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NOTICE: I am sorry, I made a typo in the 2016 calendar. If you purchased a calendar at the Frankenmuth carving show please note that the MWCA Learning Seminar corrected date is May 16 – 20. Please change your calendars.

***CLUB NEWS *EAGLE HEAD CANES *UPCOMING EVENTS**

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK: Happy Holidays, 'tis the time to bundle up an enjoy viewing others wood creations at the Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Carving Show, Nov 7-8 and Artistry In Wood in Dayton, Ohio the following weekend, November 14-15.

The October general meeting went smoothly and I am happy to say that everyone wants to keep the Rep. program going. They do a very important job by reminding local clubs what MWCA offers to its members. It was mentioned that some reps might have too many or too few clubs to contact each year. We will be checking into that. It was decided to add car window decals to our promotional items. There will be two styles and they will have the MWCA web site address on them. I look forward to having one on each of our autos.

I just got back from a week of carving in Lebanon, Tenn. It was the Renegade Woodcarvers Round Up, put on by Steve Brown. What a great experience it was. Allen Goodman, Jo Nelson, Bob Thurston, Gary Falin and Steve Brown were the instructors. I learned two very important things. ONE: Pick a project you think you can finish. (Pick up the big rough outs to

do at home) and concentrate on what you want to learn from that teacher, i.e. nose, eyes, hair) SECOND: Relax and trust in the skills you have. Once I did that, the week was joyous. I completed four out of the five rough outs. My last one was a large one and I knew it would not get done before the end of class, but that's fine. I discovered that it was a good challenge to do one a day. I learned I was faster and better with my cuts when I did not over think them. So for those that are wondering how to carve in a 'Round Robin' style at the Learning Seminar, May 16-20, 2016, you'll do fine. Just be honest with yourself, know your carving skill and stop over thinking. It's amazing just how much you can do in one day.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Carving Show, Nov. 7-8 and Artistry in Wood in Dayton OH, Nov. 14-15. I plan to go again this year. I am hoping to enter some scroll work as well as gourd carving and a chip carving piece. Come stop by and see the show. It is always amazing. Each year those national carvers out do the year before.

MWCA FALL MEETING OCTOBER 3rd: We were very happy with the turnout of clubs at the October meeting. It is always good to see old friends and talk about carving. This is your organization and we love getting your input. Many of the things we are doing as a club are going fine such as the cane program, the soap carving program, comfort carvings and the learning seminar but it seems that we need to do some work on the whole representative program. It was the consensus at the meeting that those present, wanted the program to continue. We hope to spend some time in executive meeting and fine tune that whole thing. If we adjust the areas, we may need a few more volunteers to step up and keep the job small enough to be easily handled. We will keep you informed and for now, if you have any suggestions at all about the rep program, give Russel Ross or any of the officers a shout out.

Thanks again to Willy Stewart who has taken over the job of Secretary of MWCA. We appreciate you stepping up to help

This n that from the offices of Vice President and Treasurer.....

If your club needs more cards to go with your comfort carvings, we recently received a new batch and they are in the capable hands of Denny Sekerenes. He also has a supply of 2016 calendars ready for you to buy. They remain \$4.00 and they contain a \$5.00 coupon to be used at Cedar Bird Shoppe when you spend \$10.00 with them. Thanks Sandy Holder for making them for us and thanks Denny for selling all our promotional items for us.

Garry and I continue to work on the 2016 learning seminar. As many of you know, that work started even as we were carving at the 2015 seminar. We have ordered an additional supply of brochures and will make sure to mail some of them to each club. Clubs and word of mouth are the very best promotion that we can do. Talk it up among yourselves and

compare notes on other classes that you have taken elsewhere. MWCA is a fantastic bargain and the committee is doing everything it can to make your experience the very best one it can be. At the moment, the only class that is full is Mike Ford's bird class. Rod Walker and Steve Brown have decided to not teach for us in 2016. As you may have heard, we are going to try a round robin of caricature carvers next year. Bruce Henn is a new instructor and will be setting up with Rhadigan, Falin, and Thurston.

Garry and I have made it to a few carving shows this fall and the quality of the carvings presented has just been outstanding. It is a lot of work to put on those shows and we certainly appreciate it. Fruitbelt and the Dayton show are still on the calendar for this year. Hope to see you there. Garry and Mary Lou

CARVING CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS: We carved October 3rd at Hartley Education Center and on October 10th at Johnsons Giant Pumpkin Farm. We demonstrated wood carving and were able to sell our carvings. Our Soap Carvers had 39 soap carvers at the Zoo. At our show they had 15 carvers.

At our November meeting Mike Ford is going to give a slide presentation on the World Carving Show. Our 2016 show will be August 27th and again held at the 2nd Presbyterian Church on M-47. Our potluck Christmas party will be on December 1st.



Unknown Carver

METRO CARVERS: Our next "Artistic Creations in Wood" show is scheduled for March 19th and 20th, 2016, we also expect to have wood turners at our show.

We will be displaying our club carvings at the Auburn Hills Library for the month of November.

We plan to have our annual Christmas Pot Luck on December 8th.

WOOD CARVERS GUILD OF FRANKENMUTH: The show held at the Frankenmuth High School displayed some really awesome carvings. We hope to have more information about the show in the next Chatter.

CHIPS & CHATTER

SPIT and WHITTLE: In Evart was another fun event for carvers to get together, converse, share ideas and just plain have fun being in each other's company. The Cedar Bird Shoppe was there with all their "stuff" for most of us to take advantage of. This is the last time this year that some get to visit them and stock up on supplies for winter. Some brought projects for others to do and some just carved on something they needed to finish. The Evart Lion's booth was open for breakfast and lunch. 35 campers stayed for the weekend. For a very relaxed time, plan to come next year. It is always the weekend after Labor Day.

CARVEFEST XI: September 24-25 our Carve Fest was another successful event. 77 carvers registered for Thursday and 86 carvers participated on Friday. Our volunteer instructors did a very fine job and are really the strength of this event. We will have another event in 2016 and will be a 2 ½ day format. September 22-23, with 24th being ½ day on Saturday. We will have a carving display area for Saturday morning. Come join us for Carve Fest XII.

October Tip from WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS: Had a chance to watch some carvers whittling away at Evart this year. It is fairly easy to spot the beginners at caricature carving. Was talking with the instructor and he pointed out something they seem to have in common. They all seem to be doing a good job of carving but they are very afraid to take off wood. We all tend to get into the final details too soon before the carving is in manageable shape. That leaves the carving in a blocky condition. The suggestion is to work all over the carving and don't concentrate in any one area. Hold the carving away from you and check to see if everything is in proportion before doing the final details. Don't get in a hurry to start the final details until you are ready.

Tip from the TRI-CITY CARVERS: Using a Knife: When working on a small carving that can be held in the hand, hold the wood in the left hand (assuming you are right handed), the knife in the right. Keep the left hand behind the knife and use the left thumb on the blunt side of the blade to act like a lever to control the cut. With the thumb stationary, rotate your right hand and wrist to make the cut. In this position, if the knife should slip, you will not be cut. The knife should never go flying out off the wood. You can also hold the knife as though you were peeling an apple. Just be careful not to nick your thumb.

CAMPING AT EVART FAIRGROUNDS: Due to the increased rate of utility costs in Evart, camping will be \$20 per night in 2016 for sites with electric. Primitive and non-electric sites will stay at \$17 per night. We thank you for your past support and look forward to seeing you again in 2016.

2016 MWCA CALENDAR is now available. The next opportunity to get your limited copy for only \$4.00 will be at the Fruitbelt Carving show on November 7-8th. After that you can contact Promotions at Denny Sekerenes at (989) 277-5739 email: patden@chartermi.net

MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" Completed canes for SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2015

From June 2007 thru October 2015 - 3059 canes have been completed.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to and supported the "Patriot Cane Program" program.

Without your help and support this program could not have continued.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
11/7-8	Fruitbelt Carving Show	Cass County Fairgrounds, Cassopolis	269-435-7245
11/14-15	Dayton Carving Show	Airport Expo Center-Vandalia Ohio	
Dec 25	Merry Christmas from MWCA		

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