



**“CHATTER”**  
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**\*CLUB NEWS      \*25 YEAR MWCA PATCH WINNER      \*MWCA FALL MEETING      \*UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 5th.**

Hope this finds everyone well and Carving. I want to thank the Carvers and Clubs that sent Comfort Crosses and Birds, stop I have enough to fill the request and a few extra to have on hand here. Just to let you know where we have been, in September, Spit and Whittle, good wk. end, a little small, we will have it again next year. Then there was Washington Carvefest good gathering of carvers there. Then it was October already, Saline show was very good, then The Frankenmuth Show went well. Now have the Calenders. Now getting ready for the MWCA meeting. See you at up coming Fruitbelt Carving Show.

Denny Sekerenes-MWCA President

\*\*\*\*\*The semi-annual meeting of MWCA was held on October 28th at Owasso. We had a nice representation of membership with 13 clubs in attendance. There was lots of good discussion on many issues. The members present decided that it was no longer necessary to mail the chatter out to the whole membership twice a year. Just make sure that someone in each club takes a printed copy of the current issue to their meetings so all get to see it.

We also discussed cleaning up our by-laws and everyone was sent home with a copy of the proposed changes. We will officially vote on it next spring.

The 2018 seminar is lower in student count than in previous years at this time and after discussion, we have decided to allow potential students to make partial payments of \$60.00 to hold their place in class. We would request that the class be paid in full by March 15th so we have a firm student count when we call the instructors at the end of March. The current cancellation policy remains in effect.

We also voted to purchase 3 new bricks from the Evert fairgrounds to honor 3 of our members that have passed away; John Williams, Gene Gubbins and Gordon Ford.



We had a nice selection of 25th anniversary designs to choose from. The winning design came from Mr. James Bemis who is a member of The Mid-Michigan carving club in Corunna. We will be ordering the patch design this week as well as a new walking stick medallion per the vote by members present.

The free lunch was won by Pat Murphy and the 50/50 was won by Sandy Maleitzke. Thank you to all who have worked on committees and made presentations at our meeting. And lastly we voted to hold the April 2018 meeting in Owasso again on the 14th of April. Mary Lou Mulick-MWCA Treasurer

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**HAPPY CHIPPERS:** We have had a good summer. We did a lot of carving. Some of the members did some woodturning, too, on the lathe. Many of the members who were mainly wood turners have started to carve!!! We are happy that they are expanding their interests!!! Some of the members have started to chip carve.

At the end of September we had a pot luck dinner. We played the corn hole bean bag game!!! We had a good time!!! We hope everyone will be able to join us next year!!! Some of the snowbirds are getting ready to leave. We hope to see all of our carving friends in 2018 at the Carving Seminar, Evert and some of the shows!!!

HAPPY CARVING TO ALL!!!

Submitted by Mary Ann Stephens

**MID MICHIGAN CARVERS:** Museum going well, still open every Tuesday and Thursday for carving, noon till 8 PM. Or if you are ever just passing by call and we will open up to show our carving place off. 989-277-5739

**FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD:** The club has been busy this past 2 months making a friendship cane to raffle at the October 22 Show. We chose "Christmas" as our theme, and people carved Santa faces, holiday houses, stars, bells and many other items. Kurt Sherwood always does a remarkable job carving the cane topper. The carousel horse still needs work but has been sealed and sanded at least twice. The club still has hopes we will finish it soon and find a new home for it. I noticed that club members have already started carving items for Christmas - ornaments and other gifts.

**FRANKENMUTH CARVING SHOW:** Here is news about our Show results hot off the press. We had over 62 vendors and exhibitors and many visitors. Thanks to everyone for your patience and tolerance about our new location this year - high school cafeteria! The room was large enough just a long hike from the parking lot - thank you to all who attended and visited. We had 80 projects in the carving competition and they were terrific, and seven in the People's Choice competition.

Best of Show was awarded to James Greilich of Murrayville, Georgia, he is a member of LWCCG & IWCA. He was a previous resident of Flushing, MI and he has a beautiful Northern Pintail drake. Second Best of Show was awarded to Mike Murdock of the Metro club. He brought a beautiful Black Neck Stilt - a great example of a smoothie shorebird. Third Best of show went to Gene Durbin of the Frankenmuth Carvers Guild.

## Wood Carver's Guild of Frankenmuth Wood Carving Show October 22, 2017 Eagle Head Competition

The 2017 Wood Carver's Guild of Frankenmuth included another "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition" in their Annual Wood Carving Show, hosted by show Chairman Mike Madeja. This year (15) Eagle Head carvings were entered into competition with an additional (10) 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 Sunday event and Mason Mooney from the Mid Michigan Wood Carvers won the competition and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize.

### TRI CITY CARVERS:

The club participated at the Farmers Market this past week. Thanks to all who participated and for Dick Henning for setting it up. We have had a consistent number of carvers participate in the third Tuesday sessions. There is room for several more. This past week Jim Silva showed us how to carve a small Owl that fits on the end of a wood pencil. It was fun and easy to do.

Ed Hak has volunteered to take the carousel donated to the club to his workshop and see if we can make the repairs to get it in running condition with help from a few members of the club.

We will have our election of officers in November.

### SALINE CLUB NEWS:

Our show went great this year with lots of participation. The pumpkin carving went over really big. Thanks to everyone who all who carved the big gourd.

Our club has been invited to fill some tables at the HVWT sale and benefit show, December 2 and 3 in Dexter at the Crossroads Community Center on Webster Church Road. Tables are free, but 20% of your profits will be donated to the Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor.

### CARVING WITH CHRIS AND LIAM

Floyd will host Chris and Liam at his shop **December 6 through 11**. You can choose a 3-day class or a 5-day class. Give Floyd a call at 734-649-3259 if you're interested.



**GREATER LANSING CARVERS:** Mark your calendars for **April 21, 2018** for our next show. We aren't sure yet where it will be held but will let you know when we have a location.

**METRO CARVERS:** This year I am going to encourage the club to keep an eye on just three things—1) Let's keep it simple: 2) Have some fun 3) Find a bunch of new members (lots of them esp. the young ones!) a great distraction! (Editors note: this would be encouragement for all our clubs to follow)

I was just at Hospice about two weeks ago and dropped off more comfort crosses and comfort birds. They appreciate all our hard work! We are very low on comfort birds. Any help rebuilding our inventory of birds would be appreciated. We're "ok" on crosses **Dwain Lusk**, a Metro member since 1996, passed away in June 2017. Dwain lived in Roseville and always helped out with our Club Programs.

## CHIPS & CHATTER

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS** go the families of our members who have passed away of late. Gene Gubbins of the Tri-City Carvers and Gordon Ford also from the Tri-City club. Gordon at one time also had memberships in the Chief Osceola Carvers and Flint Carvers.

**EVART SPIT and WHITTLE:** We all had a great time this year as always. Lots of chops flying around, good food from the Fairgrounds Blue Ribbon Café, and a few of us spent more than we planned at the Cedar Bird Shoppe for supplies and books. Some learned new carving techniques and some folks brought some smaller carving blanks for others to do. We plan on the same time, same station next year on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in 2018.

**WASHINGTON CARVE FEST XIII:** Another great Carvefest again this year. There were 11 folks who gave very informal carving classes. Cedar Bird Shoppe was also here with carving supplies and Gary Baker had some cutouts for sale. Everything looks good for another Carvefest for next September.

Remember that the last carving show of the year will be the **FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW** held at the Cass County fairgrounds in Cassopolis on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Fruitbelt Carving Club puts on a great show.

**COOL PICTURS FROM THE OHIO “ARTISTRY IN WOOD” SHOW** thanks to Floyd Rhadigan.  
Where do they get all their talent and inspiration for such unique carvings?



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**FROM PROMOTIONS:** Yes we have the 2018 calendars. Same price \$4.00 and you still get that \$5 dollar coupon good at the Cedar Bird Shop toward a \$10.00 purchase. Thank you to the Cedar Bird Shoppe for their continued support for including the coupons in the calendar.

**MWCA MEMBER CLUBS REMINDER:** 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](mailto:miwoodcarvers@yahoo.com)

**MWCA 25 YEAR PATCH CONTEST:** Congratulations to **Mr. James Bemis** who is a member of the Mid-Michigan carving club in Corunna for submitting the winning design for our patch contest. We had many entries and are pleased that many of our members submitted patch ideas.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
11/4-5	Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show	Cass County Fairgrounds 590 O Keefe St Cassopolis MI	989-213-1075
12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MWCA MEMBERS		

### MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 81 canes for September & October 2017

**From June 2007 thru October 2017 4003 canes have been completed.**

**Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the “Patriot Cane Program”**

Sgt George Flaviani - USMC Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 SP4 Jeffrey Torno – Army Vietnam – Carver Tony Brow – River Raisin Wood Carvers  
 SP5 Gary L. Hull – Army Vietnam Carver Gary Hull – Greater Lansing Woodcarvers  
 SP4 Raymond P. Kondel – Army Vietnam – Carver Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 Pfc David H. Grubaugh – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Wood Carvers  
 Pfc James Queen – USMC Korea - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
 Sgt Wilson E. Clark – Army Korea – Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers  
 Pfc Frank C. Licht Jr - USAF Korea – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 Pfc Frank W. Leunhardt – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Carvers  
 SP4 Michael J. Krause – Army Vietnam - Carver Ronald Nielson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
 Pvt Phillip C. Smith - Army Vietnam – Carver Lenn Mathis – South Central Woodcarvers  
 Cpl Lovell G. Coleman – Army Korea– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
 RMSN Jerry A. Mull – Navy Korea – Carver Frank Sherman – Venice, FL  
 SP4 Arnold E. Berry - Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 Cpl Betty J. Jolly – USMC WWII- Carver Gene Gubbins – Tri-City Woodcarvers  
 MoMM 3c Robert L. Schultz - Navy WWII – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 MSgt Marvin H. Miller - USAF Korea – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 SP4 Garry R. Moers – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Woodcarvers  
 1<sup>st</sup> LT Rex P. Sand – USMC Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers  
 PN2c David R. Eastman – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bruce Olsen – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 Sgt Richard L. Delger – Army Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
 SP5 Richard E. Graim – Army Vietnam – Carver Bruce Olsen – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
 SP4 Charles R. Eisen – Army Vietnam – Carver Kelton Mebert – Alto Active Achievers, Lowell, MI  
 Cpl James R. Schroeder – Army Korea– Carver N/A  
 GMM3c Thomas G. Langley – Navy Korea– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
 SP5 Donn D. Cunningham – Army Vietnam – Carver Ron Land - River Raisin Wood Carvers  
 Pfc Willard F. Davison – Army WWII - Carver Gary Follbaum - River Raisin Wood Carvers  
 SP4 Timothy P. Walker - Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
 Sgt Dale B. Nelson – USAF Vietnam - Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Wood Carvers  
 SFC Orville F. Beauchamp – Army AFGH – Carver Gary Follbaum – River Raisin Wood Carvers

Pfc Grover Matcum – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Sgt Ronald C. Gibbs – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SP4 Daniel W. Thompson – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SK3c Charles A. Barger- Navy Vietnam- Carver Diana Hubbard – Gowen, MI  
Cpl Robert E. Samuels – USMC-Korea – Carver Jake Biermacher – Alto Active Achievers, Lowell, MI  
Sgt Richard P. Turpin – USAF Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis – South Central Carvers  
SSG Melissa L. Simons – Army Afgh – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Carvers  
Sgt Jimmy W. Matnard – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers  
AO3c Phillip Savadsky – Navy Vietnam– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SFC William D. Becker – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Wood Carvers  
Cpl Robert J. Gould – USMC Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SP4 Francis J. Ratkowski – Army Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Woodcarvers  
Sgt David B. Holt – Army Vietnam – Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers  
Sgt Albin J. Rachfal – USMC WWII - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
FP2c Charles D. Schmidlin – Navy Korea - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
S/Sgt John A. Nason – Army Korea – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth  
AE3c William T. Asfton – Navy Vietnam – Carver Gregg Hornung – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
SP4 Donald L. Jasman – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
SP4 Dennis H. Coselman – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
SW3c Robert L. Johnson – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Cpl Harry R. Hunt – USMC Vietnam – Carver Jeanne Morris – Rochester, MI  
ADJAN Joseph C. Bandy – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Carvers  
Sgt Dennis G. Neville – Carver Wesley Stewart – Midland Wood Carvers  
SPC David E. Salogar – Carver Dick Bishop – Tri-City Wood Carvers  
Pfc Gary L. Klendar – Carver Mike Basiner - Tri-City Wood Carvers  
SP5 Clay E. Garrett – Army Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Sgt Terrell G. Callebs – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Cpl Donald L. Watkins – USMC Vietnam – Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
Sgt David J. Howard – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI  
Sgt John E. Orns – Army Vietnam – Carver Gordon Friese – Elk Rapids, MI  
S/Sgt Jack A. Cleveland – AAF WWII – Carver Anonymous  
Sgt Donald R. Jacot – Army WWII – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
S/Sgt Gustav Schmidt – Army WWII – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC  
S/Sgt Donald D. Cole Sr. – USAF Korea – Carver Bill Kilburn – MID Michigan Wood Carvers  
Pfc Grant Crump – Army WWII – Carver Paul Blanchard – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
GMG3 Robert H. Elder – Navy Vietnam– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers  
Sgt Patrick O. Bryant – Army Vietnam – Carver David Bird – South Central Carvers  
SN Ralph A. Schmidt – Navy WWII – Carver Glen Rice – Happy Chippers  
Cpl Gorman Wolfe – Army Korea – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Carvers  
Pfc Gerald A. Welter – Army WWII – Carver David Bird – South Central Carvers  
Sgt Russell G. Cole – Army Korea – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC  
SP4 Gary Larso – Army Vietnam – Carver Marcy Larson – Metro Carvers of Michigan  
SP4 Richard A. Hren – Army Vietnam – Carver Anonymous  
SP5 Donald L. Green Jr – Army Vietnam – Carver Jeanne Morris – Rochester, MI  
SP4 William J. Levis - Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists  
Sgt Dick B. Gilmour – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC  
SP4 Robert D. Sherwood – Army Vietnam – Carver Duane Guenther – South Central Carvers  
Cpl Kenneth E. Weersling- USMC Vietnam – Carver Lenn Mathis – South Central Woodcarvers  
S/Sgt Earl F. Kittle – AAF WWII – Carver Chris Floyd – Hartland Area Carvers  
Sgt Darrell L. Aldrich – USMC Korea – Carver Darryl Pyles – Wood Wackers Carver  
Sgt Martin Torres – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers