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FROM THE NEW PREIDENT'S CARVING BENCH:

Hope everyone has had a good summer, been busy here, can't believe its September already. Tri-City had a very nice show, on August 26th.

Have 2 things to ask of every Club:

1. Please keep your contact information up to date. Any changes in officers or contacts need to be sent to Sandy Holder and to Terry Zobl for the MWCA website. See committee contact info at end of newsletter.

2. I have a request from Lisa Morgensal, Bereavement Coordinator, with Oakawn Hospice, Marshall MI. They are having a Hospice Memorial. She has requested 100 comfort birds and 50 crosses. I thought wow this is the largest number I have been asked for at one time, this wood be over whelming for 1 Club to do, so I have been calling Clubs for help. The Clubs I have not contacted by phone, I am asking for your help here. If every club wood do maybe 10, we could have enough for this request, and enough for future requests.

I know that several Clubs already give to your local Hospice, we don't want to stop doing that, what I am asking is that we

have a supply at our Association so that we wood be able fill large requests when they come in.

We need crosses and birds by Oct 15, see me at a show or mail to, Denny Sekrenes 310 S McDonnell St. Corunna, MI 48817
Call 989-277-5739

I really believe that because more people are looking at our Web Site, and making contact with us, we should be able to answer requests. This is how the Shiawassee County Fair got a hold of me, and we did 2 days there, showing the "Patriot Cane Program".

From Carving World Museum, home of Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers Club, we are still working and getting bigger. We are open every Tues. and Thu. Noon till 8 Pm. stop by and carve or just look around. Or if you are passing by on any other day Call and we will open for visitors, 989-277-5739

From Promotions see me at all our shows for items, or you can call and we will mail, 989-277-5739

Thank you again Sandy, See you soon . Denny

NEWS FROM THE MULICKS: Garry and I are busy trying to get things around for our trip to Boise ID. We leave right after Labor Day and will be gone for a month if we don't get snowed in in Colorado on our way home.

It has been a wonderful summer of carving for the Mulicks'. The temperature was just perfect for sitting on the deck working on fun little carvings. I picked up a pile of small projects to carve after spending time with LouAnn at roundup. Garry has been working on Floyd's military men and is well on his way to a complete set. We have such talented people in our organization and I feel blessed to know so many of them.

Speaking of talented people, I heard from Debbe Edwards the other day and she sent me a photo of the snow leopard that will be offered in her class next spring in Midland. It is amazing what she can do with a knife and a little paint. We

have planning well under way for another successful seminar. Check it out on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MIWoodCarvers>

This is one of Michigan's hidden jewels and we all need to promote it to our family and friends. The groundwork was set for us by some very talented and focused carvers in the past and it is up to all of us to make sure it keeps going forward.

We would like to thank the 46 students that have already signed up. The rest of you, look into the future and plan your vacation to include spending 5 days having the time of your life making wood chips and memories with some fantastic people.

Mary Lou and Garry

CARVING CLUB NEWS

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD: : Summer has been quiet around the Eagle Nest (our studio) in Frankenmuth. Several members attended the Carvers Round up in Evart, thanks to all for your hard work- we enjoyed ourselves. Some of our members have been putting military oriented carvings on display at the Frankenmuth Military Museum. Ron Brown carved an infantry man, Kurt Sherwood created a display of how the eagle head canes are carved and Gene Durbin's American flag are all on display. **We are getting ready for our October Show on October 22**, send in your table registration if you are planning to join us. We are again carving a friendship cane to raffle at the show; this year's theme is Christmas. There will be lots of raffle items thanks to Jim Lapan who has been canvassing the town for items. Jim Lapan has a cute idea for a beginner carving project - carve an owl head and attach to a pine cone (this is the owl body) and it is ready to hang on the tree after a bit of paint. Bob Gustafson reminds everyone to wear gloves and thumb guards to protect your hands; lap boards and leather aprons can also be handy.

TRI CITY CARVERS: This past July 11 many of our club members with their family and friends enjoyed the annual Tri-City Wood Carvers Picnic at the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square. The food shared by those attending was excellent, as always. The Carousel was open and provided rides to several adults as well as the younger children and grandchildren. Several families took advantage of the opportunity to visit the zoo displays. All had a good time.



We demonstrated carving again in August at the Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market on Washington Ave. August also found us demonstrating at the Saginaw Children's Zoo and we also presented a Soap Carving Demonstration at the Bay City State Recreation Area.



We have just closed the 30th Annual Tri City Wood Carver's Carving and Art Show. It was typical of past shows, very nice carvings in competition, great vendors, nice turnout of visitors, and a helpful turnout of members to help in all the areas of the show.

Best of Show went to Jerry Stockbridge for a Warrior bust and Jerry also won 2nd Best of Show with a wood spirit. 3rd Best of Show was awarded to Ed Hak for his House Finch on a branch.

“MWCA Eagle Head carving competition” in their Annual Wood Carving & Art Show, hosted by show Chairman Ed Hak. This year (11) Eagle Head carvings were entered into competition with an additional (9) for display. All the carvers entering the competition received an “Eagle Head Cane Competition” patch. The winner was selected by People's Choice voting during the Saturday show and Mason Mooney from the Mid Michigan Wood Carvers won the competition and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize.



TRI CITY EAGLE HEAD COMPETITION: The 2016 Tri City Wood Carvers included another



GREATER LANSING CARVERS: The Greater Lansing Woodcarvers have been rather quiet. We would like to express our thanks for all those who participated in our wood show. Making it a successful one. We are looking forward to next year and another wood show. If you haven't seen any of the pictures from the wood show I'd like to direct you to: robertstrobel.smugmug.com where you can see both this year's pictures as well as last year's wood show pictures. You will be able to download any of them if you want. We hope to get previous years at the site also.

Our annual picnic meeting was held in July at which we take a group shot of those there. As you can see it was well attended.

Also, during July we demonstrated at the Clinton County 4H Fair for an afternoon. Opened the eyes of many folks who took the time to stop and be wowed by those present and learn they also could do this with our coaching.

In late Aug we demonstrated at Portland, MI, for a day. Best weather you could ask for and many folks took the time to stop and talk with us. Lunch was great thanks to members, Krandel and Pearl Sipperley, as they brought sloppy joes for us to REALLY enjoy.



Now we are headed into the fall demonstrations: Johnson's Workbench - Sept 8 & 9. We will have a table in the craft tent as we always do. Fred Irbish is conducting a carving class on both days. Bob Strobel will do a talk on beginning wood burning.

In late Sept we'll be at the Waldamar Nature Center for their Heritage Festival. In Oct we'll be at the Grand Ledge Color Festival. Then we can settle in for the winter.

SALINE CLUB NEWS FROM PEGGY'S DESK: August is the month when time suddenly starts speeding up. How could it possibly be nearly September? What happened to summer? Luckily, we still have weeks of beautiful weather ahead to help us switch out of Summer Mode and into Fall Mode. The months of September and October see the highest numbers of carving shows, which should make the transition less painful!

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SHOW: We had a great suggestion to contact carving groups who are within driving distance and invite them to reserve a table at our show. Many clubs no longer hold their own shows, so this is a great opportunity. Show is October 7th at the old Liberty School on Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Among our raffle prizes are bird houses, fairy doors and a fairy house.

Mark Lind will be presenting a carving class at Floyd Rhadigan's shop on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after our show. The class fee is \$150 and does not include the rough-out. Spaces are still available. Floyd's new shop address is 801 North Union in Tecumseh. Call **734-649-3259** for information or email **rhads134@comcast.net**

Thanks to Don Butler for hosting this year's annual picnic at his home in Saline! It's always a good time.

EVART SPIT and WHITTLE: Remember that this event is a week later than it has been in the past. It will be September 15th -17th at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evert. This is a free weekend of carving for everyone to enjoy. No real structure, just come, carve, relax, visit and share ideas. Some folks do bring projects to help you with but you can also just come and work on your own projects. Might be a good time to work on some of those projects that have been put back in the closet and are "I plan to work on that some day!! ☺" unfinished carvings. Breakfast and lunch will be available each day from the Fairgrounds Blue Ribbon Café. The Cedar Bird Shoppe will be there with their carving supplies, don't forget there was a \$5.00 gift certificate in your 2107 calendar if you haven't used it yet. This event is open to everyone who loves to carve or would like to learn and there is no cost except for supplies.

For those interested, there will also be a St. Jude Fundraiser Horse Show at the fairgrounds on the 16th and 17th.

WASHINGTON CARVE FEST XIII: Sept 22nd and 23rd at the Washington Senior center, 57900 Van Dyke Rd. we see the Washington Carve Fest as an important effort to energize woodcarving and build the participation and membership of both the Metro Carvers and the Washington Carving group. We have many volunteer instructors and admission is free with a nominal charge for carving blanks. Tools and carving supplies will also be available for purchase. Morning session is from 9 am to noon and afternoon session is 1-4 pm. All carvers are welcome to join us.

FLOYD RHADIGAN will host a Carve-In on September 29 and 30, and October 1. Come for one day or all three, for only \$25 a day! His new address is 801 North Union in Tecumseh. Call **734-649-3259** for information or email **rhads134@comcast.net**

CHIPS & CHATTER

MWCA FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Will be on Saturday October 28th in Owosso MI at the Ponderosa Restaurant and will be starting at 11:00 am. Someone will win a free lunch, and we will be voting on the design for the 25 year patch. Everyone is always welcome. We will be voting on the 25 year patch contest.

The 2018 MWCA Annual Calendar of events will be available at the Frankenmuth Carving Show for pick up. \$4.00 each.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS: For those who remember Bill Heather, a very active MWCA member from the Montcalm Chips a Flying carving club, his wife Ann passed away in July, Bill passed away last year. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Kind thoughts and prayers are also requested for the family of Wes Merriman, who passed away in August. Wes was president of the Kalamazoo Valley Wood Carvers. His daughter Debi is keeping the group going and they still carve often. She requested to be put on the inactive list for now.

Also keep long time Tri City member Gene Gubbins in your thoughts as he is ill at this time and needs all the prayer support we can give him and his wife Marilyn.

MWCA MEMBER CLUBS: Each club has a club page on the MWCA website which contains contact information and club info for anyone checking out our web page and what clubs may be in their area. Please make sure that your club page on the MWCA website has your current updated information. Many of us receive calls throughout the year asking about carving clubs in their area. If the information is outdated and/or incorrect it doesn't help them find a club. It isn't really good for us to give incorrect contact information. If it isn't correct please contact Terry Zobl at 586-739-7234 or email **miwoodcarvers@yahoo.com**

THIS CHATTER NEWSLETTER: This month the Chatter will be emailed to all as usual. We will also be sending it by US Mail to all members of the association this month. This insures that all members will receive a newsletter, since all members do not have email or access to the Internet and would appreciate a hard copy of the newsletter. A Seminar flyer will also be included in the mail and by email for you to go over so you can choose your class early.

MWCA 25 YEAR PATCH CONTEST – There is still time

Art work must look good when reduced to the maximum size of 3" x 4" or 4" x 3" rectangle or 3 1/2" Circle, or design a "Ribbon" to apply under our existing patch that indicated our 25th Anniversary.

Maximum of 5 colors.

Open to everyone. IE, you, your spouse, your grandkids, art students at your local high school or college...

Mail your entries to: Sandy Maleitzke
18561 20th Ave.
Marion, MI 49665

Entries must be received by September 30, 2017.

Entries will be voted on at the October 28th general membership meeting.

The winner will receive a \$50.00 check from MWCA.

All art work becomes the property of MWCA.
New patch will be available about the same time as the new calendar in October.

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 your club members who have email. Thank you.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/15-17	Spit and Whittle Weekend	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Ewart	231-734-5125
9/22-23	Washington Carve Fest	Washington Twp Sr. Center 5788 Van dyke Rd Washington MI	734-649-3259
9/29-30- Oct 1	Floyd Rhadingan Carve In	Floyd's Shop 801 North Union in Tecumseh	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
10/14	Saline Carving Show	Saline Liberty School 7265 Van Dyke Rd. Washington MI	734-216-3758 734-434-2595
10/22	Frankenmuth Carving Show	Frankenmuth High School	810-832-2408
10/28	MWCA Fall Membership Meeting	Ponderosa in Owosso MI	989-277-5739
10/28-29	Sauder Village Carving Show	Sauder Village, Archbold OH	800-590-9755
11/4-5	Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show	Cass County Fairgrounds 590 O Keefe St Cassopolis MI	989-213-1075

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 68 canes for May & June 2017
From June 2007 thru June 2017 3854 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.
We can always use more Eagle Heads.

SP5 David A. Blumberg – Army Vietnam – Carver Silvano Salvador – South Lyon Carvers
SP/4 Charles R. Erickson – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
ATC Paul A deVolpi – Navy Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Carves Guild
SP/4 Daniel B. McMahon – Army Vietnam - Carver Jake Fowler - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
A/1c Ronald L. Amend – USAF Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Sgt Robert J. Beardslee – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt William E. Panigay – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Cpl Philip E. Partio – Army Korea - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SP/5 Theodore J. Suwalkowski – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Michael L. St John – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth

Sgt James M Eberhart – Army Vietnam - Carver Douglas Weldy – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
AM3c John T. Haines – Navy Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Tec 5 Angelo J. Lamia – Army WWII – Carver Joe Randazzo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
Sgt Gary F. Caracciolo – USMC Vietnam – Carver Bob Paslawski – Washington Carvers
Sgt Timothy W. Shotrosky – USAF Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
UTP2c Lawrence R. Dubey – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI
SK3c James T. Puckett – Navy Vietnam – Carver Ben Zottolo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 Elmer E. Miller – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Bruce R. Kosal – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Gordon W. Doyon – USMC Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Larry L. Rutkoski – Army WWII – Carver Edward Reynolds - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt Donald W. Austin – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SSML3c Robert H. Brewer – Navy WWII – Carver Silvano Salvador – South Lyon Carvers
Cpl John M. Sobkowiak.– Army Korea - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
MSGT Robert Woldering – USAF Vietnam – Carver Dick Bailey – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/5 Michael J. Mooney – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Beeman – Battle Creek, MI
LCpl Richard J. Francis – USMC Vietnam – Carver Charlie Kreger – Metro Carvers of Michigan
SSgt Mark W. Mudd – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Millard – Oxford, MI
Sgt Michael L. Forbess – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Millard – Oxford, MI
SP/4 William B. Baker – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/5 Norman R. Wilkins – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
Pfc Richard J. Lisconb – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SSgt Melvin P. Fulcher.– Army Korea - Carver George Melby – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
SSGT Mickey E. Patric – USAF Vietnam – Carver Jerry Brown – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/5 James L. Gatti - Army Vietnam - Carver Ken Gifford – Fenton, MI
CSSN Edwin N. Odle – Navy WWII – Carver Gordon Ford - TRI City Wood Carvers
SP/5 Edmond N. Dougherty Jr – Army Vietnam - Carver Nancy Wipp - OWL Wood Carvers
1st Sgt Larry A. Bales – Army Vietnam – Carver James Johnston – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
Cpl Arthur Frangedakis – USMC WWII – Carver Rizal Baysa - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP5 James J. Fitzgerald – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Carves Guild
SP4 Bruce A. Hammond – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Pablo Martinez – Army Vietnam - Carver Mark Acker – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
Cpl Mike J. Vera – USMC Vietnam - Carver Marissa Polinder – Alto Active Achievers – 4H
BMC Glenn R. Addis – Navy Vietnam - Carver Harry Hoag – Happy Chippers
SMSgt Daniel L. Hamblin – USAF Kuwait - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SM3c W.D. Hufstedler – Navy Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt Robert G. Pero – Army WWII - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
AFCM Vernon L. Adams – Navy Vietnam - Carver John West – Happy Chippers
SN 1c Thomas A. Devine – Navy WWII - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt Charles D. Stefanich – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
SMC (SW) Ricky N. Riggins – Navy Vietnam - Carver Chuck Ruble – Greater Lansing Wood Carvers
Cpl Terry J. Flanagan – USMC Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Shore Carvers
SP/5 Michael C. Chartier – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Robert S. Redden – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Robert G Damiani – Army Vietnam - Carver Robert Daniani – Taylor, MI
SM2c Stanley B. Holzhauser – Navy WWII - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI
MM FN Donald R. Asher – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Pfc William H. Marcus – Army WWII – Carver Carl Sikes – Metro Carvers of Michigan
T/Sgt John D. Roberts – AAF WWII - Carver Don Shook– Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/5 Ronald G. Liedel – Army Vietnam – Dick Hartman – River Raisin Wood Carvers
EO3c Harry J. Earehart-Navy Vietnam – Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 Roger F. Zazeski – Army Vietnam – Lucia Pairolero – Gogebic Range Wood Carvers
Sgt Randall B. Ratliff – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SSG Michael E. Frtberger – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Gracey – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
Sp/4 John R. Spaans.– Army Vietnam - Carver Virginia Harthan – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
SN 2c Keith A. White.– Navy WWII - Carver Virginia Harthan – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
Cpl George P. Olds – Army Korea – Carver La Verne Hoag – Kalamazoo Wood Carvers
Pfc Keith P. Finnerty – Army Korea – Carver Harold Green – Metro Carvers of Michigan