



***CLUB NEWS**

***CARVING EVENTS**

***NEW APPOINTMENTS**

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENTS CARVING BENCH

I am proud to appointment Jeff Swanson to the Seminar Committee. He is member of the Grand Valley Carvers and he is very active in MWCA business. He will make a very good Seminar Member and appointed on June 27, 2014.

Here we are again time for another news article. The Seminar and the Roundup are a thing of the past. Both have been great successes in spite of the hard times. Thank you for the hard work of many dedicated carvers.

Due to the fact that the office of the Chaplain of MWCA was getting harder to fulfill because of the many other duties of the Chaplain we were in need of a assistance to the Chaplain. I therefore had the honor off appointing an assistant to Chaplain Milan Maybee. It is John Williams (an ordained Minister), a member of the South Central Carving Club and has been holding carving sessions in his shop in Napoleon, Mich. teaching carvers the skills in woodcarving and wood burning. John has been a member of the South Central Cub longer than many can remember. Everybody is very supportive of John Williams as assistant to Chaplain Milan Maybee.

On June 25 the Board received the resignation of Sally Nye as an MWCA Representative and Rep. Coordinator. Her wonderful work with Fancarver's World and other circumstances finds her and husband David short of time to fulfill her obligation to the

position. She has been doing superb work on many other things involving MWCA and will be greatly missed as our Rep. Let's all try to find someone to volunteer as regional Rep. it will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you Sally and God Speed.

The MWCA just lost one of its greatest and hardworking Members. Bill Jaquays of the South Central Carving Club passed away. Bill was very dedicated to teaching carving skills to many, many carvers, showing them the expertise of carving helping them to become skilled. There is one spot at the Roundup that will never look the same and will always be remembered as the place where you could learn the talents of carving. Bill will be sincerely missed by many; he will always be remembered and have a special place in our hearts.

The Gourd Festival has been cancelled for this year, but there are many projects to fill your carving time. The Lean on Me cane project for veterans is still in need of more eagle heads, the number so far presented is well over 2,500 – 2,600 and going strong. The clinging Hands Project for residence of Hospice is continuing. Ornaments for the Festival of trees are still needed for this year also. It looks like we do not have an excuse for not knowing what to carve! Keep carving.

Remember that the office of President will be open next April.
Andrew Luckhardt, President

News and Notes from Bill Phillips, Vice President

] For those who donated carvings to the 2013 FOT (Festival of Trees) project supporting research of Child Hood Diseases' all over Michigan, we send a very special "Thank You". Although they sell the carving in the Dearborn, MI area the funds support child hood research all over Michigan. Any leftover carvings go to the Detroit Children's Hospital and given to the kids who are in the hospital at Christmas time.

During our 2013 FOT Project, we were very successful and donated over 1,700 carvings to this project. They do not tell us how much money they received for the carvings but I know the Chairperson was very, very, very happy and delivered a lot of carvings to the hospital for the kids. Can you imagine the look on the kids face when Santa gave them a carving???? I would love to see their faces wouldn't you?

With that said we have been invited back for the 2014 FOT. The MWCA board approved us returning during the April 2014 board meeting.

Our goal this year is for 1,000 carvings that will hang on a Christmas tree limb. Last year we asked for any carving regardless of size or date they were carved. This year we ask that you to only send in carvings that will hang on a tree branch regardless of when it was carved.

Please remember that you can turn carvings in at any MWCA activity or send them directly to: Bill Phillips at 5035 Cochrane Rd, Almont, MI 48003. We would like to receive them before or during the month of October so we can again tag them and deliver them to the FOT people the first week of November.

From the Seminar Committee

The seminar committee would like to thank everyone who attended the 2014 Learning Seminar. Our student enrollment was down this year, but the level of instruction was way up. Smaller classes meant more quality time with the instructors.

We certainly appreciate all those who helped us make the seminar a success. From vendors, to instructors to students and spouses and friends...Thank You! You may have kept the coffee shop running, sold tickets for the raffle and the banquet, moved tables and chairs, cooked our tube steaks for the potluck

and even swept up the wood chips. It was especially fun to invite kids in to do soap carving this year. Much work went into making that happen. The "tool kits" and "go by's" were very cool indeed. We also had a nice group working on eagle head canes. The prep work for that project was greatly appreciated.

The committee would like to especially thank those who donated prizes to our raffle and to everyone who purchased tickets Mary Lou and the committee.

MID-MICHIGAN CARVERS: We are still working on more comfort carvings, every time I talk to someone about them they want them, another wonderful program to be involved in. We have 8 carvers that are going to start a carousel horse. Does anyone have information on a music box that will turn the horse?

Carvers should look at your latest Woodcarving Illustrated # 67 on page 96 there is an article about Fallen Feathers Project. Gram Web has contacted me to see if we would be interested in doing something like this. So what I need to know is there any interest? You can contact me at patden@chartermi.net or call 989-277-5739

SUNRISE CARVERS: We will be having a Lean-on-Me cane presentation on the 22nd July at 7 PM at the Oscoda Senior Center. Direction will be supplied for those who need at my address: wph5391@gmail.com. We will be having a nice ceremony with a color guard, refreshments and a bunch of recipients. Thanks and regards - Bill Hastings, Co Chair Cane Comm. Sunrise Carvers

ABC CARVERS (Arenac Bay Carvers): The ABC club has been very busy carving at shows this summer. We have set up and demonstrated at the V.F.W hall in Pinconning. We represented our club, ABC and the MWCA. That was last weekend.

This weekend is the Tractor Days in Standish, and we are setting up and demonstrating, representing both the ABC and the MWCA groups here as well. We are planning on going to the Ogemaw County Fair and setting up there this fall. And we will be at the senior days in Standish July 30th. Sandy Smith - ABC Vice President

METRO CARVERS: Metro carvers club give service patches to members after years of membership. In June they presented patches for 5 years (6 members), 10 years (6 members), 15 years (2members) and 20 years(3 members). We will have no meetings in the summer, so our next meeting will be in September.

Election results from May, President Curt Chastain was re-elected, V President Mike Murdock was re-elected as was Harold Green for Secretary and Margaret Gout takes over Treasurer from Risal Baysa.

WOODWACKERS: Two members of Woodwackers. Paul Driggers and Bette Hartig, represented both the Club and MWCA on June 25, 2014 at the Annual Senior Enrichment Day. Senior Enrichment Day has been an annual event for a number of years in Big Rapids where they presented the Art of Carving at two different sessions. They showed and spoke to in the Round, Relief and Chip carving to interested seniors, showing tools, safety and sharpening techniques. Further, it was mentioned that the MWCA clubs throughout Michigan donate Eagle Head Canes to Michigan veterans, Comfort Crosses to Michigan Hospice as well as Christmas ornaments to the Children's Hospitals of Detroit and Michigan.

TRI CITY CARVERS: The display we had at the Jack and Alice Wirt Library is now over and it received many compliments from library visitors.

We have again been invited to carve at the Saginaw Farmers Market July 18th and September 19th. We are also able to bring carvings to sell. Our club picnic will be July 8th at the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square. We will be operating the carousel with free family rides.

BILL JAQUAYS will be missed by many of the carvers of MWCA. He was a member of a number of clubs, and very active in the Lean on Me Cane Program. At the Roundup MWCA had a special table set up where he always had his workshop. The family donated many of his carvings and cutouts to sell by donation which they requested to all go to the MWCA Cane program. Bill designed and built the frame for the Roundup Wood Carvers Quilt on permanent display at the Osceola Fairgrounds. It was his idea for the quilt, and over the past 12 years he kept track of all the block that were turned in. We now have 160 quilt squares and the last finished block was placed at the 2013 Roundup. He was very dedicated to teaching carving, especially at the Roundup where he was always the last one to leave at night and the first one there in the morning. Many times we almost had to drag him out of the building so we could lock up at night! Rest in peace Bill, keep the chips flying!

CHIPS and CHATTER

CLINGING CROSS/COMFORT BIRD PROJECT: Hospice of Michigan (Big Rapids Hub) is in a major transition for reaching MWCA drop off hubs. We (Hartig/Campbell) will be in a meeting with their State representatives on July 23rd at which time we hope to improve the drop-off or pick-up of crosses across the entire state of Michigan. Hospice is delighted to be on-board with MWCA and in hopes that carving clubs across the state will continue to support the cause.

There have been a few clubs who have been carving donating crosses/birds to Hospice across Michigan. We hope that your club is also participating in this endeavor.

Bette has OK'd the MWCA clubs to attach a transmittal card to each of the carvings before donation to Hospice or given to someone. They are FREE and available to your club from MWCA. If your club doesn't have a copy, please email Bill Phillips at br2phillips@yahoo.com and he will email you a copy.

EVART ROUNDUP: The 16th Annual Evart Roundup was a total success we had more carvers attend, the weather was good and with the help of volunteers and donations we are on track for 2015 - June 3rd to 6th. Thank you to all the volunteers and workshop leaders for their dedication to the Roundup each year, without you there would not be a Roundup!

FLOYD FEST: the Floyd Fest went very well, we had less students than last year but that did not curtail the amount of carving and fun had by all. June 8-12 is Floyd Fest for 2015. Come join us for both events in June of 2015. Mart Lind, who was a Floyd Fest

seminar instructor, will be teaching a class on October 12-13-14 at Floyd Rhadigan's woodcarving studio in Clinton. For more information email rhads134@comcast.net or call 734-649-3259

THANK YOU SALLY and DAVID NYE: Thank you Sally for all your hard work being the Representative for your region and for being the Representative Coordinator for MWCA for many years. Your and David's dedication to the MWCA has been very much appreciated between the representative coordinator and the carving exchange chairperson. We wish you both much success in your Fancarver's World business and I am sure we will be seeing you both in the future.

MWCA PROMOTIONS DEPARTMENT: From Denny Sekerenes, you see me at Wood Shaving Days at Hartwick Pines July 19th and 20th if you need any patches or other stuff. We will be collecting Eagle Heads at this show and all future MWCA events.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
July 19-20	Wood Shaving Days	Hartwick Pines State Park	989-348-7068
Aug 8-10	Gladwin Carriage Festival	Gladwin	989-326-4819
Sept 5-7	Spit and Whittle Weekend	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Ewart	231-734-5125
Sept 12-14	Rhadigan Carve-In	Floyd Rhadigan Studio, Clinton MI	734-649-3259
Sept 26-27	Washington Carvefest	Washington Sr. Center, Washington Twp	586-786-1967

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