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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

One & a half weeks before the Seminar in Midland begins. It will be a record breaker. We will have over 160 students attending. We have 17 Instructors coming to give us expert instruction. We will begin registering students on Sunday evening after the building is cleared and set up for Monday morning's start around 7:30 AM. Ten classes have the maximum students. The events schedule will be about the same as 2007.

There is always room for latecomers in the classes that are not full. Don't forget to visit the Sunrise Side Carving Show in Oscoda, MI the Saturday and Sunday before the Seminar. This has always been a great show to attend.

Warning Hazard Material—If you use Linseed Oil for any purpose at all and use rags to wipe up spilled or wiping off excess oil from your project do not leave the rags lie around or put them in boxes to store them away. Dispose of them immediately. We had an accident at one of our shows where some linseed oil was spilled on the canvas covered gym floor at about 8:30 in the morning and was soaked up with a towel, which was left. At about 3:00 in the afternoon the towel burst into flames. Spontaneous combustion took place in that short a time. The towel was noticed burning and was taken outside. This could have been a very serious tragedy if not noticed in time. The club or our insurance is liable for repairs. So please be very careful when these hazardous materials are used. *See note elsewhere in this newsletter!!*

I wish to thank all the fellow carvers who have worked on developing the Seminar. I think we have a winner coming up. Andy Luckhardt, President MWCA

For those not attending the seminar to carve, you are welcome to stop by any day to see what's happening.

SUNRISE CARVING SHOW - Haven't seen any mention of the **Sunrise Side Show, May 10 - 11, 2008 in Oscoda** - we're still here and ready to go, so here it is! We're looking forward to seeing you on Mother's Day weekend, so hope you've saved enough fuel for the trip to Oscoda. The show will be better than ever - and it's always been a fun event! This year we'll have a session of soap carving for the kids both days, the always fun whittling contest for the carvers on Sunday and once again there'll be People's Choice & Carver's Choice awards. This year we'll have silent auctions for an awesome 16-piece Nativity Scene and a very special Carver's Quilt, both created by Sunrise members. Our usual 50/50 raffle & auction winners will be announced on Sunday afternoon. Our wish is that you'll join us for the show - lots of old friends and some new ones, too. See you there?

Harriet Flanders & the Sunriser's

SHOW REPORT

LIVONIA WOOD CARVING SHOW Returning to the MWCA show schedule this year is the Livonia Woodcarvers Show on August 16th. Show hours are from 11am to 5 pm and admission is \$2 per person or \$3 per family. Louis fox is the show chairman and for more information or for acquiring a table you may contact him at 248-474-2609, e-mail craffyfox6811@sbcglobal.net You can also write to him at 21900 Farmington Road #210, Farmington MI 48336

METRO SHOW – March 15 and 16 was another huge success. Lots of thanks go out to all the organizers. Top awards were: Best of Show was Edgar Potestades with an outstanding relief carving; second Best of Show went to John Karalunas with an outhouse caricature carving; and third Best of Show was Denise Mooney with a realistic Woodcock. There were a total of 657 people's choice votes over the two-day show. Winners were: 1-Edgar Potestades, relief carving; 2-Linda Sales with a wood burning of a Medicine Man; and 3-Larry Piotrowski with a carving of a falcon.

Soap carving with the kids was a great success with Kayla Phillips as the teacher and Barb Wolfe judged the carvings. Thanks to MWCA for the soap carving kits, the kids really enjoyed them.

FLINT SHOW – held on March 30 was another successful day. All in all the show turned out quite well with lots of visitors. All tables were full and everyone had a great time. Rod Walker's buffalo carving won best of professional. Best of Show winner was Ed Souloweski with a Lady Santa; 2nd Best of Show was a Cypress Knee Santa by Janet Gaspar; and Tony Simone was 3rd Best of Show with his unpainted cane of many faces.

GREATER LANSING SHOW – A great day for a show even though it was a little rainy. The judges this year were Howard Lahti, Floyd Rhadigan and Bill Heather. With so many excellent carvings they had a really interesting time deciding which carvings would

get the awards. Tom Bishop with a flying Bald Eagle won Best of Show, 2nd Best of Show was a superb relief carving by Edgar Potestades and Bob Thurston's carved walking cane won the 3rd Best of Show. Featured carver this year was Orlando Villarreal.

NEW MWCA MEMBER CLUB

SOUTH LYON CARVERS. Please welcome the newest MWCA member club headed by Silvano and Shirley Salvador in South Lyon Michigan. Most of us know Silvano from the MWCA and Creative Carving Seminars where he has taught cane carving for many years. The club is now 15 members strong and growing. More information will be forthcoming as they develop.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

SUNRISE CARVERS - Howard Lahti presented a mouse and moose class or is it meeses and mooses!! And Jodie Lahti usually has some tips on painting. Our classes coming up are Charlie Flander's rolling bear, Jerry Wergedal's relief carving and Howard Lahti's chip carving. Fellow carver/woodburner Maryann Mann passed away in March and will be missed. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to her husband Teddy and family. (as well as condolences from MWCA)

BLUE WATER CARVERS – The Blue Water Carvers have been active in promoting carving in the greater Blue Water area. Carvings by several members of the club have been on display at the New Baltimore library during the month of April. Some of the members will also be giving carving demonstrations at the library on Saturday, May 3rd and Friday, May 23rd. We had to turn down a chance to demonstrate for a career fair at Yale elementary school because of a scheduling conflict. Apparently our eagerness to get the club in front of the public is not going unnoticed. At least two of our members will be attending the Roundup in Evert in June. We also picked up another member at our last meeting.

Orrin Paul Shoemaker - Blue Water Carvers

FRUITBELT CARVERS enjoyed a class taught by Marilyn Osterhouse on April 3rd, in Cassopolis. 22 people took the class which was a relief carving of Bill Judt's sailing ship. They had a great time even though some of the basswood was very hard to carve.

Marilyn also teaches twice a month at third Reformed Church and she also teaches carving at her home in Vicksburg every Thursday evening where she has about 10 people including children. You can reach Marilyn by email mosterhouse@sbcglobal.net for more info.

METRO CARVERS – March carver of the month is Ken Zrid, who got started in carving through the Royal Oak Community Ed program. Ken has also taken classes from Stu Martin, Debbie Edwards, Peter Ortel and Floyd Rhadigan and likes to carve something different each time so as not to stay on one subject.

Pat Murphy is April's carver of the month. A Metro member for over 12 years started carving with a dog form a pattern in a Sunset Press Book. He has also taken classes from Stu Martin, Floyd Rhadigan and Jack Mason and has learned much more taking in the classes at the Evert Roundup.

TRI-CITY CARVERS – Heidi Workman was the April guest speaker who demonstrated sketching techniques in planning and layout of carvings by utilizing techniques to develop your plan. Another speaker at one of our meetings will be Mike Slasinski, Curator of the Great Lakes Logging & Indian Culture Museum who will talk primarily on Indian Culture. The character carving class with Bob Thurston will be May 29, 30, 31. Mike Ford will be conducting a House Finch bird carving class September 25-26-27.

HARTLAND AREA CARVERS meet every Wednesday at the old Hartland High School from 8 am to 3 pm. For those busy during the day they also teach power carving to adults in the evening from 6-9 pm on Wednesdays. They teach hand and power carving for beginners to the experienced with their many very talented members.

FLINT CARVERS – Sadly we have to report that due to several circumstances the Flint Carvers has disbanded as of April 21, 2008. They were one of MWCA's founding member clubs and we really will miss them.

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD – is happy to report that they have four new members since the first of January.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

IMPORTANT CARVING TIP: Per the manufacture: *This may save your shop and/or home!!*

“**Linseed Oil** generates heat as it dries. This heat generates as it dries and can cause spontaneous ignition of materials contacted by Linseed Oil. Oily rags or waste and other oily materials can cause spontaneous combustion fires if not handled properly. Immediately after use, and before disposal or storage, you **MUST** (1) Spread out all oily materials outside to dry by flattening them out to their full size in an airy spot for 24 hours at temperatures above 40 deg. **or** (2) Wash them thoroughly with water and detergent and rinse. Repeat until you have rags, paper, clothing, mops and other materials contacted during use or as a result of an accidental spill. Make certain all wash and rinse water is disposed of down sink drain.”

ROUNDUP NOTES: If you plan on attending the Wood Carves Roundup this year June 11-14 you will notice some changes. Our usual potluck will not be held because so many people were attending that our amount food was not adequate to accommodate everyone. This being our 10th anniversary year we will instead have a cake and ice cream celebration later Wednesday evening. Anyone wishing to contribute cake or cookies is welcome to bring them; the ice cream will be furnished.

Not listed on the flyer is **Cal and Joyce Walters** who are returning this year; last year they offered a very successful workshop on the Christmas ornaments displayed in their own cases and we are very happy they will be back. New this year will be **Bill Grant** from the Hartland Area Carvers offering a class on beginner power carving. You will use power tools to make an arrowhead plaque with a horse head, bridle and feathers, incorporating different types of wood in the same piece. Bring your own power carvers, and for the health safety of others, you must always use a source of dust collection with all power carving at the Roundup. **Gordon Sorensen** of the Harrison Carvers is also offering a workshop of a Wood Spirit Birdhouse using hand tools. **Louanne Stearns** will also have a workshop of an Angel project.

Also new workshops this year are beginner pins and magnets with **Dick McDonald**, wood burning with **David Pataky**, Kaleidoscopes, pens and chain pulls with **Steve Brown**, Noah's Ark animals with **John Barany**, projects for all levels with **Chris Whillock** and Chip Carving with **Dave DeGraff**.

We are sorry but due to health and/or other commitments, Tony Erickson, Joe Dillett, Tom Hower and Bill and Isa Hastings will not be attending the Roundup this year but look for their return next year. We will definitely miss them. We do always welcome new volunteers wishing to share their knowledge by giving a workshop. Non-carving workshops for the non-carver are also needed.

Thursday evening during the Roundup the Evert Downtown Musicale presents a free concert featuring the well-known "**Saline Fiddlers**", America's premier youth fiddling band blending traditional tunes with a philharmonic size wave of sound.

For a peek at many of the 2008 Roundup projects surf over to <http://www.picturetrail.com/sholder> or for more information about the Roundup go to <http://www.evaroundup.com>

From our Chief Osceola member Ol' Don Burgdorf: Thought I'd let y'all know I have created a group for discussing humor and caricature carving at Matt Gordon's new site for carvers <http://www.mycarvingclub.com> The group is called "Caricatures with Character" and you're invited to stop by for a visit or to join in with your thoughts and/or questions.

Members Bill and Isa Hastings of the Sunrise Carvers now have their own website. There you will find pictures of their sign carving business. Be sure and stop by and check them out. www.hastingscarvers.com

"DOOZE NOOZE" – A note to let clubs know that some of our member clubs have not yet renewed their yearly dues for 2008-2009. If your club is planning to remain members of the MWCA their dues are now past due. One of the many benefits of membership is a reduced rate for the MWCA seminar in Midland. With the seminar coming up in a couple of weeks and if you are attending as a student, you may want to check to see if your clubs 2008-2009 membership is current to be sure you are credited with the MWCA member discount.

Clubs who are paid will receive a copy of their updated information, noting any new members, in the mail within the next week.

THE NEXT "CHATTER" NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY on or about the first of the months listed below. All news needs to be to the editor, Sandy Holder by the last day of the month prior to publication. E-Mail and phone listed below.

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 JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>INFORMATION</i>
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 – Evert	231-734-5125 or 9131
6/16-20	CREATIVE CARVING SEMINAR	Osceola Fairgrounds – Evert	734-649-3259
8/16	LIVONIA CARVING SHOW	19801 Farmington Road in Livonia	248-474-2609

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Thank you Bill Lewis for taking care of our insurance for the past few years, we appreciated all your help.