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MIDLAND DOW MUSEUM DISPLAY: We send a big “thank you” to all of the MWCA members who participated. We hope you were able to visit the museum and view the display-it was GREAT!! We thank the museum for asking us to share in their summer program. What a great opportunity to promote wood carving arts. Be sure you pick up your carving at the museum between August 30th and September 2nd 10am – 4 pm. **PLEASE NOTE: The museum will be closed Sept 3rd through Sept 6th.**

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS CARVING BENCH

It's time again for another article from the desk of the President. Things have been very slow during the month of August. Myrna will be coming back this Friday after knee operation and 2 weeks of rehab. Lou Thayer is taking chemo for treatment of cancer. We wish them both a speedy recovery and will see them soon.

Then the other things happening in Sept are the Spit & Whittle on Sept 10th thru the 12th in Ewart. Then if you want to spend a very relaxed time carving come to Whittlin' at the Woodlands on Sept 17th thru the 19th.

The Tri City Show is on September 18th. Then I will try to make the Washington Carve Fest this year September 24-25. It is put on by the Metro Club and is a very relaxing time to carve with friends. When I return I should spend a day at the Clinton Fall Festival, which will already be 2 days old. The Lenawee Carvers always show, sell and demonstrate at this festival. The Livonia show is Oct 2, the Saline Show is Oct 9th and then the Frankenmuth show Oct 17th. These are always good shows to attend. Sandy expects to have the annual 2011 MWCA calendar ready for sale at the Frankenmuth Show. The final show of the year is the Fruitbelt show Nov 6th and will be held at the Cassopolis Fair Grounds,

Don't forget the Dayton Ohio Artistry in Wood show, which is held at the expo center at the Dayton Ohio airport, which is

the largest show in the area.

The MWCA exhibit at the Dow Museum in Midland was over on Aug 29th and all carvings will be picked up between August 31 and Sept 3. This was a very good exhibition for the MWCA to display at and to show the public what wood carving and wood burning is all about, and it improves the image of wood carving in the eyes of the art world. We appreciated the opportunity to be able to put on this display at The Dow Museum of Arts and Sciences. Thank you to all the artists that participated.

This has and will be a good week for me. Last night the Saline Club held their annual picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings plus numerous desserts. It was held at Floyd Rhadigan's new store in Clinton. It still is not open, because he still travels almost full time teaching the art of Caricature Carving all over the nation. On Monday the River Raisin Club will have their annual Ice Cream Social on the banks of the River Raisin in Monroe, Michigan. All the ice cream and desserts you can eat! Take me a month to loose all the pounds. Well that is all the news I can think of at this time. See you at all the shows coming up.

Andrew Luckhardt, President of the MWCA

CLUB SHOWS and HAPPENINGS

BLUE WATER CARVERS will be featured in an article printed in the September issue of the Thumbprint News. This is a publication that publishes 80,000 issues a month and is distributed in eight counties in the thumb area. The article was written by and pictures taken by me. I feel that it is important to get our carving activities publicized and urge other clubs to explore publications in their area where they can do similar articles. Our club will also be demonstrating again this year at Fire and Ice the weekend of September 18th and 19th in Port Huron.

Orrin Paul Shoemaker - Blue Water Carvers

WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS: The group is still working on the ducks that have been taking shape over the spring and summer months. A STUDY CAST is simply a cast of a face or head or some other object that a professional carver has carved in wood and then made a cast of it. Whatever the feature that is being taught will show a step-by-step process of how to do it. They are simply a “go-by”. There is one that is a series of faces carved by Harold Enlow.

It is a great idea to keep a scrapbook and picture album in a 3 ring binder. The idea is to cut out pictures and articles out of

magazines and keep a file. If the picture is too small to put in the binder, simply tape it to a sheet of paper and punch holes in it... For what it is worth, when I print out pictures of people or carvings I am interested in doing, I simply print them on regular blank printer paper. Good enough for a scrapbook. A binder can be divided into many subject areas. Get creative.

SALINE CARVERS: the saline carvers are working on things for the basket for our show on October 9th. Andy Luckhardt is Teaching shallow relief to the club members who want to learn so everyone is busy learning and carving AS FOR THE SUMMER IT BEEN TO TOO HOT FOR ME!!! Howard - Mr Pooch

KALAMAZOO VALLEY WOODCARVERS GUILD is having a club carving competition. Everyone that is interested will be given a certain piece of wood and a choice of a pattern. By September 28th these carvings will have to be completed and will be put in a show case at the Portage Senior Center where members of the Center will vote on which they like best. The competition will end on October 12th. The top 3 winners will be given a gift certificate to Culvers Restaurant

GRAND VALLEY CARVERS will no longer be meeting at the Ionia Middle School shop room. We have a new location, it is the Ionia Commission on Aging. We will still be meeting the first and third Mondays of the month, but now will not be tied to the school schedule.

METRO: Metro is preparing for their 6th Washington Carve Fest Sept 24-25. It is a very casual hands-on carving event based on the concept of the Evert Roundup. It will be held at the Washington Senior Center in Washington Township. Volunteer carvers serve as project leaders to help people complete a variety of projects. There will be morning and afternoon sessions and cost is to the instructor only for any supplies they provide. Due to the rising cost of the Senior Center usage we have designed a Carve Fest VI Commemorative Badge which you may have for a \$2 donation.

For more information call Dick Mann at 586-752-6167. There will be no power carving.

TRI-CITY carvers will be carving at the Downtown Saginaw Farm Market again this year on September 10th.

SUNRISE SIDE CARVERS: Sunrise will hold their annual elections in September. Members Howard and Jodi Lahti, Charlie and Harried Flanders and Joe and Sherry Morgan demonstrated at the Hartwick Pines State Park 75th anniversary gathering in July. They had a great time. A demonstration was also given at the Oscoda Woodworks in the Hobart Plaza in August. Three Patriot Canes carved by Bill Hastings, Trudy Bohlinger and Jim Phinney were presented by club members at the Harrisville VFW. At the club meetings classes were golf balls by Dick Torrey, fish and apple core knife covers by Trudy Bohlinger and bark carved nite lights by Kathy Moffit.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

2011 MWCA CALENDAR will be ready for purchase at the Frankenmuth show on October 17th. Thank you to Frank and Phyllis Burghy because they will again include in each calendar, a \$5 coupon to be applied toward the purchase of \$10 or more in carving supplies from the Cedar Bird Shoppe. Due to increased MWCA expenses and the economy the cost will be \$4 per calendar. This is the only fundraiser MWCA has. With the calendars at \$4 we will be able to keep the membership dues to \$1 per member. The cost of MWCA insurance alone takes 2/3 of the money we receive for dues. With 1200 members that doesn't leave much for a year of normal operating expenses. We would appreciate your purchasing a calendar to support your association. We thank you for purchasing them in the past, as it is the reason our yearly membership dues can stay at \$1.

CLUB PATCHES. This year the cover will sport club patches, so if your club has a patch and would like it included, please email Sandy a good jpg of your patch. We already have received patches from BWC, GVC, GDL, HUR, KAL, LIV, LSC, LTW, MCC, MET, RIV, SAL, SUN, TRI and WGF. Email to civildee@netonecom.net or send one right away by regular mail along with a stamped envelope if you would like it returned to Sandy Holder, 7093 14 Mile Rd. Evert MI 49631. You can also bring one to the Spit and Whittle next week.

We would also like to have a good idea how many calendars we should print. If your club would like a certain number please let Sandy know. We have already heard from

SPIT AND WHITTLE WEEKEND: A great place for R & R is the 11th Spit and Whittle in Evert September 10-12. Held at the Osceola Fairgrounds, there is camping for \$17 per night. Saturday night is the potluck and Sunday noon is our annual hot dog roast. You can bring something of your own to carve on and we also have some folks that provide carving projects for you. We always have a great time and it is a great time for getting to know other carvers and catch up on what everyone else is carving. On Saturday evening there is usually an impromptu music jam for those who bring their instruments. Quilters and non-carvers are welcome to bring whatever they are interested in doing. If you plan to stay at the Osceola Grand Hotel (was Super 8) please let them know that you are there for the Spit and Whittle for a special rate of \$69 per night. You may call 1-877-382-7864 (1-877-Evert MI). Remind them again when you check in that you are there for Spit and Whittle.

HAPPY CHIPPERS – Sept 18-19 the 3rd Annual “Whittlin’ at the Woodlands” event---September 17—19. The Woodlands campground is about 5 miles west of Hale. The camping is \$15 per night and also indoor sleeping accommodations at their Program Center for \$11 a night, bring your own bedding. There will be open carving every day and some classes available. If you would like to do a class you are welcome. Quilters may bring projects to work on---space available.

There will be potlucks, cider making and wagon rides. There will be a hot dog roast on Friday (dogs provided) for supper. One night we will have a chili dump. The T-Shirt Depot will be there to make various shirts, etc. If you would like, please bring a carving to donate to their Operation Homefront Auction in November. Thanks.

For more information, Call Mary Lou Sheppard 989-473-3160 or Mary Ann Stephens 989-387-1170 or 989-728-4022. See you there!

BWC, COC, CWC, GVC, KAL, SAL, SCC and WBE and we would like to make sure we have enough printed so everyone who would like one receives it. They can be picked up at the Frankenmuth show.

NEW MWCA CLUB: Please welcome the Linden Wood Carvers who meet at the Loose Sr. Center in Linden. They carve every Wednesday from noon to 2 pm. For more information call Stan Lee 810-241-1893 or email stanlee365@yahoo.com I am sure they would love to have you stop by if you are in the area.

We welcome the Linden carvers to our association and invite them to join our Internet chat group by E-mailing Terry Zobl miwoodcarvers@yahoo.com and ask about joining.

MWCA WEBMASTER: On our www.mwca.110mb.com web site there is a new web page titled "Chat Group". This Yahoo Chat Group has been active since 2003 and is intended to facilitate communication between MWCA members. The goal is to have chat group members from all of our MWCA clubs and the more the better. Check out the new web page for instructions on how to join this group. The group it is a great way to keep in contact with all clubs and to let them know of any important notices or changes. I invite everyone to visit our home page and see what we have to offer.

Terry Zobl – webmaster

TIPS FOR CARVERS

A question was asked on the woodcarving list asking carvers what they do to recycle things in the shop. Here are a few ideas:

1. Each time you're in a fast-food joint, grab a few extra empty small white ketchup cups. They are great for mixing paints or that sticky 5 min. epoxy.
2. Use the lids from margarine and deli counter salads for mixing glue and using as paint palettes, they clean up easy.
3. The Styrofoam plates that come with meat cleaned up make great palettes for painting.

SHORTER VERSION OF A POEM BY CHARLES OSGOOD

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.
 There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
 Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.
 Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it.
 It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

CANCELLATIONS

WOODBEE CARVERS SHOW: Here is a note from Ted Rogers of the Woodbee carvers:

Just a quick note to inform you that the show Woodbee Carvers had scheduled for Oct. 1 and 2, 2010, has been cancelled. The Midtown Mall had a suitable room we could use, but they called yesterday to let me know they have secured a long-term tenant for that room. So, again, the venue problem has closed us down. At this time we have no further plans for a show.

GOW (gathering of woodcarvers) NOTICE: It is with great sadness that we are postponing GOW 2010. The organizers of the GOW regret this necessary decision. Circumstances kept piling up, such as health issues, which indicated it would be best to call it off. We've had 9 very successful GOWs with our organizers making each one better than the last one. This year it wasn't shaping up to the level that you've come to expect from us so we decided to postpone it. We have always thought that the GOW belonged to everyone who came. That's why this decision was so difficult to make.

We will decide the future of the GOW after things settle down. We hope postponing the GOW has not caused any hardships for those who were planning on teaching or the students who were looking so forward to learning and building friendships with others in the carving community. If you know of people who were planning on coming and are not on these woodcarving email groups, please let them know. Thank you for your understanding. Joe Dillett

THE "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 25th of the month prior to publication to be included. E-Mail and phone listed below.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/10-12	Spit and Whittle Weekend	Osceola Fairgrounds – Evert	231-734-5125 or 231-734-9131
9/17-19	Rhadigan Caricature Seminar	Osceola Fairgrounds – Evert	734-649-3259
9/17-19	Whittlin' at the Woodlands	Woodlands Retreat – Hale	989-728-4022
9/18	Tri City Carving Show	2 nd Presbyterian Church – Saginaw	989-793-3520
9/24-25	Washington Center Carve Fest 6	Washington Senior Center	586-786-1967
10/9	Saline Carving Show	UAW Hall in Saline	734-599-8784
10/17	Frankenmuth Carving Show	Frankenmuth High School Frankenmuth	810-653-1706 989-835-8919
10/30	Livonia Carving Show	Monaghan Knights of Columbus Livonia	248-474-2609
11/6-7	Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show	Cass County Fairgrounds – Cassopolis	269-663-6096
12/4	MWCA Winter Meeting	To be determined	734-323-4685 or 810-798-3401

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

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