



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**
*May you always
be sharp!*

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NEWSLETTER OF THE
MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION
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***Club News**

***MWCA Meeting**

***MWCA Future**

***2013 Election**

We all survived 12-21-12. If anyone wants to know Ted Rogers, from Woodbee carvers, says the U.P. is still there too!!

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS CARIVING BENCH

Here it is time for another news article. The last one for the 2012 year. It is time to forget the past and start over on a completely new track and strive to make the 2013 year the best that we can make it. The presentation by Doug at our last membership was a very good start to get our membership to thinking about what our organization is all about and what we should do to make it a better. There are many things that we can all do to help make MWCA the organization that we can be proud of. There comes a time in all groups when you have to sit back and take a good look at what has made MWCA the wonderful organization it is. Then make plans on how to

improve it to make it the group that we all would like to see it become. All it takes is a little effort from each one of us and we can make this organization the best ever. In the last year we have had our ups and downs, each one has turned out to make things better. We pray for our carving friends that we have lost during the year. I wish all of you a very good and healthy new year.

Your old President Andrew Luckhardt

Annual MWCA meeting April 13th, held at Fire Mountain, in Lansing.

ATTENTION

2013 MWCA Elections will be held in 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. Nomination forms are available from Sandy Holder, Sally Nye or Doug Evans.

and Vice President Garry Mulick are not seeking another term so they are both open positions for 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.

Please consider running for one of the officer positions. This is where we need your help for the future of MWCA.

The bylaws committee is also working on some possible changes which may also be on the election form for April.

As of this newsletter the current President Andy Luckhardt

MWCA CLUB DUES for year 2013-2014 are due by April 1, 2013. Sometime in January most club presidents will receive the renewal sheets. One will be your club information sheet with officers and show dates and delegates. If there are any changes please return it along with your dues payment. You will also receive a complete roster (old and new members) and need to mark the ones you are paying dues for and adding any new members with the numbers provided. This year dues are returning to \$2 per member. See the note in the Chips and Chatter section of the newsletter for more information on dues

CLUB NEWS

SALINE CARVERS: Saline Woodcarvers, another year has come and gone. We had a great carving show, a well-attended swap meet, and many enjoyable Wednesday evenings. There was an election and the Saline Club has a new set of officers for 2013..... Also the club has dropped their dues fee from \$7.00 to \$5.00 because members agreed that the purpose of the club is to share carving knowledge, not to make money..... This is the time of year that everyone is working on Christmas projects. So everyone did something different, for sure..... The Christmas Dinner was at Floyd's in Clinton, and the club is picked up the tab..... But there was a small donation from club members, to be matched by our club, for a food bank in our area..... Just giving back to those less fortunate. (Sharon and Pooch)

WOODLAND CARVERS: is taking part of the "Ultimate Sport Show Grand Rapids at Devos Place, March 21-24 2013. Come and see the beautiful and impressive display from the club members. World champion fish carver Josh Guge will be our featured artist. There will be a fish carving competition sponsored by the Michigan Taxidermist Association.

FRIDAY March 22, 2013 Josh Guge will be giving a seminar on Wood Carving Techniques. Class size is limited to 10 people.

There will be a fish carving competition sponsored by the Michigan Taxidermist Association. If you wish to compete and/or you are unable to deliver your carving personally, they can be mailed to Orlando to compete in the competition. For more information contact Orlando Villarreal (616-892-7202)

WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS: Found an old leather strop in my shop the other day, it's a wheel that comes with a mandrel on it and the mandrel fits in a hand drill. Not sure where it came from but decided to try it out. Chucked it in the drill, put the drill in the vice and turned it loose. I decided to polish a couple of knives and a few gouges. Put a little rouge on it and away we went. Worked like a charm. Not sure what it costs but it seems like a cheap way to strop a few tools and sure is a lot faster than doing it with a hand strop. Remember that the fun is in the carving and not in the sharpening. Bet some of you have one of these somewhere too!!

SUNRISE CARVERS: Isa Hastings did a class on the side pocket Wood Duck feather. Howard Lahti had many sizes of pumpkins for a class and Bill Hastings brought cedra rosa wood from Brazil which was really hard. Bill Hastings has started a beginning Carvers class at the Lincoln Senior Center on Wednesday afternoon. Charlie Flanders taught a class on a bird ornament. Carol Hodges is planning a class on woodburning/chip carving.

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 date in the table at the back of the calendar and the May calendar page to **May 4th and 5th..** We have moved it away from Mother's Day so there is no conflict with the holiday. Alec LeCasse is this year's featured carver. You remember Alec as the young man who does wonders with bark and is a must see.

TRI-CITY CARVERS:

Upcoming club seminars: Ben's class on carving a Red Finch for Bob Guge's class has 6 or 7 people attending. We now have about 10 people for the Guge class the last week of March, Gary Bityk has agreed to do a 1 day class in January or February. You can use your own bark or you can purchase bark from Gary

We are asked to display carvings at the Antique Warehouse in January and carve at the warehouse on the 26th and 27th of January.

In November Gary Klender led soap carving classes at Haven Elementary with 26 kids from Pack 3363. He also held classes at the Cristy McCaulif Middle School in October for about 47 kids.

We are postponing the election of the President and Vice President until January. The Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Historian, and Hospitality officers agreed to stay in office for another year.

Dave Arndt showed slides from the Dayton Artistry in Wood Show. The carvings were great as usual. Every carver should try to go at least once and plan on two days to see everything.

MID-MICHIGAN CARVERS: **From Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers, Every one have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Remember: Communicate, Educate, Carve, Practice, it doesn't have to be in that order, what ever works best for the benefit of all Carvers. Membership going well here, 16 last year, our first year of being a new club, we now have 21 carving club members for 2013.

FRANKENMUTH CARVERS GUILD has a new board for 2013. Voted in were Nelson Gonzalez as President, Charlie Dolan as Vice President, Ron Nielson for Secretary and Dick Hanson for Treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

MWCA DECEMBER MEETING: About 45 members attended the winter MWCA meeting at Fire Mountain in Lansing. Due to the increasing costs of show tables for the president, postage, insurance, office supplies, and other costs, the MWCA dues will return to \$2 per member per year in April 2013. It was lowered in 2007 to \$1 when we had surplus funds after the new treasurer was elected and it was placed in the general fund. The \$1 was put in place until we found we needed to change it. We have done very well over the years but it is finally necessary to put the dues back to what they were. Just think, that is only the cost of one cup of coffee these days and that is for a whole year. The seminar fund is a separate fund by itself and is not used in the MWCA general fund.

Editors note: \$2 a year for me is very economical considering all I have received from being an MWCA member. I know a lot more about wood carving, have improved my skills and learned how to show many others how to carve which has enhanced my self confidence as an instructor. Traveled all over the state to other events, participated in many shows and even helped create a venue (Roundup) to help others. I would not know all the wonderful people I have met and have become friends with. It's a great feeling to be a member of MWCA with so many others with the same interest. This is the easiest, friendliest, and most compassionate and caring group we have ever belonged to and they don't govern what we can do in our club. We will continue to support and belong to this great organization and hope others feel the same way. MWCA is the glue that keeps us all together as a carving family and is the best \$2 we have ever spent.

During the meeting Doug Evans of the Metro Carvers gave a very good presentation on MWCA as an organization. He gave us all something to think about by writing down what we are doing right, what we can do better and what we aren't doing. Below is a compilation of things we talked about. We didn't do anything other than put thoughts down on paper, we did not get into a discussion of any of the ideas. This was just a presentation to give us something to think about, talk about and ponder for the future. What do you think?

DO RIGHT: Seminar, pulling clubs together, cane program and insurance. Chatter newsletter, carving exchange, calendars and soap carving. Education (show rules, vendor list, cane head carving), social events by supporting and participating in the Roundup and member clubs and shows.

CAN DO BETTER: Communication, attract new member clubs, drawings at seminar, ask for help, carving resources and promote new seminar instructors.

DON'T DO: Use TV for event coverage, promote mini seminars and less expensive seminars, instructor/teacher list and have fun carving events.



A birthday cake for Andy's
~~90th~~ 89th birthday

NOTE: Please change the table in the back of your calendar for the Frankenmuth and Saline shows. Saline show is October 12th and the Frankenmuth show is October 20th. They are correct on the calendar month page.

PROMOTION ITEMS: If any request come through for Calendars or other promotional items send the request to me by e-mail (salinecarver@gmail.com) and I will mail it to them. All Promotional items will be transferred to Denny Sekerenes as soon as possible. I will also send Denny a bunch of calendars for him to sell till we make the transfer. our old President Andrew Luckhardt. **Denny Sekerenes** of the Mid-Michigan carvers has volunteered to be the go to person for our MWCA promotional items. He will soon have the patches, rulers and calendars if you need any of those.

THANK YOU LEANING to TREE WOODCARVERS from Mary Lou Mulick, MWCA treasurer, and the MWCA for the donation of the balance of your treasury to MWCA. The club has decided to break up and thanks the MWCA for their support for the many years they have been members. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in support of MWCA. Thank you for being members.

SPONSOR WEB PAGE: There has been a new web page added to the MWCA web site titled Sponsors. The MWCA web committee had planned to add this page as part of the business plan for our web site. This page will display card size Ads for businesses who would like to link to their web site or clubs/individuals who want to show their Goodwill support to MWCA. The cost for an Ad is only \$25 per year. The revenue will go to MWCA to offset the cost of the web site and help with the general funds. All of you can help make this Sponsors page successful and support MWCA by doing the following:

- * Visit the Sponsors page often and ask your friends to do the same.
- * Support the listed Business sponsors with your patronage.
- * If you know a woodcarving related business or individual that would like to sponsor an Ad send an e-mail to the webmaster.

There are instructions on the bottom of the Sponsors page. View our web site at www.miwoodcarvers.com

**So now it's safe to purchase a new MWCA Calendar since there will indeed be a year 2013. See his picture on the Contacts page and order your calendar. <http://www.miwoodcarvers.com/contacts.html>

By Terry Zobl, webmaster

CARICATURE SEMINAR: A two-day seminar to carve a Mouse balancing on a spool of thread is January 11-12, by Floyd Rhadigan and held at his studio, Floyds Woodcarving, in Clinton, MI. Cost is \$100 which includes the rough-out. contact Floyd rhads134@comcast.net 734-649-3259

SEARS FOOD PANTRY was so very appreciative of the food and monetary donations from MWCA. They said that this year has really been a hard year for people and have found that more people than ever need their services. Thank you very much for the support from MWCA.

HOW TO PROMOTE CARVING: There was a discussion on the miwoodcarvers chat list on the Internet about how could we promote wood carving to the public. Below are some ideas that were talked about.

1. At shows display a carving in a set of steps from block to finished item so folks can see how it develops.
2. Carve in public places like libraries, and possibly even teach a small class there.
3. Teach at Cub Scout organizations when the opportunity presents itself.
4. Look for places you can carve for free just to give demonstrations.
5. Blue Water carvers carve at a COA building and in turn donate items to the Council on Aging for their fund raisers.
6. Sr. Centers are a good place to show what you can do and introduce carving. Club member can donate extra tools for use.
7. Demonstrate during a county fair.

You can join us in the conversations there by going to miwoodcarvers.com and sign up for free!!

CARVING EXCHANGE: There will be another carving exchange coming about February or so, watch for details.

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.

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 JANUARY MARCH MAY
 JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/16-17	METRO WOODCARVING SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts	586-754-4067
4/6	GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW	Grand Ledge High School	989-227-8893
5/4-5	SUNRISE SIDE CARVING SHOW	Oscoda High School	989-362-7982
4/13	MWCA ANNUAL MEETING	Fire Mountain in Lansing 11 am 517-321-1200	734-323-3685 616-642-6790
5/20-24	MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR Openings still available in most classes	Midland Fairgrounds	734-323-4684 616-642-6790

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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

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Date _____

I would like to be considered in nomination for the office position of _____
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Member signature _____ Print name _____

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

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