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***CLUB NEWS *CARVING EVENTS *SEMINAR UPDATE**

Hello and Happy Independence Day to all!

The time sure sped by; it's already July! My mind is still reeling with all I have learned at our Learning Seminar in May. It was so enjoyable to visit with so many of you as you carved away on projects. Thank you for showing and sharing the carvings you were working on. My Wayne Barton project is completed. I will bring it next year and as I roam the 2016 Learning Seminar I'd love to see how your projects turned out. Your MWCA President Liduina Fedewa

SEMINAR UPDATE

Happy Summer Everyone! I am happy to report that our 2015 Learning Seminar was a great success with 124 in attendance which was 25 more than last year - awesome! Thank you to all clubs, club members, and individuals who helped make this a great year for learning, making new friends, and reconnecting with past friends. Thanks to all the people that gave us feedback on the Learning Seminar this year.

We had favorable comments about having our daily lunch catered as well as holding it in the carving building and will be held again next year as well as the potluck. We cancelled the banquet and held the grand prize drawing for the raffle after our potluck on Thursday evening.

We hear your call for a better P.A. system and the fun you had with the Raffle. Our wonderful T-Shirt choices provided by Graphix Screen Printing, Inc. were great as well as the always amazing service, knowledge, and needed tools provided by Cedar Bird Shop. I must say I always walk away with one of the Coloring Books from the large choice they provide.

Many people helped all week starting with set-up on Sunday afternoon. We really could have used more help when it was time to tear it all down, but we will be working on that

for next year's seminar. I'm sure if I tried to name all the helpers, I would miss someone very important, so please take your thanks in the spirit in which it is given. **We couldn't do it without all your help.** Thank You so much.

We have the 2016 seminar well under way. We are planning to offer a group of caricature carvers for you to carve with in a sort of round robin. I am sorry to report though that one of the instructors we had counted on, has moved to Florida. Steve Brown has said that he will not be teaching, because Florida is just too-far away. We will do whatever we can to fill his slot with someone great! So if you have had a hard time choosing which caricature carver to spend your time with, your problem is solved.

While we were at Midland, we were talking about the April election of MWCA officers and mentioned that the position of secretary was still open. A few questions were asked and answered and I am happy to report that Mr. Willy Stewart from the Midland Wood Carvers has consented to fill the position for two years. Thank you so much Willy, we look forward to working with you.

Garry and Mary Lou Mulick and the seminar committee.

CARVING CLUB NEWS

GREATER LANSING SHOW The club wanted to let everyone know that we have lost another great carver and friend. Arnold Corte has passed away. We know a lot of carvers knew Arnold.

WOODBEE CARVERS: On 2 August the Woodbee Carvers will once again participate at Heritage Days at the West Shore Fishing Museum at Bailey Park MI. Fan birds (Rick Coppock), chip carving (Len Albrecht), and tramp art (Jim Byrne) will represent the historical genres, and a broad range of contemporary carving will be shown. The museum preserves the commercial fishing heritage of the western shore of Lake Michigan, and carving/whittling was very much a part of the heritage of working folks in that area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

On 12 September the Woodbees and the Woodland Carvers will do an encore performance of their popular "cross-border" show in Crivitz, WI. Last year the two clubs teamed up to stage a show in the Crivitz Town Hall, and the response encouraged us to again showcase the talent in the central Upper Peninsula and northeastern Wisconsin. Although the two clubs are centered 50 miles apart, some carvers belong to both groups, and the partnership brings out the best in each group. Jim Byrne

WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS Several of us went to the Hart festival this year. Jim and Barb Graham, Clair and Nancy Purdy, Jim Dodge and John Crawford attended. Lots of folk art demonstrators were there and a bunch of elementary school kids coming thru. There seemed to more kids this year than in past years. We gave away a lot of carved flowers this year. Our club has attended for years and it is always fun to see and talk to these youngsters.

Chip of the Month - Not sure where this tip came from but---

It seems like a good idea to take a small and thin piece of basswood and press the tip of all of your gouges and Vee tools into it to get the size and sweep of your tools. Put this in your tool bag and carry it with you. If you are shopping for tools, you have a record with you to compare the size and sweep of the tools you own. This might prevent you from buying duplicate tools.

MID MICHIGAN CARVERS: From Cane Committee, I now have a good supply of blanks, see me at Hartwick Pines or Tri-City Show, or call Denny at 989-277-5739

METRO CARVERS: During our election all officers were re-elected for another term. President-Curt Chastain; V President-Mike Murdock; Secretary-Harold Green and Treasurer-Margaret Gout. During the meeting 7 members received 5-year patches and 4 members received 10-year patches.

TRI CITY CARVERS: - **Jack and Alice Wirt Library in Bay City** has contacted Tri-City Carvers to display in there 2nd floor show case. The Library is on the corner of Madison and Center. This is a great opportunity for the club to gain recognition. We will display for the months of June/July. We will also be demonstrating carving in the library on June 20th and July 25th. The Library has particular interest in the Eagle heads we carve for veteran canes and the completed canes also. We will be displaying other carvings as well. Again this year our club has been invited to demo carve at the Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market. We will carve three days this year and they are all Fridays. These dates are: July 17, August 14 and September 18.

The World Taxidermy and Fish Carving Championships were held May 5 – 9, 2015 in Springfield, MO. Tri-City Woodcarvers member Dave Arndt won a first place and Best of Category, (Trout, Salmon, Char,) with an Artic Grayling and a second place ribbon in the Saltwater Miniature category with a Mutton Snapper.

At the Lansing Show member Ed Sowulewski won the best of show with his Fish Seller. He also won a blue in the Animal Group with a cat & mouse. In the caricature group he won with his Knife Maker.

The Tri-City Wood Carver's 2015 Carousel Horse reconditioning effort was completed May 18. The work began on January 5 and continued till May 18th. All 24 horses and animals reconditioned and painted with Artex's Colorful Nova Acrylic Paints and then two coats of a clear two-part high gloss sealer were applied before they were returned to the carousel. The entire effort by 11 of our club members and 5 other community volunteers totaled over 800 hours and over 200+ total man-days.

Our new show date is August 22nd at the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. We are well on our way with the planning and will have a nice selection of vendors a chainsaw carving artist and soap carving for the kids. For more information and for table application call 989-754-9584

Our club picnic will be at the Zoo on July 7th.

HAPPY CHIPPERS: The Happy Chippers — We have all started coming back from the winter. Bob & Mary Lou moved and we miss them. Our group has added some new members. It is nice to see people carving. Some of the club have been doing wood turning. It is a different aspect to the world of wood !!!!! It is fascinating to watch the guys turn bowls and pens, etc. on the lathe. We are also doing carving and creating some new things !!! We meet at the Senior Center in Hale on Monday nights. The guys made a room for us in the back with a lot of equipment in it.

CHIPS & CHATTER

Please welcome our newest member club to join our organization. GOGEBIC RANGE WOODCARVERS in Bessemer MI. Yes it is in the Upper Peninsula. Woodbee carvers now have company! They have 11 members and meet at the A.D. Johnson High School in Bessemer. You may call Vice President Allen Archie for times at 906.663.6071 or email him at aarchie455@charter.net. Welcome to the Michigan Wood Carvers Association.

THE PRIME TIME SENIORS PROGRAM in East Lansing offers a number of classes to seniors in the Lansing area. One of these classes is titled "Carving for Fun". All of the class carvers are beginners and range in age from the mid 60's to the mid 80's. A typical class lasts for 3 weeks and the carvers meet with the instructor for 6 hours during that time. Several of the participants have enrolled in several classes and are called the "Prime Time Carvers". Generally when finished with a carving the carvers will give it to a friend or relative. The Prime Time Carvers were asked if they would like to do some carving for the community and they readily agreed. They were given butternut comfort cross blanks and started carving them on their own (the "repeaters" had their own knives). This group made more than 30 crosses! The comfort crosses were given to the Sparrow Hospital Hospice program and the Hospice of Lansing. Both organizations were extremely appreciative of the cross gift. Hospice of Lansing has just asked if more crosses were available because they had distributed all of theirs already! And, of course, the Prime Time Carvers are still carving crosses for distribution, so the request for more crosses will be filled shortly.

Submitted by: Fred Erbisch, Carving for Fun Instructor, a Prime Time Carver and a member of the Greater Lansing Wood Carving Club

EVART ROUNDUP: All went very well this year and everyone went home happy and looking forward to next year. We only had 2 (that we know of) trips to the local Stitch Doctor. They both returned maybe a little more careful and in good spirits. The ice cream social went very well as did the annual Blanket Trade. Thank you to everyone who left the buildings spotless after the week was over. Dayle Lewis from Richmond Indiana carved 4 pine tree stumps at the fairgrounds entrance. He carved an Eagle, an Owl and 2 bears. One bear holds a sign that says "Welcome" as you drive in and the other holds a sign that says "See Ya" as you drive out.

MEMORY BRICK WALKWAY at the Osceola County Fairgrounds: New bricks from MWCA were installed in the walkway for Andy Luckhardt, Bill Jaquays and Lynn Waldron. Anyone wishing to add a memory brick to the walkway may contact the Fairgrounds by calling 231-734-5481. Each brick is a \$50.00 donation.

MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed canes for June 2015

To date over 2,800 canes have been presented.

Thank you to all the carvers who so diligently continue to carve the Eagle Heads and complete the shafts.

Sgt Lanny C. Prout – US Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 HMCS David A. Martinez – US Navy Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
 Major Oakman L. Hurd – US Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Hts Senior Center Wood Artists
 Cpl Dwight F. Hall – US Army Korea – Carver Richard Lamphier
 S/Sgt Milford D. Sylvester – US Army WWII – Carver Gary Follbaum – River Raisin Wood Carvers
 SN1c Bobby G. Anderson – US Navy WWII – Mrs Fran Mendez
 Sgt Carl J. Winsor – US Army Korea – Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
 Sgt Bernard R. Gervais – US Army Korea – Carver Art Fisher – Grand Valley Woodcarvers
 A/1c Malcolm D. Bater – US Air Force Korea – Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
 SP/5 James A. Deflorio – US Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Hts Senior Center Wood Artists
 BMSN Kenneth Van Camp – US Navy Korea – Carver Gary Hanna – Chief Noonday Carvers
 SP/5 Kent C. Wilson – US Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Engel – ABC Carvers
 SH3c Henry G. Sugden – US Navy Korea – Carver J.R. Wiegand - Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 Pfc. Fred W. Strong – US Army Air Force WWII – Carver Ron Vanderboegh – Lake Shore Carvers
 CSG3c Raymond D. Merritt – US Navy WWII & Korea- Carver Richard Hanson - Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 Cpl. Willis C. Dix - US Army Air Force WWII – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 Sgt. Amello F. Fedrigo – US Army Korea – Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
 SP/4 Jerry J. Wagner – US Army Vietnam – Ray Pfenning – OWL Woodcarvers
 SP/4 Daniel H. Lorenz – UA Army Vietnam - Ray Pfenning – OWL Woodcarvers
 Cpl. Daniel G.J. Smith – US Marine Corps Vietnam – Silvano Salvador – South Lyon Carvers
 SPC Michael H. Webster – US Army Afghanistan – Sam Blaga – Sterling Hgt. Senior Center Wood Artists.
 Sgt. Joshua B. Barber - US Marine Corps Afghanistan – Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Carvers
 M/Sgt Joseph Chicky – US Army Korea – Carver Curt Chastain – Metro Carvers of Michigan
 S/Sgt Robert L. Fay – US Army Air Force – Carver Jeanne Schairer – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP/4 Wayne L. Jackson – US Army Vietnam – Carver Cliff Lindall – Hartland Wood Carvers
 M/Sgt Paul E. Goodrich – US Air Force Vietnam – Carver Don Wilcox – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
 Sgt John F. Henn – US Army WWII – Paul LePage – Sterling Hts Senior Center Wood Artists
 Pfc Raydell R. Mills – US Army WWII – Carver Jim Carpenter –
 Sgt Robert Mc Kenney – US Army WWII - Ray Pfenning – OWL Woodcarvers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
7/18-19	Wood Shaving Days	Hartwick Pines State Park	989-348-7068
8/22	TRI CITY Carvers Wood Carving Show	2 nd Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-754-9584
9/11-13	Spit and Whittle	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Ewart	231-734-5125
9/18-20	Rhadigan Carve-In	Floyd’s Studio in Clinton MI	734-649-3259

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