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***CLUB NEWS *EAGLE HEAD CANES *SHOW RESULTS *CARVING EVENTS**

Hello and are you ready for the fall season!

Summer is turning to Fall and I hope you've had a great time carving. The cottonwood bark from our woods is stacked and being prepared for projects as well as the basswood tree that fell last winter in one of the storms. So there will be no lack of practice wood for us.

I have been inspired by all the creative carving I have seen at various shows this summer. The talent is everywhere! If you missed them this summer check the 'Event' tab the MWCA web site for the dates these shows and classes: Spit & Whittle, Saline Carving Show, Rhadigan Carve-in, Washington Carve Fest. They are well worth setting time aside to see the work on display. Or enter some of your own work and glow in the comments of work well done.

Did you see all the canes that were given out? The number keeps growing and each eagle head is better than the last. Every cane head I see is better than the last. It is so hard to pick the best one at a show because I see something great in each one. Better than that is the gift of Thank You given to each recipient. Good job everyone. Keep it up.

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENT: Oct. 3rd 2015 is our next meeting date. Please join us because your input is important to our club.

Between now and the meeting you are asked to collect your thoughts on Regional Representatives positions. Are those positions still needed? If so, how can they be useful to clubs? If not should we eliminate the positions? Please come with a short, clear thought or statement on this subject or e-mail MWCA with your thoughts on the subject.

May your fall season start and end with a good carving. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Oct. 3rd meeting.
Liduina Fedewa, MWCA President

MWCA FALL MEETING IS OCTOBER 3rd – at the Ponderosa Restaurant, 1411 E Main St. in Owosso. Setup 10:30

Meeting will start at 11:00am. We will have a 50-50 drawing and someone will win a free lunch. All members are welcome to attend. We only have 2 meetings a year so please try to have someone from your club attend so we have a quorum for voting purposes

CARVING CLUB NEWS

HAPPY CHIPPERS: Have been busy chipping away!!! We have participated in the Iosco Fair in July where we did a demonstration for the public and also soap carving for the kids (and some adults!!) We did get one person to come and join us!! Good advertising. We then participated in the Ogemaw County fair and that was good. We demonstrated for them for the week of the fair. One of the couples in our club, Fred and Sonja turner, were crowned at the Fairgrounds “KING AND QUEEN OF THE FAIR”. It was a great honor for them and we are proud of them both and happy that we know them!! They were very shocked to have been given this honor.

Our carving club meets on Monday nights. We did get some new people from exposure at the fairs and are enjoying them. Some of our guys are starting to do some wood turning too. They have set up a shop area in the Senior Center in Hale. There are some of us who carve so we are getting a variety of different things to do with wood. It is fun to watch. Many of us are learning new things---fun!! If you are even in Hale on Monday, come on over and see what we are doing. Mary Ann Stephens.

TRI CITY CARVERS We will be carving at the Wirt Library on July 25th. We also will be carving one day at the Downtown Saginaw Farmer's market in July, August and September. We presented Rob Draper of Draper Chevrolet with a plaque for their continued support of the Tri City Carving Club activities.

Our club picnic at the Saginaw Children's Zoo was well attended by 41 of our members. Phil Westendorf and Richard Henning prepared our wonderful dinner accompanied by pot luck dishes.

The earlier date for our show on August 22 turned out well. Best of show was Dave Stirling with a Red Tailed Hawk; 2nd Best of Show was Jerry Valentine with a relief carving of a mill; Dave Stirling also won 3rd Best of Show with his Kirtland Warbler. Gene Gubbins was Best of Masters with a Screech Owl. Best of Intermediate with a carved Gunstock was Greg Nye. We had 57 entries in the competition which was a 24% increase over last year. The Eagle Head Cane competition had 6 items with Chris Floyd from the Hartland Area Carvers winning with his entry. Dave Copeman presented Chris with a certificate (see below).



WOOD CARVERS GUILD OF FRANKENMUTH: Our show is coming up on October 18th and our table applications have been sent out. If you need information or application call Denny 810-653-1706 or Anita 810-688-2771. Our theme for the friendship cane for our annual raffle is “America” with items to remind us of the land of the free and home of the brave. Be sure and purchase your tickets at the show for your chance to win.

MID MICHIGAN CARVERS: We are now open from noon till 8 pm. every Tue. & Thus. Everyone always welcome. Call Denny 989-277-5739, will open up any time to show our great meeting place.

SALINE WOOD CARVERS: We will display carvings at the Saline Library during the month of September. We still have tables available for our October 14th show, call 810-653-1706 for more information. **NOTICE: This year our show will be held at the old Liberty School on Ann Arbor-Saline Road.**

CHIPS & CHATTER

SPIT AND WHITTLE IN EVART is September 11-13 noon and is at the fairgrounds where the June Roundup is held. It is a relaxed weekend of carving and fellowship. Nothing is planned, just come and carve, and visit and carve and eat and carve, those are things we all do well.

WASHINGTON CARVE FEST is Thursday and Friday September 24-25. Held at the Washington Senior Center in Washington Township 8:30-4:00 pm. each day. Admission is free. Nominal charge for carving blanks for the many different workshops. Tools and supplies will be available for purchase. Projects and demonstrations will vary to show a wide variety of ideas and techniques. Bring your own tools/wood burner-no power carving! Sponsored by the metro Carvers of Michigan and the Washington Senior Center.

PROMOTIONS: Hartwick Pines was very good this year, I was at Try City Show last Saturday, very nice show. See me at Spit & Whittle & Carve fest In Sept. If anyone needs Eagle heads to carve and you can't see me at a show call Denny 989-277-5739, I will send them.

2016 MWCA CALENDAR will be available at the Frankenmuth show October 18th. Remember that this is the only fund raiser we have for the Michigan Wood Carvers Association and hope everyone will support us by purchasing a \$4.00 calendar. It has pictures from past shows from September 2015 and lists all the events that are important to our members. We only do one printing so be sure to pick up your copies at the show. Hopefully you will have someone attending from your club. If possible they do need to be paid for at the time they are picked up.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | INFORMATION |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9/11-13 | Spit and Whittle | Osceola County Fairgrounds – Evart | 231-734-5125 |
| 9/18-20 | Rhadigan Carve-In | Floyd’s Studio in Clinton MI | 734-649-3259 |
| 9/24-25 | Washington Carve Fest | Washington Sr. Center, Washington Twp | 586-786-1967 |
| 10/3 | MWCA Fall Meeting 11:00 am | Ponderosa Restaurant – Owosso | 989- 640-3551 |
| 10/10 | Saline Carving Show | Liberty School – Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. | 734-599-8784 |
| 10/18 | Frankenmuth Carving Show | Frankenmuth High School | 810-653-1706 810-688-2771 |
| 11/7-8 | Fruitbelt Carving Show | Cass County Fairgrounds, Cassopolis | 269-435-7245 |

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