



# “CHATTER”

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION

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*This is the only newsletter that will be also sent to all members by US mail  
and include the 2009 Learning Seminar Application*

## 2009 MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR – May 11-15

The new instructors for 2009 include Gary Bityk who will be teaching bark carving. Wayne Barton will be teaching chip carving. Additional for 2009, we are glad that Jack Miller is returning with a shore birds class on the miniature Long-billed Curlew.

## CLUB INFORMATION, SHOWS and HAPPENINGS

**GREATER LANSING CARVERS** -- Tom Schulte of the **Greater Lansing Carvers** passed away July 23. He was one of the founding members of the then Grand Ledge Woodcarvers. Our prayers go out to his family.

We have just lost one of our greatest supporters of the MWCA. Tom Shulte was with us when the association was started. His pet project was the By Laws of the Association, serving on the committee to keep them up to date throughout the years. He will surely be missed and hard to replace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat Schulte, and their family.

Andy Luckhardt, President of MWCA

**SUNRISE CARVERS** – Club members had carvings on display all through the month of August at the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. Teaching classes this summer at the club meetings were Charlie Flanders with a carved boot and Jerry Wergedal with chip carved coasters. This club does a fantastic job of keeping the meetings interesting and promoting carving. We also had members attend “Wood Shaving Days” at Hartwick Pines State Park and also demonstrate carving at “Friday Night in Alpena” which is a good promotional event for our club.

**BLUE WATER CARVERS** -- Eleven members have volunteered to demonstrate carving at Fire and Ice in Port Huron on September 13 and 14. Orrin Paul Shoemaker will have his carvings on display at the Armada Library starting Monday, August 11th.

**NEW MEMBER - MICHIGAN COALITION OF CHAINSAW CARVERS** -- Please welcome the newest member club to MWCA. They are the Michigan Coalition of Chain Carvers. (MCOCC). They hale from Harrison, MI. Their President is Lonnie Glines, P.O.Box 342, Harrison, MI, 48625. [lonnieglines@yahoo.com](mailto:lonnieglines@yahoo.com) or James Denkins, [james@denkins.net](mailto:james@denkins.net)

They will be at the Lenawee County Fair in Adrain and the Ojibwa Casino, Marquette. We are glad to have you aboard. Andy

**SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Spit and Whittle weekend is **Sept 5-7** in Evart at the fairgrounds. This is just a relaxing weekend to carve and visit with other carvers. Some classes always seem to pop-up as the weekend progresses. Camping is \$15 per night or you can just come for one day. Sunday we end at noon with a hot dog roast at the campfire. We also have a potluck dinner on Saturday evening. The Evart Lion’s Club will also have 3 meals on Friday, lunch and dinner (lasagna) on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. For more information email: [roundup@netonecom.net](mailto:roundup@netonecom.net) or [roselady@netonecom.net](mailto:roselady@netonecom.net)

**CARICATURE CARVE-IN** – **Sept 12-13-14** at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evart. Instructors: Phil & Vickie Bishop, Dave & Michele Stetson and Floyd Rhadigan, you will be carving one day with each. Cost is \$175.00 and for more information contact Floyd Rhadigan, 6301 Textile Rd, Saline MI 48176. Call 734-649-3259 or email [rhads@verizon.net](mailto:rhads@verizon.net)

**METRO CARVERS** – Metro carvers are still on summer vacation.

**TRI-CITY CARVERS** – Remember to get your table reserved for their upcoming show on **Sept 28** held at the Troon Ballroom at the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City. You may contact Dave Arndt at 989-793-3520. A Mike Ford Seminar is coming up on Sept 25-27.

**HAPPY CHIPPERS** – “Whittlin’ at the Woodlands” **Sept 19-21, 2008**. There will be carving each day with a potluck dinner on Friday. Breakfast at the campfire on Saturday making your own “baggie” omelets!! (bring your own eggs, other ingredients provided). Saturday evening we will have a chili dump super, bring a container of chili to add to the pot. Classes on Saturday will be given by Dave Stirling, Carl Zajak and Bob DeCaluwe. Some crafts will be available for the non-carvers. Sunday is finish up day.

Camping with electricity and water is \$15 per night. There is also a Program Center to sleep in....\$11 a night and bring your own bedding. For more information and reservations please call Mary Lou Sheppard at 989-473-3160.

**SALINE CARVERS** – Remember also that the Saline carving show has changed its date to **October 18**. This is another really great show to participate in. For information call 734-774-8222 or 734-475-7579.

**FRANENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD** – Frankenmuth Wood Carvers Guild is now a proud member of the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce. The club participated in the Frankenmuth Farmer’s Market demonstrating carving. They also were demonstrating and selling their carvings at the Art Fair on Main Street on July 26 as a promotion for their club. They were also asked to display at the Halloween and Scarecrow Days on Oct. 18 & 19 and Oct 25 & 26. They will be carving some pumpkins in advance. Their annual **show is October 19** at the High School in Frankenmuth. Be sure to reserve your table soon.

**FRUITBELT WOODCARVERS SHOW** – Another great show coming up is November 1-2, Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show, Cassopolis, MI at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Interested parties to contact: Sam Hansen at (269) 782-0408 or Gordon Roberts at [EEANDP@aol.com](mailto:EEANDP@aol.com)

### **CHIPS and CHATTER**

**The MWCA ANNUAL 2009 CALENDAR** will be ready for your enjoyment and purchase at the Tri-City Show on Sept 28. Be sure to pick up your valuable calendar there. It will also be available at the other shows and events coming up. This is the most successful fundraiser for MWCA that we do that benefits both the carver and the organization, so be sure to support your association and purchase your copy as soon as you can. It will list all the Michigan clubs and events for 2009. Plus the listing of the available DVD’s and Video’s from the MWCA library. As in the past, the carving show winners from the past year will be the monthly pictures.

**WOOD MAGAZINE:** Everyone loves FREE woodworking plans. And to give woodworkers more of exactly what they are looking for, *WOOD* magazine has created a free downloadable plans section within the *WOOD* Store with nine detailed plans. Current offerings include plans for a tambour bookcase, three lumber storage projects, planter, swinging dragon toy, salt and pepper shakers, turned floral display, and scroll saw and intarsia projects. To download these free plans simply visit <http://woodmagazine.com/freeprojectplans> Thank you, Marlen Kemmet *WOOD* Magazine/*WOOD* Online Managing Editor

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JULY                              SEPTEMBER              NOVEMBER

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
9/5-7	SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND	Evart Fairgrounds	231-734-5125 or 9131
9/12-14	CCA CARVE-IN	Evart Fairgrounds	734-649-3259
9/19-21	WHITTLN’ IN THE WOODS	Hale	989-473-3160
9/26-27	WASHINGTON CARVER FEST 3	Washington Sr Center	586-786-1967
9/28	TRI CITY SHOW	Bay Valley Resort – Troon Ballroom	989-781-3846
10/18	SALINE CARVING SHOW	UAW Hal Saline	734-774-8222 734-475-7579
10/19	FRANKENMUTH CARVING SHOW	Frankenmuth High School -- Frankenmuth	989-835-8919
11/1-2	FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW	Cass County Fairgrounds Cassopolis	269-782-0408 574-266-7353

Before attending you may want to call to see if there have been any changes or cancellations.

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