipper before coming. Also consider sending and picking up your carvings as a club.