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

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES: What a great meeting. Despite the snow storm in the north about 50 members representing 13 clubs were in attendance. Frank and Phyllis Burghy started out but had to turn around because of the snow. Our web editor Terry Zobl has set up two new sections on the website. A WANT ADS button has been added because people have had wood or items to sell. So if you have items to sell contact Terry Zobl from the web page. An ad for a month would be \$2 and with a picture \$4.

MWCA is also forming a resource list of people who are willing to give presentations pertaining to wood carving. The names on the list have expressed their willingness to share their knowledge. All arrangements are between the club and the speaker. Click on the SPEAKER button on the website www.miwoodcarvers.com and download the list. Right now there are 12 on the list.

While you are there on the website please check your club webpage to make sure your club information is correct.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Spring Greetings MWCA members,

MAY, has arrived! Now the sun will shine and the fun begins. We can carve outside, camp with friends and learn new skills or refine old ones. It's Midland Learning Seminar time. Are your tools sharpened and your camper packed for the great getaway? I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the MWCA Learning Seminar. It is always a great way to start the season of outdoor carving.

It's hard to believe my first year as President of the MWCA is complete! One more year and the term is over, wow. That's right April 2017 will be election time again and that got me thinking. Why are all the officer positions up for election in the same year? Should we stagger the election of officers? How long should a term be? Two years is a nice short time but actually it is too short for such a strong association. It takes about a year to learn a position followed by a couple of years to

lead and train a new officer. It might be helpful to have the Vice President become the President making it easier during transition. We could also have the outgoing treasurer and secretary work with the incoming officer to learn the job easier. We need to make these positions more understandable and comfortable for new officers. Oh, so many questions and not as many answers. This is a topic we all need to think about. But for now, I'm ready to carve.

On that note due check out the Event schedule on our web site. May 16 -20 is the Learning Seminar, June 8 – 11 we have the Evert Round Up. June 13- 17 is the Creative Woodcarving Seminar and July 16-17 is Wood Shaving Days. Enjoy you club meetings and events this Spring. See you at the Learning Seminar.

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Garry and Mary Lou Mulick, Seminar update:

Mary Lou and Sandy would like to thank all the carving clubs that have paid their dues. At the current time there are only 5 that have not paid. We started off looking like we had lost many members, but at this point; we are at 894 where last year we ended up with 974. If the other 5 clubs send in dues, we will pick up another 100 members. Thirty Eight of forty three clubs have paid. Twenty Nine clubs have members attending the learning seminar at a cost of \$175 instead of the \$190 that non-members pay.

The 2016 Learning Seminar is swiftly approaching. There is still time to get your application in and Garry and Mary Lou will try to answer any questions you may have. You usually get us as a pair when the phone rings! We are currently at 108 students. The last few weeks have been rough with cancellations that couldn't be helped. Those cancellations have made openings in an unusual class...The Stenmans have five slots still available. I know they have some wonderful new projects they would love to help you with. Mike Ford and Leah Goddard are full. The following instructors all have at least one slot: Wayne Barton (Chip Carving) Gary Bityk (Bark Carving), Carol Jean Boyd (Cyprus Knee), Dylan Goodson (European Mallet), Chris Howard (Power Bust), Dick Lamphier (Realistic Caricature), Brenda Lodermeier (Woodburning), Silvano

Salvadore (Deep Relief), Dave Sharp (Power Animal), Stenmans (Shallow Relief), John Williams (Hand Animal or Beginning), Bruce Henn (Hand Caricature), Gary Falin (Hand Caricature) and Bob Thurston (Hand Caricature).

We have once again contracted to have daily lunch catered in to the carving building. You will save money if you purchase the full week of lunches. That will enable the vendor to make the correct amount of food every day and help her with the planning. There will be a very limited amount of tickets available for spur of the moment purchase. The lunch ticket packet will be available to purchase on Sunday afternoon when you pick up your student packet from Myrna and Sharon.

Dave Copeman is bringing the Veterans Cane display to the Midland Learning Seminar and will gladly accept your finished eagle head. Any heads turned in will be entered into the competition and a 25.00 winner will be announced on Friday of that week.

Denny Serkrenes will be in attendance at seminar, keeping an eye on the cane display and also selling the promotional items for MWCA. I just found out that he will have new vinyl clings for sale to put on your car to promote wood carving and MWCA! These clings have been made for us by Ida and Ron from Graphix Designs. They will also be setting up shop at the learning seminar if you want a new T Shirt.

CARVING CLUB NEWS

HAPPY CHIPPERS: Many of the snowbirds are returning. Some of the guys during the winter met every week. So many of the club members now are doing wood turning !!! They make some really neat things——bowls and pens are the favorite things. Some of the things are really pretty, too !!! A few of the Club members are still carvers !!!! Some do both——such talents we have in the group !!! We meet every Monday at the Senior Center in Hale from 6:00 until about 8:00 or so. Come and join us !!!! Call Mary Ann if any questions—989-728-4022. We hope everyone is having fun working with wood !!!!!

SUNRISE SIDE WOOD CARVERS: “TRULY YOURS” of Oscoda, “SPIRIT-LINE CREATIONS” and the “SUNRISE SIDE WOODCARVERS” show has just happened as you read this newsletter. We do believe it was another great show and look forward to hearing how it went and who the winning carvers were.



TRI CITY CARVERS: We are working on a mini carousel that was given to the club. We will be finishing it off and then sell to the highest bidder to raise funds for the club. We are proud that our club has two instructors teaching at the MWCA Learning Seminar - Mike Ford and Bob Thurston.

Gary Klender was presented with an award for having taught soap carving to over 4,000 kids. He will also taught soap carving to a ladies group.

Bob Thurston conducted a knife sharpening class at an April meeting and will repeat the class in May. Gary Doud will be teaching 30 students at a 4H decoy carving class at Exploration Days in Lansing.

METRO CARVERS: Our “Artistic Creations in Wood” show in March is now history and everyone gets a BIG THANK YOU for making it another success. We came away in the black and already have ideas for our 2017 show.

There were 103 tables, 12 new entries in the carving competition and 23 cane eagle heads were entered into the cane competition with 14 others on display. The People’s choice voting chose Ray Pfenning’s eagle head, he is from the Oakland Livingston Carvers and won ad Certificate and a \$25.00 Visa card. 848 folks visited our show this year.



The 1st best of show was a magician on a stage holding a wand and hat by Dylan Goodman; the 2nd best of show was a framed relief carving of several people and a background intricately carved in an Asian style by Edgar Postestades; and 3rd best of show was an excellent bust of Jesus by Bill Ebinger.

SALINE WOOD CARVERS: Three kids and two parents (plus a couple of our members) learned soap carving from Dick Ender last month. It was great to see everyone respond to Dick's enthusiasm and coaching!

Our show is scheduled for October 8. We've decided to make four lamps out of individual cubes of wood, like a friendship cane with a different configuration.

WOODLAND WOOD CARVERS: Karen Brown presented how to use color pencils at the February meeting. Karen stressed that you must have a light touch and build the colors on each other. You can make some corrections by using a razor blade. Also there are different grades of pencils you can use and Karen recommends using an artist grade pencil. While the colors are blend able her is motto is the more colors the better.

Dana Brandt held a water color painting class. She is a very talented water color artist and the owner of Inspirations of Art studio on the corner of 6th street and Monroe downtown. She had each student make a color wheel and explained how it works and how to use it to make your own custom colors.

CHIPS & CHATTER

MWCA DUES RENEWAL: Congratulations to all the clubs who have renewed their dues. We now only have 5 clubs who have yet to send in their 2016-2017 renewal. Thank you all for the best renewal year yet and for being so timely, we really appreciate it.

DAYTON SHOW: Word is slowly getting out that the big Dayton show held in the past in early November has a new date and place **September 3-4, 2016** in Wilmington, OH. If you intended to go this year, reschedule your vacation dates now. More information is available online at daytoncarvers.com

The Dayton folks ran into the same problem that many of us in Michigan clubs are facing - finding a hall with good light, access, and parking at an affordable price. Carvers are not alone in this plight. My wife is a quilter and quilt clubs are having the same challenges. A few years back the Woodbee Carvers and the Spinning Spools of Iron Mountain held a joint show, but now an affordable place big enough for a combined show is beyond reach for them. We need some creative thinking here.

Jim Byrne – Woodbee Carvers

TRI CITY TIPS FOR NEW CARVERS:

Pencil it in from Tri City Carvers: Before you begin to carve a cutout draw a centerline down the middle of the wood to help you keep both sides balanced. Use a pencil to draw out your idea on the wood before you cut. It's much easier to erase a pencil mark than

a deep cut in the wrong place or an undesirable cut. As you carve the wood away replace your centerline. Not only will a pencil help you in your creativity, but a pencil will help keep you from making big mistakes.

Watch the grain: Determine which direction the grain is running. You will want your carving cuts to go with the grain. (Practice making a few cuts on a scrap of wood) Like using a spoon to scoop out melon balls, slice into the wood and come up and out at the end of the slice. If you do not cut out at the end of the cut, the wood may rip or tear. Your cuts may be short or long, as long as you do not tear away the wood. If the wood chip does not drop off by itself it is not cut all the way. Do not pull off chips as this may tear the wood.

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS: We are all saddened by the loss of Bill Heether of Chips a Flying club and Charlie Flanders from the Sunrise Side Carvers. Memorial services for both have already taken place but please keep the Heether and Flanders families in your prayers.

Health concern prayers are also needed for Sheila Hunter-instructor from Kansas. Denny Ringlein from the Frankenmuth Carvers has had health problems and we hope he is now improving and feeling better.

This is a new entry for the newsletter. If you would like to have someone added to this article, please let editor Sandy Holder know. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

DCEAGLECAM.ORG I don't know how many of you are watching the eagle family in Washington DC. We have been sitting in their nest since they were hatched and check in on them every day. If you have you know how fast they are growing. You never know what is going to happen. Rain, Snow, Wind, Sun. Last week when we checked in on them we noticed something foreign in the nest. It turned out to be a quart zip lock baggie. It was probably picked up along the river where a fisherman may have left it with possibly some bait in it. The next day it was gone. They will probably stay in the nest till sometime in June. The two fledglings are named Freedom and Liberty by a public naming contest.



Dave Copeman – Eagle Head Carving chairman 586-979-4852 dcopeman@sbcglobe.net

MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed canes for March and April 2016

From June 2007 thru April 2016 3305 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 can always use more Eagle Heads.

MSG Radis G. Russeau – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Follbaum - River Raisin Wood Carvers
UT1c Jerry A. Asher- Navy Kuwait - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
PC-2 Phillip G. Gannia – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/5 William R. Ogden – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Ronald C. Allen – USMC Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Robert D. Treichel – Army Vietnam – Carver Diane Bourke - Arenac Bay Carving Club
SP/5 William B. Hough Jr. – Army Vietnam - Carver Diane Bourke - Arenac Bay Carving Club
BT1c Martin W. Gall – Navy Vietnam - Carver Diane Bourke - Arenac Bay Carving Club
MM2c Dwight Weir – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Sgt Dennis R. Churchill – USAF Vietnam - Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
SP/4 Lewis W. Bolton – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
EN3c Ronald J. Showers – Navy Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SHL3c Ronald C. Drews – Navy Vietnam – Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
SP/4 Jack C. Cole – Army Vietnam – Carver Art Fisher – Grand Valley Carvers
SP/4 Victor A. Mamayek – Army Vietnam - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Richard Perge – USMC Vietnam – Carver Jeanne Schairer - OWL Wood Carvers
BKR2c Armand Penission – Navy WWII – Joe Randazzo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
1Sgt Larry C. Shuart – Army Vietnam - Carver Wally Walcutt – Gladwin Carving Crew
SP/5 James C. Thalison – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
Sgt Roger H. Shingler – USMC Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Frank E. Franzel – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Charles W. Meachum – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
GMG2c Wesley F. Spyke – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/5 Ronald K. Ireland – Army Vietnam – Bill Ebinger - Metro Carvers of Michigan
S/Sgt Lawrence C. Conley – Army Vietnam - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Henry A Brown – Army WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue water Carvers
Pfc James R. Johnston – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SK2c Howrad J. Frenzel – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SSgt Harry L. Bean – AAF WWII - Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Wood Carvers

Pvt Peter A. Carmine – Army WWII - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt Edward L. Haver – Army Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
 TSgt John Timko – Army WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
 RD2c Donald J. Eickholdt – Navy Korea – Carver Paul Blanchard - Metro Carvers of Michigan
 Sgt Charles C. Joslin – Army Korea – Carver William Jaquays – South Central Carvers
 SWF3c Charles L. Hosey Jr. – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
 SP/4 Gary W. Follett – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Weatherly - Blue Water Carvers
 SSgt Gaudalupe Alviar – USMC Vietnam – Art Krawchuk - OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt Gary G. Vietor – USMC Vietnam – Janet Melville - OWL Wood Carvers
 Tec/5 Donald J. Radzwion – Army WWII - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
 LCpl Ronald N. Olsey – USMC Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
 BT1c Bruce A. Jaslow – Navy Vietnam - Carver Wendell Smith – North Woods Wood Carvers
 HT FN Jeffrey L. Walls – Navy Vietnam – Mason Mooney - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
 CS3c Bob Wilkinson – Navy Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
 Sgt Billy D. Randolph – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Reagan – Washington Wood Carvers
 SP/5 David A. VanOordt – Army Vietnam – Carver Marilyn Osterhouse - Kalamazoo Woodcarvers Guild
 SF3c Edwin R. Main – Navy WWII – Carver Nancy Wipp – South Lyon Wood Carvers
 BM2c Edward J. Komorowski – Navy WWII – Carver Mary Lowe - Kalamazoo Woodcarvers Guild
 SPC Joyce Ann Thomas – Army SWA - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
 SP/4 Edward C. Cline – Army Vietnam – Carver Don Shook - Metro Carvers of Michigan
 CM3c David J. Schaub – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 Pvt Robert T. Gillette – Army Vietnam – Carver Dick Hartman - River Raisin Wood Carvers
 Sgt Cleon F. LaDuke – Army WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 Sgt Robert K. Pietsch – Army Vietnam – Carver Jean Martin – Washington Wood Carvers
 CN Richard L. Kuechenmeister – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 SP/4 Jerry W. Plunkett – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt Curtis D. Adams – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 LTC Kenneth G. Scott – Army Vietnam – Chris Floyd – Hartland Area Wood Carvers
 SP/5 Patrick L. Duncan – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
 SP/5 Spero Stathopoulos – Army Vietnam – Carver Janet Schutt - Metro Carvers of Michigan
 RM2c James L. Whitmer – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
 Pfc Peter Gulian – Army WWII - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
5/16-20	MWCA Learning Seminar	Midland Fairgrounds, Midland	616-340-6114
6/8-11	Evert Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Evert	734-649-3259
6/13-17	Floydfest Carving Seminar	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	734-649-3259
7/16-17	Wood Shaving Days	Hartwick Pines State Park	989-348-7068
8/27	Tri City Carving Show	2 nd Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-799-5197

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