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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS BENCH

Here it is March and my first big snowstorm plus a big rainstorm. Getting tired of shoveling snow, but spring is around the corner I hope. Now that March is here, in a week of two I will have to inform our instructors for the Seminar about the number they have in their class. If you plan to attend, sign up now so we will not have too many instructors canceling out due to not enough students. We have a great about the number they have in their class. If you plan to attend, sign up now so we will not have too many instructors canceling out due to not enough students. We have a great line of instructors who are eager to give you a full week of great instruction in carving and wood burning. Plus a great time visiting with the best carving friends you would ever want to meet. I will personally contact our luncheon caterer to make sure they will not forget to be there, they always do a great job of providing lunches for us.

Fill out that application and join us at the 2013 Learning Seminar at the Midland fairgrounds, a wonderful place to

spend a week of carving and wood burning. Contact the Mulicks or me for more information or check our website at www.miwoodcarvers.com.

But before the Seminar our annual meeting will take place on April 12, 2013. There will be a few important things coming up like the bi-annual election, and information on the by-laws changes that are being talked about and considered and final plans for the seminar. The bylaws have not been revised for many years. Bring all your ideas, suggestions to the meeting on how we can improve our association to make it the best. News on the Gourd Festival will be available.

You may be stuck with a 90 (ha-ha) year old president for another 2 years God willing. It has been wonderful having the Michigan Woodcarvers Association in my life all these years since 1993. A few uncomfortable times but we always survived and managed to get through them. God bless you all and see you in April.

Your President - Andrew Luckhardt

2013 MWCA ELECTIONS will be held in April at the annual meeting. Only clubs with 2013-2014 paid dues will be eligible to vote. 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. Your clubs MWCA 2013-2014 dues must be paid by the meeting for your vote to be valid. Nominations received for offices are as follows:

President - Andrew Luckhardt
Vice President - Bill Phillips
Secretary - Pat Murphy
Treasurer - Mary Lou Mulick

You will also be voting on changing the meeting quorum from 30% of clubs to 25%.

MWCA CLUB DUES for year 2013-2014 are due by April 1, 2013. All clubs should have received their renewal information by the time of this newsletter. If your club has not received theirs, please let Sandy Holder know. We are returning to \$2 per member

CLUB NEWS

SOUTH CENTRAL CARVERS on Feb 12 did a in carving display and show at the Crouch Senior Center in Jackson. The show was from 11 am until 1 pm. Fourteen members of the club presented and displayed their carvings. The show was well received by members of the senior center and guests. In fact, we have been invited to return again next February.

February 15, the South Central Wood Carvers presented 7 “Lean on me canes” to veterans of WWII at Vista Grande Villa a retirement facility in Jackson Michigan. We had the pleasure of Mr. Andrew Luckhardt assisting with the presentation in telling the history of the cane program. The canes were presented to the Veterans by the carvers of the cane heads. We were scheduled to present 8 canes but one of the veterans went south for the winter.

WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS member Jim Dodge had his article published in Wood Carvers Illustrated magazine. Nice job

SUNRISE CARVERS: 2013 SUNRISE CARVING SHOW is changed to the weekend before Mother's Day, May 4th and 5th, and will be held again at the Oscoda High School. Theme this year is "Laughter with Wood" and based on cartoon characters. There will also be a whittling contest and soap carving for kids.

Alec LeCasse is this year's featured carver and is giving a 2-day class on Monday May 6th and Tuesday May 7th which will be held at the Oscoda Sr. Center. Lunch is at the Sr. Center on Monday and carry in lunch Tuesday. Cost for the class is \$120 and forms for the class will be available at the carving show.

Carol Hodges gave a class on "Hearts" at a club meeting and it was fun.

GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW is April 6th and held at the Haslett High School gym. See you all there.

TRI-CITY CARVERS: In January Bob Gubbins was elected President of the Tri-City Carvers.

Dave Arndt has a nice article in the current issue of WoodCarving Illustrated (Spring 2013) on carving and painting a miniature bluegill. Dave's article was on power carving a fish pin, magnet, which gave easy to follow instructions on how to make one; good going Dave! Dave joins the group of Michigan carvers who sets the standards for the rest of the world to follow. If you have not seen his sassy sunfish in the spring Woodcarving Illustrated, check it out. Great project, Dave.

The Bob Guge class scheduled for March 21, 22, and 23 still has a few openings. We will take applications for the full 3 day class at \$150.00 or the two day habitat class for \$100.00 until the class fills with 16 people. Get hold of Gene Gubbins to make your reservations at (989) 770-4482. For all students class must be paid for in full prior to the class..

It was announced that Ed Hak would chair the show this year.

The soap carvers were at St. John's Lutheran School on January 31st. Assisting were Gary Klender, Bob Gubbins, and Jake Kolleth. They taught 26 children, K to 8th.

METRO CARVERS: Metro Carvers show will be March 16th and 17th. This is the first show of the year, so I am sure everyone is ready to take it in.

Our January meeting had a demonstration by local artist Amy Foster. Amy is a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit She is currently teaching at BBAC and her Studio in Richmond Michigan. In a short period of time Amy had produced an amazing likeness of Tom Bailey. She followed up with by answering questions from the group. Amy offers classes in her studio in Richmond, and at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

The Metro Carvers are sponsoring a Debbe Edwards class March 22, 23, &24, 2013 to beheld in Memphis, Michigan. The project is a hand carved standing otter. The cost is \$175. Please contact Harold Green at 248-288-6645 to sign up or for any additional information.

There will be a power carving and painting class with Bob Guge and the subject will be the Indigo Bunting song bird. The cost will be \$150. The dates will be March 24, 25, and 26, 2013.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

MICHIGAN CARVERS FEATURED IN WOODCARVING ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE

MWCA's West Michigan Carver Jim Dodge and Tri City Carver Dave Arndt both had articles published in the spring issue. Jim's article on page 22 is a Ball-in-Cross necklace with an attached chain all carved from a single piece of wood. Dave's article is on page 50 and features a power carved bluegill fish pin with an airbrushed finish.

Congratulations to you both!!

MWCA PROMOTION ITEMS: All Promotional items have transferred to Denny Sekerenes of the Mid-Michigan carvers. He still has calendars for sale, he will be at Metro show, or you can call 989-277-5739, if you need any thing. He also has MWCA patches, rulers, and only 2 tote bags left. He will also have the 20th anniversary patches after the meeting.

20th ANNIVERSARY PATCH: At the top of the newsletter is the new 20th anniversary patch approved by the executive board. It will fit under our original MWCA patch and we plan on selling them for only \$2.00 each. We would like each club check with their members to see how many each club would like to order. We will have them available for pickup at the spring meeting on April 13th and will have them packaged for your club. Please let Bill Phillips know soon how many you would like. You can call him at 810-798-3401 or email him at br2phillips@yahoo.com.



MWCA SPONSOR WEB PAGE: Have you checked out the sponsors page at miwoodcarvers.com? We now have 14 sponsors who support the MWCA website. This page displays card size Ads for businesses who would like to link to their website to clubs/individuals who want to show their Goodwill support to MWCA. The cost for an Ad is only \$25 per year. The revenue goes 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:

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CARVING EXCHANGE: It's here!! The Wood Art exchange for 2013. The 4th annual wood art exchange is open to all MWCA members during Mar-April 2013. The project encompasses a member's choice of a woodcarving, pyrography, etc. along with a bio of themselves. All clubs should have received information about the exchange so at your next meeting check for the details. Registration is February and March. Late April, those who have registered, will be notified to whom they will send their carving. You will then receive a carving in May from someone other than the one you sent your carving to. For more information you can call David Nye at 269-543-4755 or email him at Mr.Columus1942@gmail.com. An easy way to sign up is from the www.miwoodcarvers.com website and clicking on "exchange".

We hope everyone will register for the exchange. It doesn't have to be a big time consuming carving, and you don't have to be an expert carver to join in the fun. We encourage new carvers to participate. The carving won't be judged on skill as the exchange is just a fun way to get to know another MWCA carver. So come on, register! And start carving.

EAGLE HEAD CARVING COMPETITIONS: Last year the MWCA Cane Committee held Eagle Cane Handle Carving Competitions at several of the Club Shows. The intent was to enhance the enthusiasm for Michigan woodcarvers to continue your carving of the Eagle Cane Handles. The Cedar Bird Shoppe gift certificates given to People's Choice winners at these competitions provided a little extra incentive for high quality carvings. And, maybe more important, the display of these Eagle Cane Handles on the table at shows brought very favorable public attention to both the MWCA Program to honor our Veterans and to the quality workmanship of the many woodcarvers throughout Michigan .

The Cane Committee is happy to report that we will continue with these competitions at various MWCA show venues in 2013. The first competition will be at the Metro Woodcarvers Show on March 16 & 17.. Next will be the Greater Lansing Woodcarvers show on April 6th. The Cane Committee is currently contacting other Show Organizers to make arrangements for additional competitions. To see which shows will have a Cane Handle competition you should refer to the Events page of our web site www.miwoodcarvers.com. To see more information about the MWCA Cane Program click on the Cane web page and there is also a link on this page to explain the competition rules. Basically the rules are to bring your Eagle Cane Handle to the Show's Cane Competition table and include a paper slip with your name, address, phone, e-mail and your Club name. We are looking forward to another productive year with our Patriot Cane Program and this depends on the participation of you, the Michigan Woodcarvers.

CARVING TIP FROM TRI-CITY CARVERS: Always Use the Best Wood You Can. It's really no more difficult to carve a beautiful piece of wood than a dull one. The beauty of the wood then enhances your carving. Using a template can offer many advantages in applying your carving project on wood. Align your project to the grain. A template: (1) can be moved around on your wood ensuing a good fit; (2) can be enlarged or reduced on a copy machine to better fit your wood; (3) can be used over and over again in cases where you are doing multiple pieces; and (4) can help you identify waste wood allowing you to band saw or chisel it off. Remember to make a top and side view template that can be aligned with each other on the wood. Use carbon paper to transfer your work to the wood if you cannot use a pencil around the edges of your pattern.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/16-17	METRO WOODCARVING SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts www.metrocarvers.com	586-754-4067
4/6	GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW	Haslett High School Gym	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 www.miwoodcarvers.com	734-323-4684 616-642-6790
6/5-8	EVART ROUNDUP	Ewart Fairgrounds www.ewartroundup.com	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
6/10-14	FLOYDS WOODCARVING SEMINR	Ewart Fairgrounds www.fantasycarving.com	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net

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