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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK**

*HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!* I expect 2016 be a GRAND year. Here are some reasons for my statement:

From March through November we have at least one carving activity each month right here in this wonderful state of Michigan! There were three one week long carving classes with nationally recognized instructors (for less than you'd pay in other states), two interesting membership meetings and best of all regular club meetings.

Many carving competitions too. Now is the time to think about entering some of your carvings. You know, the ones you created at last year's seminars. I am sure you have one or two of last year's projects that were OK when you finished them; but that "I can do better next year" thought went through your mind and you hid it on the back shelf. Well if you are like me you should take it out of its hiding place and look at it again. Then give it a good finish and enter it this year. It is amazing what happens to your skill level. "Oh my work is not as good as my instructor", so you think your instructor started off doing Great work? I am sure they lost many pieces before they started showing their work. If you keep an open mind you can learn so much about your skills from entering your work. I remember entering once and forgetting what I entered. Then seeing the second place piece and thinking how nice it looked. It was mine. That did much for my belief in myself. So give it a try this year and expand your belief in your skills.

Here's another challenge for all you caricature carvers out there. Try the "Round Robin" Carving at the Learning Seminar. I know what many of you have been thinking and I too have had those very same thoughts. But come along with me on my journey to carving one ruff out a day for five days! I've done this twice now at Steve Brown Renegade Roundup in Lebanon, TN. I learned much that first year. Learned I had no idea how to work with a ruff out, hold my knife or see a face in the wood. Also went for too large a project that first year. Here is what I learned that made me successful last fall.

1. I decided I wanted to work on faces. So I chose my ruff outs as follows:

- a: Hats, or no hair on top of head
- b: Beard, no teeth, for the first day, beard with teeth, 2<sup>nd</sup> etc.
- c: No buttons, or fancy clothes
- d: pockets the first day or two, then a hand

You get the idea, start the week simple and add detail as you can do at home.

2. Decide what your days instructor does that you like the best and center your time with them that way. It made it much easier for me. If it was eyes then I got a bearded fellow to carve, if it was chin and stubble I wanted to learn I chose a ruff out that fit my needs.

3. For those of you that might have a vision, hearing or memory problem (I believe I have all three) use your cell phone video!!!!

**I had the best lessons this year by using my cell phone video as follows:**

- 1. Very important ASK YOU INSTRUCTOR IF YOU MAY USE YOUR VIDEO. I promised each instructor I would only use it for myself, no sharing on Facebook or any other media.
- 2. The 'smart phones', mine is an android type, records sound as well as video, use it.
- 3. Turn it on and hold the phone at shoulder height between you and your instructor. Aim it at the ruff-out but don't block the instructors face with it. I was able to hold it at my shoulder and carry on a conversation with the instructor as he carved.

This is very helpful because once back at your station you can enlarge the area for a bigger and better view of your lesson. I know this because I needed cataract surgery in both eyes at the time of my carving.

With these few changes in my approach to carving I completed four out of five ruff-outs last fall. The fifth one was a large piece and still in the carving stage. It will be finished as soon as my eyes recover from cataract surgery.

Yes at this writing I have completed my second cataract surgery yesterday. Just need time to heal and some new specs for distance vision and I'll be ready to carve again!

Happy Carving and do try something out side of your comfort zone this year. I look forward to hearing about your carving adventures.

May the knife always face away from your fingers.

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**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**MID MICHIGAN WOODCARVERS:** Remember we meet every Tues. and Thurs. from noon till 8pm. everyone is always welcome, if you are ever in the area stop by and carve with us, call 989-277-5739 for info.

Our resident Master Carver Mason Mooney, is having health problems, please keep him in prayer.

From Promotions, see me with all the stuff, and 2016 Calendars at many of the 2016 carving shows and events or call 989-277-5739 to order. Each \$4.00 calendar has a \$5.00 certificate towards \$10 or more used in the coming year at Cedar Bird Shoppe carving supply vendor. They attend at most of the 2016 carving events.

**TRI CITY CARVERS:** Our 2016 show will be August 27<sup>th</sup> held again at the Second Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. Ed Hak will be the show chairman with Dick Bishop as co-chair. In November Gary Doud accepted the position of vice President, with Ed Hak staying on as Secretary and Phil Westendorf will stay on as Treasurer. We do still need someone to run for President. We have again been invited to display our carvings during the month of January at the Antique Warehouse and will be carving there the weekend of January 23-24.

Ben Donaghy will be doing a habitat class for us in January.

Bit of humor: I decided to change calling the bathroom, the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning!! ☺

**METRO CARVERS:** Our next “Artistic Creations in Wood” show is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, we also expect to have wood turners at our show. Again at the show this year we will again have donated carvings for sale to the public to help boost our club treasury. We hope to see everyone there for the first show of the New Year.



**WOOD CARVERS GUILD OF FRANKENMUTH:** Here is the information from our October Show. Judges were Floyd Rhadigan, Kurt Sherwood, Mike LePage and Diane Reed. Prof Best of Show was Gary Bityk castle in a tree carving. Best of show was John Krasny with a relief carving of a woman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best of Show was a large carving of the American Flag by Gene Durbin and a dog waiting for his master was 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Show by Robert Schroeder. Alec LeCasse had a great display and did some demonstrating on bark carving. Carol Kent demonstrated how to carve flowers.

We had our Board of Directors meeting and all of the incumbent officers have consented to stay on for another year. President-Fred Kendrick, V. President-John Krasny, Treasurer-Bob Gustafson and Secretary-Anita Harrand.



**RUITBELT CARVING SHOW** was again a great weekend. Our two best of show winners were Harvey Post with a fish and Tom Grile with a Loon.



## CHIPS & CHATTER

**January Tip from WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS:** I have a big wheel covered with leather that is used to power buff or strop my tools when they get a little dull. This thing is coated with a lot of buffing compound and has become glazed and extremely hard on most of the leather. It just doesn't do a good job anymore. That compound is as hard as a brick. Since I am too cheap to spring for new leather, decided to see if I could clean some of the compound off. Turned it on, applied a wood rasp to it and it worked like a charm. Cleaned the gunk off and roughed up the leather. It is just like new. Now if I could just figure out how to clean off the rasp! John Crawford.

**IT'S MWCA DUES RENEWAL TIME AGAIN:** Each club will be receiving a renewal form in the mail sometime in February. It will include a current listing of members along with past members in case they come back, in which they will keep their old number. New numbers will be provided for your new members. MWCA renewal is \$2.00 per current member of your club and covers from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Dues are DUE BY MARCH 31, 2016 which is before our annual meeting in April. These dues and the revenue from sale of the annual calendars is the only income to keep your MWCA a valid organization which provides our liability insurance and operating expenses. Your prompt payment of dues is greatly appreciated. Last year all but about 4 clubs had paid their dues by March 31. THANK YOU!

**CALENDAR CORRECTIONS REMINDER:** I do apologize that I must not have been paying attention this past year when I made the calendar. I could always blame it on the computer, but I know you all know differently! Please change the Seminar dates to May 16-20. I also tried to shorten the year by eliminating May 31 and July 31, so please also add those days in. Thank you for understanding.

**MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed canes for September & October 2015**

**From June 2007 thru November 2015 3161 canes have been completed.**

**Thanks to everyone that has contributed to the “Patriot Cane Program” program.**

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

Cpl Mitchell E. Sokolowski – USMC Vietnam – Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt wood Carvers  
Sgt Jimmie L. Grey – Army Vietnam – Carver La Verne Hoag – Kalamazoo Wood Carvers Guild  
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Sgt Maxwell M. Gardner – USMC Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
SP/4 Jack Dean Burns – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
RD3c Marvin Petty – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
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Cpl Paul E. Winans – USMC WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
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Sgt Sylvester S. Sagan – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sgt Gary L. Johnson – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson – Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Pfc George M. Walker – USMC Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
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 Sgt Gordon E Segal- Army Vietnam – Carver Silvano Salvador - South Lyon Carvers  
 Sgt Larry L. Fenner – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
 SP/5 David W. Pauch – Army Vietnam – Carver Ron Vanderboegh – Lake Shore Carvers  
 SP/4 Tom R. Jones – Army Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen - Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
 Sgt Randy L Strack – Army Vietnam – Carver Louie Barta – Hartland Area Carving Guild  
 Sgt Marc P. Horten – Army Vietnam – Marvin Lancaster – Grand Valley Woodcarvers  
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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/19-20	Metro Carvers Annual Show	United Food & commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts.	248-689-5468
April	MWCA Annual Meeting TBD		616-340-6224
4/23	Greater Lansing Show	Location to be determined	517-337-0778
5/16-20	MWCA Learning Seminar	Midland Fair Grounds, Midland	616-340-6224

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