



“CHATTER”
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***CLUB NEWS *MWCA PROJECTS *CARVING EVENTS *ELECTION**

From Bill Phillips, President

Hello fellow carvers. We wish everyone a Happy (CARVING) New Year.

I'm sure everyone knows about the losses we faced during the 2014 calendar year. With the loss of our President Andy Luckhardt and some of our most active supporters and leaders, it's has been a tough year for the MWCA.

We have dedicated our 2015 MWCA calendar in memory of Andy showing a few photos of him and his carvings. Thanks to Sandy Holder & Sally Nye for doing a great job. They also worked with Chip Chats magazine and had an article about Andy in the Nov- Dec 2014 issue, hope you received your copy. The MWCA board approved during the Oct. 2014 meeting to have a brick installed in Andy's name on the Evert Fairgrounds memory walkway leading into the main carving building. If you did not get your 2015 calendar please contact Denny Sekrenes (989-277-5739) it's a great tribute to Andy.

I don't want to dwell on the past, but am looking forward to a more prosperous and carving New Year. Along with your help and support the MWCA will continue to be a leader in

the carving and wood burning world. This is only possible if we all help the MWCA board along with your local club President and club board.

I know you will be updated thru this MWCA Chatter newsletter as to the status of our Veterans "Lean On Me" cane project by Co-Chairman Dave Copeman. I can't thank Dave Copeman, Terry Zobl enough along with all those who are working on the cane project in support of our veterans.

During the last MWCA board meeting the board approved putting the "DRAFT" board meeting minutes on the MWCA web site ASAP after each meeting. Our secretary (Pat Murphy) and our web master (Terry Zobl) are working on this so check out web site (www.miwoodcarvers.com) and you will be able to read the minutes which are "**not approved**" until the following board meeting. If you have any comments or questions please let us or your club leadership know.

Our Chatter newsletter editor (Sandy Holder) would like someone from each club to send her your club news letters or club updates along with any "carving tips" you have so we can all keep in touch and up to date with your club activities.

MWCA OFFICER ELECTION April 2015 through March 2017

We want to thank Garry Mulick for accepting the position of MWCA Vice President to finish out the 2013-2015 term. Garry has been supporting the MWCA ever since he and Mary Lou became involved with carving. As you know Mary Lou has been our Treasurer for several years now and both have agreed to accept the nominations to run and serve again for the next 2 year term. At this time we do not have any nominations accepted for Secretary or President. Nomination forms are at the bottom of this newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that although Garry & Mary Lou have accepted the nominations above, the election committee is looking for nominations for all positions (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) of the MWCA Executive board. If you would like to be nominated for any of the positions please let our election Chairperson Sandy Holder or election committee members Myrna Miller or Doug Evans know. The election will take place at our spring meeting in the Ponderosa located in Owosso MI. on April 11, 2015 @ 11am. We will send out a reminder and a voting ballot to each of the clubs and we encourage everyone to attend.

One 2015-2017 Ballot for elections will be U.S. mailed to each club at least 30 days before April 11th. It must be returned to and received by our secretary Pat Murphy before the meeting or it may be brought to the meeting. Each club has one vote for each office.

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MWCA SPRING MEETING – will be held at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Owosso April 11 at 11:00 am.

CARVING CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS: We have been invited to display and sell our carvings at the Antique Warehouse during the month of January. We can put our carvings in the front display case by the front door and counter on January 2. Please put your name on the carving and also a price if you want to sell it as well as a contact number. We have also been invited to carve on the weekend of the 24th and 25th. If you would like to carve either or both days please contact me at 799-4136 or r.henning@sbcglobal.net

We have been invited to show and sell our carvings at the Antique Warehouse on January 24th and 25th. We can display the carvings we would like to sell in the display case for the month of January.

At the Artistry in Wood Show in Dayton, Ohio our own Dave Arndt won Best of Aquatic Category with an Arctic Grayling. Congratulations to Dave.

Starting in January our club will be repainting some, maybe all of the animals on the Carousel at the Saginaw Children's Zoo.

Gary Klender and helpers, Ken Hite, Dick Bishop and Shirley Grandmaison taught a soap carving class December 4 to a group of Cub Scouts. The class went well and the boys were interested and happy with the results of their work. One of the young boys has

been doing some carving ever since the class and is very enthusiastic about it. He told his grandmother the best gift he got this Christmas was five bars of Ivory soap! Looks like we may have a future wood carver!

Our club is 30 years old this year with the first few meeting held at the Nature Center in Saginaw in 1984.

Our club has now carved almost 240 Eagle Head Canes to date, thanks to all our carvers. Vince Rosolowski from the Tri City Carvers crafted a cane for Elmer Gerish of Bay County. There was an extensive article with many pictures of both men from crafting to the finished cane in the November 11th Bay City Times .

METRO CARVERS: We are on track starting to get ready for our March 2015 “Artistic Creations in Wood” show.

We have been asked again to display our carvings at the Rochester Hills Public Library for the month of January along with promotional material for our show on March 21st and 22nd. Show applications will be sent out in January. Following the show Gary Bityk will hold an architectural bark carving seminar March 23-25 at his home in Troy. Cost is \$125 for Metro members and 4150 for non-members. Metro has first choice of 12 openings until January 13th, if there are any openings after that, others will be able to use them. Show.

WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS: Many were very busy this winter carving Christmas gifts. Our Christmas dinner was held December 6th, lots of good food as always and the best company ever.

CARVING TIP: Something that most of you know but: power carving and mesh gloves are not a good mix. That big burr that you use to hog wood can slip and grab the glove. A lot of things can happen at that point and none of them good. Got lucky over the last couple of years and only broke two cables. The hand seemed to come out ok but dumb luck prevailed. Slow learner I guess!

CHIPS & CHATTER

FOT REPORT

We thank those who donated carvings to the 2014 FOT (Festival of Trees) project supporting research of Child Hood Diseases’ all over Michigan. We received fewer than 500 carvings this year. They do not tell us how much money they received for the carvings but I know the Chairperson was very, very happy. 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 were given to the kids who were in the hospital at Christmas time.

They have asked us to return again for the 2015 FOT and we will be asking for approval during the April 11th, 2015 meeting. If you would like this project to continue please attend the meeting and vote for approval.

Here are pictures of our FOT team helping the kids from the hospital along with some from the public. They decorated almost 300 2” tall wooden trees that Frank and Phyllis Burghy donated. The kids did a super job.



MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR

As reported previously our Learning Seminar is having problems getting a sufficient number of students to sign up for the lowest cost, weeklong Learning Seminar which is located right here in our state at the Midland Fairground. It takes about 130 students to support this event. During the past few years we have fallen short of that number. You don't have to be a math expert to see that unless we get more students to attend we may have to find other options which will allow us to sponsor this event. This event has to be a self-supported event which means means we do not use any MWCA funds to support the event. We do host a raffle during the seminar which has allowed us to continue. We have offered clubs the opportunity to co-sponsor a club member with matching \$25 discount from the seminar committee. We only had one club take advantage of this offer last year and we were saddened to see that. We would remind you and club officers that unless we get a sufficient number of students the seminar committee

will have to report to the MWCA Executive Board that we can no longer continue. We are asking you and your club officers to bring this to the attention of carvers and help us continue. We hire the most experienced instructors, have the best building we can find and work hard to make the seminar a FUN learning experience. With that said, please check out our web site (www.miwoodcarvers.com) of classes being offered this May 18 thru 22nd, 2015 and sign up for a class.

90% of the seminar students are MWCA members. We thank you all for supporting the seminar over the years and hope you can continue that support for this great learning experience.

We have been offering more instructors because people keep asking for new classes. Even with the extra classes we still don't get enough. If anyone has any helpful suggestions or comments about boosting attendance at the seminar please let us know your thoughts.

MWCA PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Denny still has a few **2015 MWCA Calendars**, if your Club needs calendars let me know, they are going fast. Only \$4.00 and they have the \$5.00 off coupon for use at the Cedar Bird Shoppe. We also have **new rulers** and a nice **ink pen** for each and every club member, for those clubs I have not seen at a Show, to give you yours.

Let me know your contact address so I can get them in mail to your club, contact me at patden@chartermi.net or call 989-277-5739

THE "CHATTER" NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY on or about the first of the months listed below. All news to be included needs to be to the editor, Sandy Holder by the 25th of the month prior to publication. E-Mail and phone listed below. You can always read the newsletter on the MWCA website at www.miwoodcarvers.com

Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members who don't receive it by email and **FORWARD THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** to those that do. Thank you.

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 JANUARY MARCH MAY
 JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/21-22	Metro Carvers Annual Carving Show	United Food & commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts	248-689-5468
4/11	MWCA Annual Meeting and Election	Owosso – Ponderosa Restaurant	810-798-3401 616-902-3888
4/25	Greater Lansing Carving Show	Haslett High School	517-337-0778
5/2-3	Sunrise Side Carving Show	Oscoda, Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base	989-679-0037 989-739-1157

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M.W.C.A. 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, 2015 to March 31, 2017.

Member signature _____ Print name _____

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

I am a currently paid member of _____ Club

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

All forms must be received by a nominations committee member by **Feb 14, 2015** to be considered for the ballot.

Send to nominations to any of the following committee members:

Sandy Holder, 7093 14 Mile Rd, Evart MI 49631, Ph. 231-734-5125 civildee@netonecom.net

Myrna Miller, 9630 Scio church Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48103 Ph. 734-668-8301 carvingnut@msn.com

Doug Evans, 722 Canterbury, Madison Hgts, MI 48071 Ph. 248-585-2417 dge1@comcast.net

M.W.C.A.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, 2015 to March 31, 2017.
Member signature _____

Consent of Nominee

I do hereby consent or decline (circle one) 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: _____

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