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APRIL ANNUAL MEETING

The April 4 meeting was again well attended with a good quorum present. Over 50 members were there. Elections were held and re-elected the incumbent officers. Congratulations to a board we are all happy to have a leaders.

During the meeting Harold Joseph was surprised with a beautiful plaque upon his retirement of chairman of the Patriot Cane Project. He credits his success to his wife Setsuko's fortifying tea and cakes, but I am sure that wasn't all. He was dedicated in his commitment to our veterans and his ability to serve as a team leader. Thank you Harold from the members of the MWCA.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Here it was the last days of April, spring has sprung and May 11th is coming in just a short week. The MWCA Learning Seminar is shaping up very well. We have 143 students signed up. There are places still available in the following classes: Cheryl Dow-Wood Burning, Floyd Rhadigan-Caricature & Canes, Bill Heather-Basics, Rod Walker-Fish Carver Power, Chris Howard-Faces & Busts, Gary Bityk-Bark Carving, Sandy Holder-Carousel Horses, Leah Goddard-animal hand, Silvano Salvador-deep relief. Jim Wilsford-Power Animal Carving has 1 opening. The Stenman's-Shallow Relief have 2 openings. Wayne Shinlever-caricatures has one opening. We are still excepting applications until the opening day of the Seminar. This year's seminar is going to be another great one. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the wonderful members who have done an excellent job in getting this seminar ready for May 11th. We still have a lot of last minute things to finish but we will be ready. Just a reminder that the 2010 seminar will be one week later, May 17th to the 21st. 2010 at the Midland Fairgrounds.

Two shows have gone by the Metro and the Greater Lansing show, both were a great success, and well attended. The next show is the Sunrise Side Show at Oscoda on the 9th & 10th of May. Come to the Sunrise show and then head for Midland.

Everything else seems to have shaped up and is running very well. See you all in Midland. Andrew Luckhardt, President

CLUB SHOWS AND HAPPENINGS

WOODBEE CARVERS - Midtown Mall about having a show in the mall. The mall will provide tables and we will be able to hold our raffles. The show would be held on October 2nd. Please contact Gail or Ted to let us know if you want a table at the Midtown Mall Show. We will not be having a competition but everyone will be able to show and sell their carvings.

Bob and Ted taught soap carving to a group of Boy Scouts on March 24th at Woodland School.

GRAND VALLEY CARVERS - This July, the Grand Valley Woodcarvers members will be displaying our fine workmanship at the Belding Arts Council. At their April meeting the disk on how to carve the eagle head was shown.

METRO CARVERS - March carver of the month is Lee Bodrie. He got hooked when 16 years ago he and his father attended a carving show and ended up bringing home wood, tools and patterns. They became Metro members a year later. He has carved fish, animals, birds, golf balls and has done some wood burning.

April's carver of the month is Colin Smith. Starting back in 1982 he took a class by Bob McAnely on bird carving. Then on to lessons with Tony Malkowski and Bill Wolfe, carving small animals and caricatures. He enjoys carving birds mostly and gives them to family and friends.

METRO SHOW - Our 29th show is now over and was an outstanding success. Exhibitors and vendors filled 110 tables and the overall quality of the carvings and stiffness of the competition was amazing. The show attendance was up with 1,237 visitors. People's choice winner was Edgar Potestades and Carver's Choice was Tom Hunter. Our youth winner was 15 year old Angela Podgorski. Kayla Phillips skillfully lead the soap carving.

GREATER LANSING SHOW - This year's show was again a top winner. Many people came through and was better attended than last year. Best of Show: Gary Arens - Dog carving with 1st runner up: John Blank's Ram bust and the 2nd runner up was Ed Sowulewski with a caricature carving of a carver carving a duck. Judges were: Mike Izzo, Pete DeDecker and Charlie Flanders. The show theme, endangered and threatened animals competition was won by Earl Fisher with his Cougar carving.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
5/9-10	Sunrise Side Carving Show	Oscoda Community Center – Oscoda	989-736-3678
5/11-15	MWCA Learning Seminar	Midland Fairgrounds – Midland	734-323-4685
6/10-13	Wood Carvers Roundup	Osceola Fairgrounds – Ewart www.evaroundup.com	231-734-5125 231-734-9131
6/15-19	Creative Carving Seminar	Osceola Fairgrounds – Ewart www.fantasycarving.com	734-649-3259

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

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