



“CHATTER”
NEWSLETTER OF THE
MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION
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Club dues are due
by March 31st.

*******MWCA ANNUAL MEETING*******

April 14th, 2012 – 11:00 am
Ponderosa Restaurant, Midland
All members and delegates welcome!

Only delegates from
paid clubs can vote.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS CARIVING BENCH

Here it is time for another news article from the president. Spring is not to far away. Snow comes and goes and it still stays relative warm. Can't complain I only had to get the snow scraper out once this winter to plow out the driveway. The shows are starting in March with the Metro Show on March 17 & 18. Then the Greater Lansing Area show will be on April 28, followed by the Sunrise Side Carvers show on May 12 & 13.

The Cane Committee is promoting a Cane Head carving competition at the shows to those who wish to participate. Information and rules are in this Chatter. Should be very interesting plus provide more cane heads for the cane program.

The Annual Meeting will be April 14th at the Ponderosa in Midland. All members are invited to attend plus all delegates from the clubs to be able to vote on business to come before the meeting.

Progress on the 2012 Learning Seminar schedule for May 21 thru the 25. Between March 1 and 15th I will be finalizing the classes, students and instructors. We have 114 students registered for the Seminar so far. Get your applications in soon if you wish to reserve certain classes at the seminar. The refund policy may change after March 15th; and of course we will be taking applications till the day of the Seminar. All the events and agenda for the Seminar are pretty well set. I need a volunteer who has helped set up tables in the past to take charge or direct the setting up the tables Sunday evening before the Seminar. Please contact me if you are able to help. Come to the 2012 Seminar for a wonderful week of carving, one of the best in the country.

Andrew Luckhardt, President

GOOD NEWS----- MWCA has a new web site: WWW.MIWOODCARVERS.COM

As you know MWCA lost the ability to update the information on our old web site some time ago. Our webmaster Terry Zobl, along with others, worked very hard, without success, to get the old site up & running.

Terry asked for help and a committee of Terry Zobl, Dave Copeman and Bill Phillips took on the job. None of us were able to solve all the problems with the old site not to mention having the expertise of starting up a new site. With that said we hired an expert Mrs. Tammie Jarvis. Tammie is a professional and has a degree in computers. She works with local automobile companies on computers & web sites.

Tammie was invited to a committee meeting and gave us a lot of advice and helped us find the lowest cost web host provider. She will be working with Terry transferring all the info from our old site and suggesting improving our new one.

The committee wrote up the following web site business plan:

1. MWCA will need to register our own Domain name which we will “own” and can transfer to computer host if we ever need to. Our cost for this is approx \$15/year.
2. Our new Domain name is **www.miwoodcarvers.com** We could not keep our old name because we did not “own” it. That is part of the reason we went with a paid domain.
3. Our total cost for the domain and host is approx \$100 /year which will be paid for from the general fund.
5. The “paid” hosting contract will provide enough storage room to allow us to build additional “club web sites” along with the MWCA web site.
5. We will offer all MWCA clubs an opportunity to have their own registered domain site connected thru our contract at a cost of \$15/year. You will need your own club webmaster or can hire Tammie for additional \$50.yr. (see note below)

This web site business plan was presented to the Ex-Board and was approved early February, 2012. The new site is up and running. Please mark it as a FAVORITE on your computer. The old site may continue to work for a while but we cannot up-date the information on it. PLEASE USE THE NEW SITE ADDRESS: **WWW.MIWOODCARVERS.COM** We think you'll like it! All the info from the old site has been transferred to our new one. Terry will be updating the new site as time permits so keep connected to our new site **WWW.MIWOODCARVERS.COM**

As mentioned above if your club would like their “OWN WEB SITE”, working through our host/domain contract it will only cost you \$15/yr. Terry has been asked several times to help clubs start up a club web site allowing them to communicate with their members. Terry does not have time to be a webmaster for each club so if you have someone who would like to take this on for you, email Terry and he'll tell you how to get started. You'll find a link on our new web site to contact him. For those who do not have someone to act as club webmaster, we have an agreement with Tammie Jarvis to work with our clubs. She will help you by either TRAINING a club member or will act as a club webmaster for a fee of \$50/yr paid directly to her plus the \$15 paid to MWCA. Once your site is up and running it will only cost you \$15/yr which is paid to the MWCA Treasurer.

If you have any questions pertaining to the web site please contact any of the committee and we will do all we can to get you the help you need.

CLUB NEWS

METRO CARVERS: Metro carvers recently had a wood carving display at the Rochester/Rochester Hills library. Many show flyers were taken which generated many phone calls and inquiries about carving which indicates there seems to still be a healthy interest in wood carving as a hobby.

A Metro member who moved to Florida donated some carving tools to the club to use as they wished. Doug Evans headed up a tool auction at a recent meeting and the proceeds were donated to the Sterling Heights Senior Center as to be used for the purchase of items and postage for boxes to be sent to our Troops in Afghanistan.

Plans are in the final stages of preparations for our March 17-18 annual show. There is still time to reserve your table and if you are in the area be sure to stop in we always have a great show.

An Eagle Head Cane Handle Carving competition will be held in conjunction with our Wood Carving show. The competition is separate from the regular carving show competition and is open to everyone.

GREATER LANSING CARVERS - It is official the **Greater Lansing Show is April 28th from 10 am to 4 pm.** At the Haslett High School, 5450 Marsh Rd., Haslett, MI. 48840. Our show chairperson is Cindy Walker, 416 Burcham Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823. 517-332-0471. Featured carver Dave Marsden. Read of him in the latest issue of Chip Chats.

TRI-CITY:

Club members carved at the warehouse on the last weekend in January. Gene Gubbins will be having two fish carving classes for the club members. Bob Gubbins did a fish decoy mini class at our February meeting. Ben Donaghy also taught a class in February on carving little-folk.

Ed Hak's suggested website to check out are:

1. www.midwestdecoy.org - Sporting Collectables
2. www.thebrant.ca - British Columbia's largest wildlife art show
3. www.fisheyeguyphotography.com - Photography of Pat Clayton

SUNRISE SIDE CARVERS: Our Veterans were treated to an evening with the *SUNRISERS* on January 24 at the Senior Center when we presented 10 Eagle Head canes -with much appreciation expressed by the recipients.

Members held a carving workshop at the Standish/Sterling Middle School for the University of Scouting. Teaching and helping were the Torreys, the Lahtis, Greg Wilkinson and the Flanders. This is not just of benefit to the Scouting world, but also good advertising for the carving world! All in all, it was a fun time with good folks January club workshops included an icicle with Dick Torrey and a flower class with Carol Hodges.

Our show is soon coming up May 12-13 and you can obtain entry forms from Shirley Torrey by calling 989-362-7982.

MWCA 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP CLUB DUES ARE DUE BY MARCH 31

CHIPS AND CHATTER

WINTER CARVING (WOOD ART) EXCHANGE- Notices and information for the exchange will be sent to all club presidents and representatives to pass on to their club members. The time period has been shortened this time so no one will forget to finish their carvings. Remember, registration and time to complete your project is from March to mid-April. All you need to do is register with coordinators David and Sally Nye either by mail, email or phone call. Address is 2160 66th St, Fennville, MI 49408. You can also phone them at 269-543-4755 or email Mr.Columbus1492@gmail.com Send your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL and please include your MWCA CLUB NAME. Easy to register at www.miwoodcarvers.com click "Exchange" link on the left, then use the easy to fill in web form. "Poof" and you are registered!!

Finish your project by the middle of April. Then in Mid-April you will be notified about the person you will be sending your project to along with a little something about yourself. You will not be exchanging projects with the person you are sending your project to. You will receive a project from someone different.

This is not supposed to be a "show piece" project, (unless you want to) it is simply a fun item you can finish in a reasonably short amount of time. This way even new carvers are able to join in on the fun and you will also get to know another carver in the state. We hope everyone will be interested in participating this year. It has been a great experience in the past.

CANE HEAD CARVING COMPETITION:

The objective of this competition is to use competition as a means to continuously improve carving skills, raise awareness of the Patriot Cane Program, and encourage greater participation from MWCA clubs and their members along with fellow carvers interested in supporting this project. Everyone who enters a finished eagle head in each show/event competition will receive a new rectangle patch to be added to our original 3" cane patch. Compete often and collect more patches.

Guidelines:

- To enter the competition you must have an Eagle Head cane handle properly drilled, painted or natural finished and turned

in at the MWCA "Lean On Me" table display. They become the property of the Cane Committee.

- The carver does not have to be present to participate. You can have a friend deliver the eagle head. No Mailed in Heads will be accepted for competition.
- Each carving must have a paper label with the carver's Name, Address, Phone, and if available, e-mail address, and Club name. This label should be rolled and inserted into the shaft hole of the carving handle.
- A carver can submit multiple carvings but only one (1) is eligible for competition. Extra heads will be put on display only.

- Carvers can participate and be eligible for an award at other shows with a new eagle handle submitted for their cane handle competition. And receive another Competition Patch.
- The prize will be a quality carving tool such as a knife or gift certificate redeemable at Cedar Bird Shoppe for a specified dollar amount.
- Judging will be done by show exhibitors.

Club Shows and other MWCA events will be used as venues to stage cane handle carving competitions. This will allow participation from a greater number of carvers around Michigan. Eagle Head blanks and eyes will be available at the February 14th Metro meeting and at the Show. So come on, get all your carving mates involved.

For more complete information please contact Dave Copeman at 596-979-4852, or Bill Phillips at 810-798-3401.

NHK Roundup in Ontario – May 6th at the Copetown Community Hall in Copetown Ontario. We have over 15 instructors and Chipping Away carving supplies. Cost is \$15 registration plus cost of materials. Website is www.nhkroundup.webs.com Pre-registration has started. Information on website.

The Florida Woodcarvers Roundup has moved to Clearwater FL. Dates are March 20-23. It is under new management and sponsorship of the City of Clearwater's Long Center. Pre-registration or walk-ins is \$8 per day plus instructor cost and cost of materials for the classes. They have 16 instructors this year. More information can be obtained by emailing Jim O'dea at jeodea@aol.com or from their website <http://webspaces.webring.com/people/qj/jeodea/>

Great Lakes Fish Carving Competition and Show – March 16-18th – Devos Place Convention Center

Sponsoring the event is the Michigan Taxidermy Association and is in conjunction with the Ultimate Sport Fishing and RV show and the Michigan Taxidermy Association show March 14-18 in Grand Rapids.

There is also a youth fishing competition, which is divided into four age groups. There will also be fish carving and fish painting seminars by world champion carvers such as Josh Guge and Clark Schrebeis. The Peoples choice competition winner will be presented the Ed Walicki Jr. Memorial Fish Carving Award. The Woodland Carvers Association is also holding their annual show and sale under the same roof.

Anyone can enter a carving and carvings for competition can also be mailed to Woodland Carving Club President Orlando Villarreal to be placed into the competition, so you don't have to be present to enter. Please contact him if you would like to send a carving. Call Orlando at 616-901-2794

For more information and registration go to www.MichiganTaxidermist.com; MTA President Joe Miles at (517) 795-3810 or Woodland Carvers Association President, Orlando Villarreal at (616) 901-2794.

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 JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>INFORMATION</i>
3/17-18	METRO CARVERS SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts.	269-435-7245
4/14	MWCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Ponderosa – Midland – 11 am	734-323-4685 or 616-642-6790
4/28	GREAT LANSING SHOW	Haslett High School - Haslett	734-323-4685
5/12-13	SUNRISE SIDE CARVING SHOW	Oscoda High School	989-362-7982
5/21-25	MWCA SEMINAR	Midland Fairgrounds	734-323-4685 or 616-642-6790
6/6-9	WOOD CARVERS ROUNDUP	Evert Fairgrounds - Evert	231-734-5125 or 231734-9131
6/11-15	CREATIVE CARVING SEMINAR	Evert Fairgrounds – Evert	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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