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This edition of the Chatter will be US mailed to all paid MWCA members along with an application to the Midland Learning Seminar. This is a one time yearly mailing we do for all members. Remember, MWCA members receive a discount for the seminar classes.

The next membership meeting is December 3rd at the Midland Ponderosa restaurant 11am

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS MOBILE CARVING BENCH

It's almost over with, just a few more things to move and we will be in our new home. See address at end of newsletter, my phone number remains the same. Me email has changed to salinecarver@gmail.com with just the provider changed. Lots of trees in our yard and a huge mulberry tree about 30 feet high and about 26-30 feet around. When we got here it was just loaded with berries and I decided that it would have to go because when all the berries fell to the ground it would be a mess. Well, before they got ripe, flocks of robins, cardinals, bluebirds, blue jays, canaries, spotted woodpeckers and some others came in a picked every berry on the tree and those that fell to the ground a squirrel cleaned up! What a show they put on for us but there is still lots of yard work to do.

MWCA is moving along great, but we still have a couple of clubs who have not yet paid their 2011-2012 dues and their members will miss out on the annual September mailing of this newsletter and the 2012 seminar application. They will also not be eligible for the seminar discount for members unless they are paid.

The 2012 Midland seminar is coming along very well with 87 registered students at the present time. We have a total of 25 instructors ready to teach you any kind of carving or wood burning. Our newest instructor is Dick Lamphier, specializing in realistic caricatures, faces and expressions, and wrinkles and drapery. Jim Wilsford class in realistic animals with power is already full and several others are at 8 or 9 students. Classes are limited to 12 carvers. Our new vice president Garry Mulick is doing an excellent job taking over the workload of that position. Thank you Garry for accepting the position.

The shows will soon be starting again. The Spit and whittle is coming Sept 8-22 at the Ewart Fairgrounds followed by the Rhadian caricature weekend at the Fairgrounds Sept 16-18. Then the Tri-City carving show Sept 24 and Metro CarveFest Sept 23-24. Then for October there is the Livonia show Oct 1st, Saline carving show Oct 8th and Frankenmuth carvings show Oct 16th. November is busy with the Fruitbelt carving show November 5-6 and the biggest one of all, the Dayton Ohio Artistry in Wood show Nov 12-13 where Michigan is very well represented.

We are still in the process of forming several committees for the Midland seminar and will need help in addition to the regular committees. Guess this will be all for this time, back to finishing the moving process.
Andrew Luckhardt, President of Michigan Wood Carvers Association [Note Andy's new address on the return address on this mailing.](#)

MWCA 2012 CALENDARS

Caleendars will be ready for pickup club pickup at the Frankenmuth carving show on October 16th. **PLEASE** let Sandy Holder know by **October 1st** how many calendars your club would like. Call 231-734-5125 or email civildee@netonecom.net We will most likely print 400 calendars as last year and when they are gone we don't do a second printing. That number can change before printing to accommodate how many we need. They will again be \$4.00 per calendar. This is MWCA's only fund raiser and does keep your yearly dues per member at only \$1.00. Please support your organization by purchasing a calendar. Single calendars can also be purchased at the show. If your club is unable to pick them up at that time an alternative method can be worked out. Frank and Phyllis Burghy will again generously be including a \$5 discount for a one time purchase of \$10 or more from their carving supply business. Thank you Frank and Phyllis for your support to MWCA members.

CLUB NEWS

FRANKENMUTH CARVERS GUILD: Long time member Charles Kroll passed away and his family graciously donated in his name a full size carousel horse but still needs to be finished. Charles was a very skilled carver and had a great start and the guild members will continue his efforts and finish the project. Our August 7th picnic turned out great. Best of all was the company of fine friends and good food thanks to the effort of Jeanine and Ed Stafford and their planning. Thanks to John Barany for donating to the club a very nice articulated elephant model that can be used as a go by to carve an anatomically correct elephant.



SUNRISE SIDE CARVERS: This group is always busy doing something. August has member Don Zwiesler doing two painting classes and Greg Wilkinson giving a feather class which will continue into September. Their club picnic was held at Richard and Shirley Torrey's home and it was another great picnic. Lots of fun and good food and friends. The club also participated in the Tawas City Park art show, and the Greenbush fire department chicken barbecue. They will also participate in the Oscoda Paul Bunyan Festival in September and the Sprinkler Lake Fall Fest in October.

TRI-CITY: We are getting ready for our annual show Sept 24th. Gary Klender and Vince Rosolowski held a soap carving workshop at Bangor Twp school and had a great day and the ended up with a lot of neat soap carvings. Or club picnic was held at the Saginaw Children's Zoo on July 9th. 60 members and guests enjoyed the beautiful weather and plenty of food. The recently refinished carousel was up and running for all those in attendance. Thanks to Jean, Joe and Del for hosting the picnic again.

Ed Hak has some more interesting websites for you to check out:

1. Artisan Design Network - www.aftdesignnet.com ,
2. The artwork of Patrick B. Pointer - www.northernmichiganartist.webs.com ,
- and 3. Chris Hammack - www.chrishammackart.com

Steve Brown will be conducting a class Sept 26, 27, 28 immediately following our show. They were going to open the class to members of other clubs in August if the class wasn't full, class is \$160. If you are interested, call Gene Gubbins for more information at 989-770-4482.

CHIEF OSCEOLA CARVERS: We have changed our meeting place from the old Depot in Evart to the Community room at the Evart fairgrounds each Thursday morning. The Commission on Aging also has their Senior meals lunch program that day every week so when we are done carving we stay for a very nutritious lunch.

Spit and Whittle weekend is Sept 9-11. This is not a planned event, but is open to everyone. We don't know who will be here, but some carvers bring projects for others and have a workshop. Still others bring their own work in progress and work on that. We will have a potluck on Saturday night and a hot dog roast Sunday at noon. If there are enough musicians we may even have a jam on Saturday evening. Come and relax, carve and visit with other carvers. We always have a great time.

HAPPY CHIPPERS: We did the Iosco County Fair in July and also the Ogemaw County Fair in August. It was a busy time and it is fun to visit with people and show them what we do.

WOOD SHAVING DAYS at Hartwick Pines State Park: The Mulicks and the Murphys spent the weekend of July 15, 16, &17 in beautiful Hartwick Pines State Park at their Wood Shaving Days celebration. We set up a tent with a nice display of carvings and pyrography that we had done either at the Learning Seminar or with the instructors from the seminar. Behind the carvings we had a display board showing the instructors with a project advertising the 2012 seminar. We also had a supply of the tri-folds with all the basic information for next years' seminar. Pat came with a supply of icicle blanks and proceeded to teach Mary Lou and lots of other people how to make a great simple decoration for Christmas. He also made and donated 3 or 4 of the icicles to the Hartwick Pines Association so they could sell them to cover some of their expenses.

Garry and Pat stationed themselves in front of our tent to carve and talk with anyone who even slowed down to look us over. I think Garry became an honorary Irishman that weekend. He kept right up with Pat in telling everyone about MWCA, wood carving and the Learning Seminar. Arlene and I learned very quickly that the boys could handle the chatter quite well without us. We sat behind them and carved and talked about what we would like to do at next years wood shaving days celebration. We think it would be fun to set up a couple of picnic tables for kids or adults to try soap carving and a small pyrography project. Let us know if you would like to join our fun and help out a little bit.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

CANCELLATIONS: The Happy Chippers are sorry but they had to cancel their **Whittlin' at the Woodlands** for September , 2011. We hope to have it again in September of 2012. Set aside these dates..... September 21-23, 2012, hope to see you there.

KALAMAZOO CARVING SHOW in September was also cancelled this year.

CARVE-IN with Floyd Rhadigan September 16-18th at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evart, a three-day carving seminar. Accommodations are camping on the fairgrounds at \$17 per night and the Osceola Grand Hotel next to the fairgrounds, call 1-877-EVARTMI for hotel information. For more information call Floyd at 734-649-3259, email rhads134@comcast.net or check fantasycarving.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/9-11	SPIT & WHITTLE weekend	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Evart	231-734-5125 231-34-9131
9/16-18	CARVE-IN WITH Floyd Rhadigan	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evart	734-649-3259
9/16-18	WHITTLIN at the WOODLANDS cancelled	2012 is still planned	989-728-4022
9-24	TRI CITY CARVERS CARVING SHOW	2 nd Presbyterian Church-Saginaw	989-793-3520
9/23-24	WASHINGTON CARVEFEST 6	Washington Sr Center	586-786-1967
10/1	LIVONIA CARVING SHOW in Livonia	Monaghan Knights of Columbus	248-474-2609
10/8	SALINE CARVING SHOW	UAW Hall in Saline	734-599-8784
10/16	FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVING SHOW	Frankenmuth High School	810-653-1706 989-835-8919
11/5-6	FRUITBELT WOODCARVERS SHOW	Cass County Fairgrounds-Cassopolis	269-435-7245
11/12-13	DAYTON OHIO ARTISTRY IN WOOD	Dayton Expo Center –Dayton	837-339-2786
12/3	MWCA Membership Meeting 11 am - 2 pm	Midland Ponderosa 989-631-6420	734-323-4685

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

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