



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS CARIVING BENCH

Well summer is over and fall is well under way. I hate to think of what is coming after fall. Our State shows are all over for this fall, except for the big one in Dayton Ohio, The Artistry In Wood Show and the Fruitbelt show. I will not be able to represent the MWCA in Dayton this year. I however know that Michigan will be well represented by carvers from Michigan who will have tables at the show. Many Michigan Carvers will travel down to see the show. I will be going to the Fruitbelt Show on Nov 3rd at the Cassopolis Fairgrounds. We always have a good time with the Fruitbelt Carvers.

I would like take this time to thank and show my appreciation for all the numerous E-mails I received after my e-mail of not running for any office in the coming election. Then also after I had to retract my age of 89 to 88 I received many more e-mails urging me to reconsider my position of running for President. It makes me feel real good to know that you all consider me as doing such a good job and so many want me to reconsider. I feel real good to be able to lose a year of my life and take a step backwards. Thanks to all.

Our Learning Seminar for the 2013 year is moving along good. We have 72 students and counting. We decided to not sent the Seminar Brochure to all the members along with the current chatter. The expense is too great, so we decided to send a few brochures along with the Calendars to each group that had orders. The Calendars were delivered by Sandy at the

Frankenmuth Show. We sent seminar Brochures to the 14 clubs that had ordered calendars. Each Club is asked to have the applications available to all its members that want to come to the seminar. The brochure and application is always available on our Web Site of MWCA, (www.miwoodcarver.com) We are trying to come up as to how we will get them to the rest of the club members and for all clubs to inform all of their members that the applications are available at their clubs. We may be able to add the application to the next Chatter. Sandy is looking into this. Sandy has done another excellent job on the calendar as she has done in the past, thank you very much.

Our December membership meeting will be held on Dec. 8, 2012. It will be held in Lansing at the Fire Mountain buffet style restaurant. It opens at 10:45 but our officers will be let in at 10:00. The address is 730 Elmwood Rd. Lansing, MI. 48917. It is just off West Saginaw Hwy. We have a request for a Executive meeting sometime before the meeting which is under consideration and a time and place for it to be held.

If you or your clubs have anything that you would like to bring before the Meeting in Dec please let me know and I will add it to the agenda.

Sincerely your President of MWCA, Andrew Luckhardt.

ATTENTION

2013 MWCA Elections will be held next April and all offices are open for nominations. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To be included on the ballot nominations will be accepted till Valentines Day when they will be closed. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Each club will have one vote for each office and must be received before the meeting for those clubs who will not be in attendance at the meeting. Nominations forms are included in this newsletter and may be sent to any of the three nominations committee members, Sandy Holder, Sally Nye or Doug Evans.

As of the writing of this newsletter the current President and Vice President are not seeking another term so they are both open positions for new nominations. The treasurer, Mary Lou Mulick is looking for a replacement but willing to run for only one more term if needed, secretary is also open for nominations. All officers are willing to help and direct new officers as needed.

Remember, this is YOUR club and we need your help and participation to continue, please consider volunteering to run for one of positions. Basic officer descriptions are as follows or for more information please check the bylaws. Oh yes, pay is exceptional !!!

PRESIDENT: Is the CEO of MWCA and subject to direction and approval by the Board. Preside over 2 yearly meetings and call special meetings if needed. Address concerns that come up from time to time, be able to delegate duties to responsible members. Appoint and direct various committees as needed for the operation of the corporation. Have good communications skills and be someone who really cares about the art of woodcarving and the future of MWCA.

Andy did a lot of extra things like attend shows and oversee the seminar which are things that can be appointed positions and are not a required element for President.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall have general administrative duties as assigned by the Board, and assist the President in the performance of duties when required. The VicePresident assumes the duties of President in his absence.

SECRETARY: Shall be the recording officer of the corporation. Preparing minutes of all meetings, send notices as needed.

TREASURER: Receive and have custody of and disburse the funds of the corporation. This also includes the funds for the seminar.

There are nominations forms at the end of this newsletter. You may consent to be nominated or place your own name in nomination.

CLUB NEWS

BLUE WATER CARVERS - Sept 30th the Blue Water Carvers were at Hands On Art in Port Huron and had a great day talking to people about carving. Wayne Seaford's wooden locks and cottonwood bark gnome homes were a big hit with everybody who stopped by to visit our demonstration area. Wayne made one lock with a Plexiglas front so you can actually observe how the mechanism works. Everything on the lock is wood (including the key) except for the screws that hold it the front and back on Another date this event was also held in the cafeteria at St. Clair County Community College.

HAPPY CHIPPERS: Every year the veterans of Ogemaw County open the Ogemaw County Fair with a flag ceremony and at that time we invite all previous cane recipients to attend and show their canes. We then try to have a new cane recipient there to publicly present it. It makes for a nice gathering.

SUNRISE CARVERS: Club classes in August and September were icicles, Charlie Flanders with Bible Dudes and Wood Duck Feather Painting with Isa Hastings, with another Wood duck Painting Class in October. Other classes for October are a Stumpy Pumpkin with Howard Lahti and relief carving with Bill Hastings. The club also participated in the Tawas Fine Arts Festival and the Alcoma/Lincoln Relay for Life.

Elections were held: President-Dick Torrey, Vice President-Ray Matheson, Treasurer-Shirley Torrey, Secretary-new member Karen Kotyk, Sunshine-Mary Hilderbrand, Elections-Isa Hastings, Editor-Harriet Flanders and 2013 Show Chair-Shirley Torrey.

On September 25th the Sunrise members presented fifteen Eagle Head canes to our Veterans - a really grateful group. Bill Tripp and Dick Baily of the Sunrise club were also in the group of recipients.

2013 Sunrise Show is changed to the weekend before Mother's Day. If you have a 2013 MWCA calendar, please make sure you change the Sunrise show to May 4th and 5th. We have moved it away from Mother's Day so there is no conflict with the holiday.

TRI-CITY CARVERS: Ben Donaghy will teach a class Nov 28-29-30 to carve a purple finch for painting in the Bob Guge class. It is only open to those taking the Bob Guge class next March.

Our show on September 22 went very well. The competition entry process went much faster with the new entry form. Congratulations to all that won a ribbon including Ray Matheson for Best of Intermediate, Tom Geiermann for Best of Show for his Cedar Waxwings, Mike Ford for Best of Masters for his Red Eyed Vireo, and Don Day for People's Choice. Best of novice was won by Kristy DeHate for a mountain goat. The cane head competition was won by Gene Gubbins. All were privileged to see the exquisite work of the featured carver Charles Smalligan.

SPIT and WHITTLE weekend: This year the Spit and Whittle went fantastic again. Everyone had a great time, lots of carving, learning and just plain fun. The watermelon spit contest was again won by Judy Morgan, the 2012 winner. Flaunt It sportswear returned so we could all purchase our shirts and sweatshirts with the SAW logo. Cedar Bird Shoppe was again there with all their wood carving tools and supplies. Sandy Holder was presented a specially carved cane for Bob who was unable to attend this year. It was a beautiful cane with 8 segments made by Floyd Rhadigan, Dave DeGraff, Bill Jaquays from Michigan and Mike Sheppard, Bob Pring, Ken Sutton, Ken Naunton, and Ken Maitland all from Ontario. Bob and I thank them for their special effort, it is Bob's pride and joy. We look forward to Sept 6-8, 2013 for the next SAW, hope to see you all there.

WOOD CARVERS ROUNDUP HAS A NEW ORGANIZER: We would like to thank everyone for attending and teaching at the Roundup for the past 14 years. It has been a wonderful, rewarding time. Due to health concerns of the folks who have always handled the Roundup, it is time for us to pass the chips on to someone else to continue the event. With great pride we would like to let you know that Floyd Rhadigan has offered to keep the Roundup going. It will be the same time as always, and will be kept as close to the way it has been as possible. There may be some changes but all for the good of the Roundup. It will now be known as the "**Evart Roundup**" and Floyd Rhadigan will be the organizer. We of course we will still be here to help as needed. Thank you everyone for a great 14 years with more to come. Bob and Sandy Holder, Virginia Huffman and Judy Morgan, Jim and Barb Graham, John Crawford and Rod and Susan Walker.

We are thankful for all the people who have helped us in the past, so please continue your support for Floyd as he takes on this new adventure, he can use all the help you can offer. Thank you very much Floyd!

Contact Floyd at 734-649-3259 or rhads134@comcast.net Website is www.evartroundup.com to download a brochure there.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

MWCA DECEMBER MEETING: Meeting will be held at Fire Mountain restaurant at 730 Elmwood Rd, Lansing. 517-321-1200. there is a buffet lunch, and they will prepare steaks to order if you wish. The meeting starts at 11 am. Officers may enter at 10 am. There will again be a food drive for the Evart Food Pantry. They have always been very appreciative of the wood carvers for participating in helping the local folks in need of food. We do appreciate the Evart community. If you would like to take part in a small item Christmas exchange, just bring a small item you would like to exchange with someone else. We look forward to seeing everyone there, remember this is your club and we need your input and voice in its future.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR DEC MEETING: We would like to know what your vision is for the MWCA. What would you like to see us do in the future? What should we be doing? How can we grow? Bring your ideas and thoughts to share.

GREATER LANSING 2013 SHOW: "Lansing, Michigan: The Greater Lansing Woodcarving Club will hold its' annual Wood Carving Show, Competition and Sale on Saturday April 6, 2013 in the Haslett High School Gymnasium in Haslett, Michigan. Hours for this event are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. For additional information call 517-337-0778 or contact erbisch@juno.com

SUNRISE WOOD CARVING 2013 SHOW: The Sunrise club announces that their 2013 show will be held at a different time. They have moved it away from Mother's Day weekend and moved it to the weekend before on May 4th and 5th.

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. Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members who don't receive it by email.

CHATTER NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED THE FIRST OF:
 JANUARY MARCH MAY
 JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
11/5-6	FRUITBELT WOODCARVERS SHOW	Cass County Fairgrounds-Cassopolis	269-435-7245
12/8	MWCA WINTER MEETING Food Drive for Evert food pantry	Fire Mountain in Lansing 11 am 517-321-1200	734-323-3685 616-642-6790

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

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NOMINATIONS FORMS ARE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

M.W.C.A. 2013-2015 NOMINATION FORM

For offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

Date _____

I the undersigned, do hereby nominate _____
MWCA member, for the position of _____
of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association for a 2-year term from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015.
Member signature _____

Consent of Nominee:

I do hereby consent to let my name stand as Candidate for the above-specified position.

I am a currently paid member of _____ Club

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

All forms must be received by a nominations committee member by Feb 14, 2013 to be included on the ballot.
Send to nominations to any of the following committee members.

Sandy Holder, 7093 14 Mile Rd, Ewart MI 49631, Ph. 231-734-5125 civildee@netonecom.net
Sally Nye, 2160 66th St., Fenville MI 49048 Ph. 269-543-4755 fancarversworld@gmail.com
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M.W.C.A. 2013-2015 NOMINATION FORM

For offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TRREASURER

Date _____

I would like to be considered in nomination for the office position of _____
of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association for a 2-year term from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2015.

Member signature _____ Print name _____

I do hereby consent to let my name stand as Candidate for the above-specified position.

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