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The MWCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – everyone welcome

April 5, 2008 at 10 is at the Old Country Buffet in Flint Michigan.

The restaurant is located just off I-75 & North of I-69 on Miller Road. For more info or directions please call or email me @ 810-798-3401, br2phillips@hotmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are again writing a newsletter for the Chatter. March is here and the woodcarving shows are beginning again for the year. 4 Shows are scheduled before our Learning Seminar May 12th to the 16th. The first show is the Metro Carvers Show at the United Food & Commercial Workers Hall in Madison, HGTS. Followed by the Flint Carvers Show in Swartz Creek & the Greater Lansing Show which is to be held in the Haslett High School Gym, 5450 Marsh Rd., Haslet, MI 48840 (new location). Then, the big week starting with the Sunrise Side Carving Show in Oscoda, May 10th & 11th followed by the MWCA Learning Seminar May 12-16 at the Fairgrounds in Midland, MI. Then June brings the Roundup at the Fairgrounds in Ewart, Jun 11-14 followed by Floyd Rhadigan's Creative Carving Seminar June 16-20, also at the Ewart Fairgrounds.

The MWCA Learning Seminar is still growing to a record number. We have to date signed up 148 students. We still have room in several classes. If you want to take a particular class it would be wise to sign up soon as we notify the instructors this month as to their class numbers, they at that time decide if they have enough to hold the class. Please contact me for the latest classes still available to make sure they have not filled up. The Seminar is developing into one of the best that MWCA has ever put on. An updated class list is below this article.

We have a new Club that joined MWCA last week, The Gladwin Carving Crew (GCC). Their President is Dave Harmon, 4933 W Calhoun Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612. We wish all 10 of them great success in with their new club & lots of good carving. This makes 41 active clubs in the Mi Woodcarvers Association.

The Cane Project is going very well with almost 80 Eagle head canes presented to Veterans so far.

The Michigan Woodcarvers Association is sponsoring many new things that we are proud to be doing for the good of the MWCA member clubs. So come visit us at the many up coming shows and come to the Seminar in Midland and have fun carving with us. Andy Luckhardt, President

FULL

Jim Wilsford-power animal
Stu Martin –Human figure
Gary Fallin-Caricature
Fred/Elaine Stennman-Relief/paint
Tom Hower-Bark Carving
Mike Ford-Birds of Prey

ALMOST FULL (10-11)

Shiela Hunter-Chip carving
Ben Donaghy-Songbirds
Chris Howard-Faces/Busts
Cheryl Dow-Pyrography

STILL HAS OPENINGS

Floyd Rhadigan-Caricatures/Canes
Bill Heether-Carving Basics
Rod Walker-Power fish
Sandy Cline-Soapstone
John OLeary-Animal, hand
Dave Sanderson-Pyrography (intermediate)
Sandy Holder-Carousel Horse (small)
Leah Wachter-Animal, hand
Silvano Salvdor-Deep Relief
Stan Cordts-Habitat

CANE PROJECT UPDATE –

Bill Phillips – Vice President

The “LEAN ON ME” Eagle Head Cane Project-- the MWCA as of this writing has awarded over 80 canes or memorials. We “THANK” all of the carvers who are supporting our veterans by carving the eagle heads for them. Don't forget we offer an MWCA cane carver patch for those who carve a head for us. If you have not received your patch we will have them at the MWCA State meeting April 5, 2008, up-coming club shows, the Learning Seminar and at the Ewart Roundup. With limited funds we do not send them thru the postal service. Please contact Bill Phillips for your patch.

As soon as the committee has an opportunity to discuss and approve a few suggestions pertaining to the cane project we will be announcing them. Remember we are asking that you only send in one head at this time. We would like to have all carvers send in only one finished head until further notice. Please remember this MWCA project has only been operating for less than one year. We have come a long way in a very short time period thanks to committee people like Harold Joseph who talks to each vet and then

personalizes each cane shaft. We also have Harold Green who carves a special eagle head and makes a bird's eye maple base for our memorials; he also turns the tenon on all of our ash sticks. We will not make any major changes to the program. We are going to review the items that have been suggested that we feel will help our veterans and our carvers. We would remind everyone that MWCA is willing to award all WW 11 vets one of our canes, so if you know someone from WW 11 please have them fill out our cane application and send it in.

Bill Phillips

MARCH-APRIL SHOWS

METRO SHOW – March 15 and 16. Besides the regular carving competition they also have a “People’s Choice Award” judged by the visitors to the show. Their theme for this year is “Patriotism”. Metro member Paul Blanchard will be their “featured carver”. For more information call 248-547-1539 or 586-791-7728

FLINT SHOW – March 30 held at the American Legion Post #294 on Morrish Road. Info 810-655-6024 or 810-266-4173

GREATER LANSING SHOW – April 12. Remember it is in a **new date and new location** this year at the Haslett High School. For additional information call 517 339-6501 or 517 337-0778.

NEW MWCA MEMBER CLUB

GLADWIN CARVING CREW is given a big welcome as a new member club in MWCA. With 10 new members carving in the Gladwin/Beaverton area, we now have 41 active clubs in the association. The Gladwin Crew meets each Tuesday from 9 am to noon at president Dave Harmon’s house in Beaverton. Call Dave for more information at 989-435-7410.

CLUB NEWS

SALINE CARVERS have elected the 2008 officers for their club. Floyd Rhadigan is the new president, Tom Tobias the Vice President, Helen Snuverink is the secretary and Howard Puchalsky is the treasurer. Thank you to Bob Russell who did a fine job as president.

NOTE: The new date for our show is October 18th.

SUNRISE CARVERS are getting ready for their May 10-11 show. Thanks to Howard Lahti, Charlie Flanders, Carol Hodges and Leonard Barr, we are finishing up the rest of the door prizes for our show. Joe Olah was the recipient of the prestigious “Sunrise Award” in January for being the carver with the most unfinished projects in his carving box!

BLUE WATER CARVERS - We have gone from 10 members at our start up last fall to 16 members currently. Even with the Snowbirds gone we are having at least 5 or 6 members show up at our regular meeting time on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the Port Huron Senior Center. We will also have a table at the Metro Show. Be sure to drop by and say hi. Orrin Paul Shoemaker-Blue Water Carvers

Terry has completed our web page on the MWCA website, be sure to check it out.

<http://www.geocities.com/miwoodcarvers/clubs/GCC.html>

METRO CARVERS – Roger Klaft is the carver of the month for February. He has been carving for seven years since he heard about Mike LePage’s classes at Lake Shore High, as songbirds was just he was looking for. He also likes to translate computer pictures on to wood for his burning works, but changes details to suit him.

MICHIGAN CARVERES AND COLLECTORS SHOW – May 10 and 11 and will be held at the Westfield Activity Center at 2700 Westfield Rd in Trenton, which is in back of the Trenton library on West Road. We will have a featured carver, a people’s choice award and we will also have a clown passing out balloons for the young and young at heart. Lunches will be served and we believe also breakfast. Tables

are \$15 each and can be reserved by contacting our President, Roger Davis at 734-934-2363 or Jim Arthur at 734-675-1676.

TRI-CITY CARVERS – Busy spreading the carving word, members carved at Hemmeter School in February during a craft day and also in January members carved at the Antique Warehouse. They have met lots of great folks and had a fun time.

The Guge seminar will be held March 27-29 at a cost of \$135 for members and \$150 for non-members. A barn swallow is the project. For information call 989-781-3846.

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD – Thirteen members have signed up for our Stu Martin seminar scheduled on May 5 & 6. Another carving seminar by Don Mertz is scheduled for April 23, 24, 25. Don will instruct and demonstrate the carving of small figures using only a carving knife.

WOODBEE CARVERS – In January Len and Bob will teach 2 soap carving classes at Dickinson Area Catholic Schools again this year. In December Mel Johnson taught a soapstone carving class at his shop. It was a wonderful class and six of us came away with a lovely carved loon.

KALAMAZOO CARVERS – welcomed Bill Philips and Ruth on February 12 to make a presentation on the “Lean on Me Project”. We presented Bill with 19 finished cane heads. The carvers were all new people that had not been exposed to the project over the last summer. When I presented the project to the group, everyone jumped in with both feet and participated with vigor. Our hats are off to those who are spearheading this worthwhile project. With leadership like this, Michigan will continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of families locally and across America.

Our weekly carving workshops are flourishing with about 15-16 carvers, which is about double the participation of the last couple of years.

Dave Henry – Kalamazoo carvers

CHIPS AND CHATTER

"DOOZE NOOZE" – Remember that it's time again for your club to renew their annual membership in the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. Dues are due by the last day of March, which will renew your clubs membership from April 08 to March 09. In January, all club presidents were mailed their current club information sheet and roster to be reviewed and corrected/added to if needed. Then return by March 31st with the renewal form and payment of \$1.00 for each current member.



Last fall at Spit & Whittle some of you saw the Ambry that Jim Pinowar from the Harrison Carvers was working on. Father Joe Fix had commissioned the piece for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Marion. It is a very large lighted wall shelf to hold the sacred oils. *The Oil of Catechumens*-the ointment of those preparing for baptism. It wards off what is evil and brings wisdom and strength. *The Holy Chrism*-is applied by the Bishop in the form of a cross on the forehead of the person confirmed. *The Oil of the Sick* is used for the anointing of the head and hands of the sick.

It was installed at the end of September 2007 and is made of 8 pieces of 5/4 oak boards with stempling around all the leaves and stems and grapes in the background. It has a satin finish with an oak plywood backing. It took 3 months to complete. Swirls on the left is wind, on right is fire representing Pentacost. Lower left corner is wheat; in the lower right corner are grapevines. The dove and hand represent the spirit. Another carving is possibly in the works for the church. Wonderful job Jim, you must be proud of your work.

CARVING ITEMS FOR SALE

(This column is open to MWCA members only)

My name is DONALD BUTLER. The Company I run is **The Carving Glove Guy**. I am a Dockyard dealer. I sell individual Dockyard tools. I am interested in contacting instructors who use Dockyard tools in their classes. I offer individual Dockyard tools (not sets) for instructors who would like to have tools to sell to their students. The tools can be either purchased or may be obtained on consignment. I can be contacted off my web site at <http://www.thecarvinggloveguy.com> or by email at carvinggloveguy@gmail.com All of the tools can be see on the web site.

While TOOLSFORWOODCARVERS (Leather Plus) will continue to meet its show commitments, the business is officially for sale. Contact us directly for additional information. 989.588.9614 or 866.219.1852 www.toolsforwoodcarvers.com

CARVING WOOD FOR SALE – from Ralph Jackson. I'm closing our all of my carving woods including basswood, cherry, walnut, butternut, tupelo and some exotic woods. Call me at 989-792-5450

CARVER'S CORNER

If anyone else has a tip or technique they would like to share, please let me know. Editor

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JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/15-16	METRO CARVERS SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall Madison Heights	586-791-7728
3/30	26 th Annual FLINT CRVERS SHOW	American Legion Post #294 – Swartz Creek	810-266-4173
4/12	GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW (New date, new location)	Haslett High School Gymnasium Haslett	517-339-6501 517-337-0778
5/10-11	SUNRISE SIDE CARVING SHOW	Oscoda Sunrise Center – Oscoda	989-736-3678
5/12-16	MWCA CARVING SEMINAR	Midland Fairgrounds – Midland	734-323-4685 810-798-3401
6/11-14	WOODCARVERS ROUNDUP	Osceola Fairgrounds – Ewart	231-734-5125 or 9131 6/15-20
6/15-20	CREATIVE CARVING SEMINR	Osceola Fairgrounds – Ewart	734-649-3259

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