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**MWCA Annual Meeting – April 2, 2016 – Ponderosa, Owosso MI at 11 am**

#### **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK**

Springtime already. Can you feel it yet? Well it might not feel like Spring but it is here. Are you ready for all the fun 2016 has waiting for you? April meeting and Learning Seminar are in my plans and I hope they are on your calendar too.

This is the year to enter your carvings and find out what others think of your work. Many of the carvers I have seen have done beautiful work but have no idea what the general public thinks of their work. Try entering in a few shows. By entering you support local shows, give judges experience to show what they know about good work, shows off your work to others outside of your carving circle, gives you pats on the back for carving well done and helps you see how to improve what you felt was not quite right. Do try it this year.

Learning Seminar is just around the corner, have you registered for your class yet? It's going to be a good one this year. Those who are looking for a new experience try the four instructors in five days. It will wake you up and start those 'little gray cells' a working. Check out last months Chatter to get great tips on how to get the most out of your classes. Remember to ask if you can record your personal lesson on your smart phone. It's a great way to remember what was said and shown. It doesn't always make to material to pass on to other but it does jolt the memory when doing the work at home. Please ask permission from your instructor before you record them.

Have a wonderful Spring, we will see you at the April meeting and again in May at the Learning Seminar. Happy Carving to all.  
**Liduina Fedewa MWCA President.**

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#### **Garry and Mary Lou Mulick, Seminar update:**

Hello fellow carvers. I missed getting out a seminar update in the last newsletter so it is high time I caught you back up. Garry and I put out a pretty big mailing to some former students and to all the clubs reminding everyone that it is time to get signed up. We will start calling the instructors with their student count in about 30 days. They will then decide if they can make the commitment to come to Midland for that number of students. We are only a few students short of where we were last year at this time, so things are looking good. We currently have 82 of our friends signed up for classes. Our goal is to get at least 125 again. The building has room for many more than that though so we need everyone's help recruiting more students.

So far, 3 students have taken advantage of the MWCA offer of a \$25.00 reduction in price if they haven't attended for 3 years and they convinced their local carving club to sponsor them for \$25.00 each. That means those folks have only spent \$125.00 of their money to attend the best woodcarving seminar around here!

At the present time (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>) the only class that is full is Mike Ford's bird class. Leah Goddard has two slots and

Dylan Goodson has 3 openings. The Stenmans and Dave Sharp have 4 and 5 slots open. Everyone else is wide open and just waiting for you. We have 4 caricature carvers that are going to be operating a round robin this year and so far there are 14 carvers for them to teach. Those teachers are; Gary Falin, Bruce Henn, Floyd Rhadigan and Bob Thurston. The full list of instructors is on our web site or you can give Garry and I a call for a trifold.

FYI for those that are planning to stay in a hotel in Midland, we did speak to people at both Fairview Inn at 800-422-2744, and Sleep Inn at 989-837-1010 and they were willing to give our carvers a special rate. The problem with that, is it appears that the rates you can get from an on line travel site are much better. Please check with your favorite sites such as Trivago, Hotels.com and so on to see where the best deal really is. I have found on those sites that the earlier you book your room, the lower the rate is.

We sent out donation letters to many companies in the carving community and the prizes for our raffle are starting to come in. Without their help, our seminar wouldn't be as great. They help us keep the price of attending as low as possible. To secure your spot and instructor please call 616-340-6114

#### **CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**SUNRISE SIDE WOOD CARVERS: GOOD NEWS!** Please join “TRULY YOURS” of Oscoda, “SPIRIT-LINE CREATIONS” and the “SUNRISE SIDE WOODCARVERS” for a celebration of the Sunrise Side Woodcarvers 25<sup>th</sup> year for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Art Expo & Woodcarving Show. April 30<sup>th</sup>/May 1, 2016. It will be held again at the Community Center on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base on Highway 41 just north of Oscoda. The show will include a variety of media, artists and craftsmen. Each registered carver may show one item of any theme, style or finish not entered in previous competition. Categories will be novice, intermediate and advanced with one award for each group and will be determined by “Carvers Choice” and “People's Choice” ballots. For more information please call Greg Wilkinson at 1-989-305-6780, for an entry form. Tables are \$25 each, \$5 extra for limited electricity. Set-up is Friday 4-7 pm/Sat 8-9 am. All applications must be received no later than April 1, 2016. Call for yours today!! Sunday morning breakfast is at the Camp Inn Lodge. \$10.00 tickets only available with an entry form, no tickets obtainable later.

**TRI CITY CARVERS:** Gary Doud has accepted the nomination for President this year. We carved at the Antique Warehouse in January with 7 members carving. A lot of people came through while we were there. We had a nice variety of carvings on display and some of the carvers did well in selling some of their work.

**METRO CARVERS:** Our "Artistic Creations in Wood" show is coming fast on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As of February we already have a request for 33 tables which is ahead of last year. Applications are still available if you haven't gotten one or need one. Please email Mike Murdock [mike23a@outlook.com](mailto:mike23a@outlook.com) or phone 248-689-5468. All applications are due in by March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have lots of raffle carvings for door prizes. A nice addition to our show this year will be a table for the wood turns. We hope to see all of you at our show. The "Lean on Me" Cane Team will continue the Eagle Head Cane competition at our show. See elsewhere in the newsletter for the guidelines for the competition.

**SALINE WOOD CARVERS:** Our October 10<sup>th</sup> carving show attracted more than 300 people. The new location at Liberty School had some advantages over the UAW hall. Our room was a good size and the windows let in so much light that it made a terrific difference. On the other hand, we heard from quite a few people that were confused about where "Liberty School" was. And once again, many of our show signs were removed by different parties, and it looks like a few were stolen. So, new signage and a new banner are in the works for this year's show.

Club elections: Bruce Boughner will continue as President for the time being and John Pappas is our new Vice President. Nancy Popp was the vice president and we thank her for all her hard work. Helen Snuverink remains as Secretary and Sharon Seitz continues as our Treasurer. Peggy Lubahn stays as newsletter editor and Blob Diva. Our Blog which was started in 2013 is very prosperous and has been visited by 17 different countries. You can visit our blog at: <http://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com>

**WOOD CARVERS GUILD OF FRANKENMUTH:** People have been coming regularly to the Eagle Nest, our carving studio and meeting house. Members have begun working again on our ¾ size carousel horse, it is in the finishing stages. Members are also working to fill in blank spots of our wooden mantle (over our fireplace). The carvings are related to activities and donations made in the community. It will be a masterpiece once it is done.

**WOODLAND WOOD CARVERS:** (Sandy Holder, Chatter editor: I have to apologize for not including this in the last newsletter. I had misplaced the information.) Officers elected to office in September were Karen Brown, President; Kim Greene, Vice President; Barb Sagman was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Ornaments were carved to be donated to the Ronald McDonald house. At our October meeting our guest speaker was award winner Richard Frye. He gave wonderful demonstrations on how to carve a duck and gave many tips and techniques on carving an award winning piece. Floyd Rhadigan held a daytime carving class in November.

January our guest speaker was Jim Winsel and gave a presentation on painting a green duck head. He likes to prime the head with a lighter color then when dry he lightly paints various colors with thinned down oil.

## CHIPS & CHATTER

**MWCA DUES RENEWAL:** Each club was sent a renewal form in the mail in February. It included a current listing of members and a club information sheet. 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.

### **EAGLE HEAD CARVING COMPETITION:**

The Eagle Head Cane Handle competition was established in 2012 with the approval of MWCA Board of Directors. With the Board of Directors approval, the "Lean on Me" Cane Team will continue the Eagle Head Cane competition with minor changes. The objective is to use competition as a means to continuously improve carving skills, raise awareness of the Patriot Cane Program, and encourage greater participation from MWCA clubs and their members along with fellow carvers interested in supporting this project. Club Shows and other MWCA events will be used as venues to stage cane handle carving competitions. This will allow participation from a greater number of carvers around Michigan. The Cane Team will contact the show Coordinator to ask for their approval and support of this separate MWCA competition within their event. The Cane Team will rent from the show Chairperson, a table where the carvings will be collected, displayed and judged. The table will also be used to distribute cutouts and glass eyes to carvers who want to contribute to the program. All display material will be provided by the Cane Team.

**Dave Copeman – Eagle Head Carving chairman**  
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#### **Guidelines:**

- Carved Eagle Head handles will be brought to the designated table at the event.
- Only completed, properly drilled, painted or natural finished Eagle Head handles will be accepted for this competition. Patterns with drilling instructions available on the MWCA web site:  
[www.miwoodcarvers.com](http://www.miwoodcarvers.com)
- Each carving must have a paper label with the

carvers Name, Address, Phone, Club name and if available, e-mail address. This label should be rolled and inserted into the shaft hole of the carving handle.

- A carver can submit only one (1) eligible carving per competition. Additional carvings will be put on display.
- All Eagle Head carving will become the property of MWCA for use in "Patriot Cane" program.

- Past competition winners can participate and be eligible for an award at other shows if a new Eagle Head carving is submitted for competition at a different venue.
- Judging will be established by the Team Leader at the venue.
- Award will be a \$25.00 Visa gift card – one award for each event.

- Metro Carving Show, March 19, 20
- Greater Lansing Carving Show, April 23
- MWCA Learning Seminar, May 16-20
- Evert Roundup, June 9-11
- Tri-City Carving Show, August 27
- Frankenmuth Carving Show, October 16
- Fruitbelt Carving Show, November 5, 6

#### **Preliminary Event Schedule:**

MWCA sends condolences to the family of Linda Sales, as her husband Clyde has passed away. Linda and Clyde are part of our wood carving family and we were very saddened by his passing.

#### **TIP OF THE MONTH FROM WEST MICHIGAN CARVERS:**

It is always a good idea to keep a few scraps of wood on the carving bench. When a knife or gouge is starting to drag some, one of the ways to test its sharpness is to take a cut across the end grain on a small chunk of wood. If it doesn't cut easily, it is time to strop or sharpen on a stone. Fighting a tool that does not cut properly is not a fun way to carve. Dull tools make for a long carving session.

#### **MWCA SOAP CARVING KITS AVAILABLE**

If your club would like to give soap carving classes please let Myrna Miller know how many soap carving kits your club would like. Please include the amount of kits needed, date needed and your phone and email if you have one. Email is best if at all possible so she has a printed request.

Kits include a plastic knife, 5 ice cream sticks with instructions to make tools, 4 sheets of patterns, 1 glove and one MWCA pin-on class button. More information is provided at time of contact. The Ivory soap for the class is purchased by the club for the classes so the soap is fresh.

This has been a very successful project for MWCA to encourage kids to get interested in actual wood carving. Many adults actually enjoy this too!

Myrna Miller's contact information: Phone 734-474-9272, or [carvingnut@msn.com](mailto:carvingnut@msn.com)

## **MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" Completed canes for January & February 2016**

**From June 2007 thru February 2016 3238 canes have been completed.**

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

**Without your help and support this program would not continue.**

**As you can see by this report the Cane Teams have been very busy. We could use more Eagle Heads.**

Cpl Doyle I. Brindley – Army Korea – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers  
 EO3c Robert A. Shay – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers  
 T/Sgt John R. Milroy – Army WWII - Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers  
 LCpl Steven R. Jones – USMC Vietnam – Carver Andrew Barthowiak – South Bend, IN  
 Pfc. Richard Sokolowski – Army Vietnam – Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Carvers  
 Cpl Douglas A. Jordan – USMC Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
 EM3c Cecil L. Pratt – Navy WWII – Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers  
 Sgt Theodore Le Forge – AAF WWII - Carver Wendell Smith – North Woods Carvers  
 S/Sgt Robert Boelens – USMC WWII - Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Carvers  
 Pfc. Kenneth H. Muston – Army WWII – Carver Dan Swanson – Battle Creek, MI  
 SP/4 Patrick J. Eardley – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
 SP/4 Richard Gibbons – Army Vietnam – Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
 SK3c Patrick B. Reed – Navy Vietnam – Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
 A/1c Thomas H. Robertson – USAF Vietnam- Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Wood Carvers  
 A/1c Lloyd E. Jones – USAF Korea – Carver Edward Warren - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
 Cpl Sammy R. Stanfield – Army WWII – Carver Harold Joseph – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 Pfc Lillian J. Terry – Army WAC WWII – Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers  
 S/Sgt Ferris Glass – AAF WWII – Carver Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert J. Morgan – AAF WWII – Carver Harold Green - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 SP/5 Peter A. Sardo Jr. – Army Vietnam – Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
 AO2c Dean A. Brown – Navy Vietnam – Carver Charlie Wilke – Campbellsport, WI  
 SP/4 Leroy E. Kunsman- Army Vietnam – Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Wood Carvers  
 SP/4 Richard C. Pubanz – Army Vietnam – Carver Sam Blaga - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
 T/Sgt Joseph F. Goines – Army WWII – Carver Wayne Neff - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 Cpl John C. Belert – Army WWII - Carver Wally Walcutt – Gladwin Carving Crew  
 Sgt Arturo D. Gonzalez – USMC Vietnam – Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
 GMSN John D. Hoblit – Navy WWII – Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
 ADCS Andrew Lundberg – Navy WWII – Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI

S/Sgt Elmer R. Diebel – AAF WWII – Carver Dave Hollenbeck - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
Pfc. Deloyce L. Brooks – Army WWII – Carver Wendell Smith – North Woods Wood Carvers  
RM2c Duane L. Smith – Navy WWII – Carver Larry Eichler – Hartland Area Wood Carvers  
RM3c Paul F. Nelson – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
MDSN2c Maurice F. Dunne – USCG WWII – Carver Dennis Hatden – Barton Vermont  
Pfc. Anthony M. Scigel – Army WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Pfc. Norbert F. Meininger – AAF WWII – Carver Bill Przybylski – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
ETR2 Thomas M. Schrems – Navy – Carver Ed Hak – Tri-City Wood Carvers  
Sgt Martin Ortega – Army – Carver Vincent Rosolowski - Tri-City Wood Carvers  
Sgt Sisto Martinez Jr. – Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
S/Sgt Robert E. Bodell – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
GMG 3c Thomas G. Shurtz – Navy Vietnam - Carver Wally Walcutt – Gladwin Carving Crew  
SP/4 Carl R. Engle – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP/5 Gary Braxton – Army Vietnam - Carver Jerry Francis – Flat River Wood Carvers  
Pfc Harold B. Curtis – USMC WWII - Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
Tec/5 Frank J. Bydlowski – Army WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Cpl. Gust J. Anton – Army WWII – Carver Gerald Hand - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
Sgt Forrest F. Bovee – Army Vietnam- Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
ENFN Henry Burton – Navy Vietnam – Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
Sgt Phillip V. Bill – Army Vietnam – Carver Chris Floyd – Hartland Area Wood Carvers  
Sgt Benjamin R. Snow – Army Iraq – Carver Sandra Smith – Arenac Bay Carving Club  
Cpl Richard C. St. Arnold – USMC Vietnam – Carver Virginia Harthan – Wood Wackers Carvers  
Tec/5 Melbourne Knowels – Army WWII – Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sp/5 Leo P. Miller – Army Vietnam – Carver Chris Benoit - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
S/Sgt Michael T.W. Green – Army Vietnam- Carver Mike Murdock - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
Pvt-2 Urban J. Hotts – Army Korea - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists  
SP/4 Therald W. Hammond – Army Vietnam - Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers  
A/1c Ronald L. Turner – USAF Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
EMFA James Earl Raymond – Navy Vietnam – Carver Pat Doran – River Raisin Wood Carvers  
LCpl Charles A. Walker – USMC Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
SP/4 John W. Stimac – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
SP/4 Charles W. Schaaf – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
SP/5 Dennis M. Smith – Army Vietnam - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers  
SFC Jerry J. Herman – Army Korea - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
A/1c Glenn E. Miller – USAF Korea - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers  
Pfc Earl F. Kline – Army Korea – Carver Bill Kilburn - MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Cpl Richard I. Palmer – Army WWII & Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
T/Sgt Matthew C. Schmitt Jr – AAF WWII - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
Pfc Bernard L. Leiter – USMC Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sgt Arthur J. Wojtowicz – Army WWII - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers  
Sp/5 Thomas L. Arnold – Army Vietnam – Charlie Dolan - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth

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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
<b>4/2</b>	<b>MWCA Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Ponderosa - Owosso</b>	<b>616-340-6114</b>
4/23	Greater Lansing Show	Location to be determined	517-337-0778
4/30-5/1	Sunrise Side/Truly Yours/Spirit-Line Creations Art Expo & Woodcarving Show	Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base Oscoda	989-305-6780
5/16-20	MWCA Learning Seminar	Midland Fairgrounds, Midland	616-340-6114
6/9-11	Evert Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Evert	734-649-3259
6/13-17	Floydfest Carving Seminar	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	734-649-3259

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