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***CLUB NEWS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Hi From the Pres! Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and will have a wonderful New Year. There was a very good show at Cassopolis last November. Now it's time to get ready for all the events we have planned for 2018. Stay warm and keep carving.

From promotions: we still have calendars, remember you can call me, or take a chance of seeing me at an event, when they are gone they are gone, looking forward to having our new 25 year patches soon.

****The 2018 seminar is on its way and will be here before we know it. There is a lot of truth to how fast time flies once we reach a certain age! Garry and I are certainly over the hill and rolling down pretty fast. If you have been wanting to sign up for a seminar class, and just can't come up with the total fee all at once, **never fear**...it is now possible to pay for your class

on the installment plan. Send a check for \$60.00 with your application and we will save your spot in the class of your choice. We would like the final payment made by the end of March so that we have a good solid number for the instructors when we call them. This was approved at the October membership meeting and I fear it has become a well kept secret. Please spread the word to all the carvers you know. 2018 is the 25th anniversary of the founding of MWCA and it would be incredible to have a full seminar. At the moment we have only 58 students enrolled and all classes are open except for the Stenman's. We have world class instructors, many of whom have articles in our favorite woodcarving magazines. This is your chance to get to know these great carvers. The complete list is on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to give Garry or Mary Lou a call. We do not screen our calls and will answer if at all possible. 616-340-6114 or 616-902-3888.

Mary Lou Mulick-MWCA Treasurer

CARVING CLUB NEWS

MID MICHIGAN CARVERS: From Carving World Museum, home of Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers Club, always remember if you're passing by give us a call, stop and see our carvings, will open up. Always open Tues and Thur. noon till 8 pm. Denny 989-277-5739

TRI CITY CARVERS: Our club members will again be displaying our carvings at the Antique Warehouse during January in their front display case and also be able to demo carve the last weekend of the month January 27th-28th.

SALINE CLUB NEWS: Our club gifted \$500 to the Saline Area Social Services for the holidays. They provide assistance to children, families and seniors in need from the local area, so this is a donation I think all of our members can feel good about.

Leonard and Connie Salenbien hosted our wonderful club Christmas Party this year and really know how to spoil their guests! From being handed a glass of special wine upon arrival to the doggie bags to take home, the get together was phenomenal! It was very homey and like a family gathering to be able to have our entire group sit down to the same table together for dinner. Everyone's dish to pass was exceptional and a culinary delight. Pooch and Don Butler supplied ample entertainment with their jokes and stories. 400 times!!! Bravo and many thanks to Leonard and Connie for all their efforts and caring attention to detail.



Seven carvers enjoyed the Chris Howard - Leah Goddard workshop hosted by Floyd at his studio in Tecumseh. It was a good, fun experience. It is an annual Nov-Dec event for those of you who like to plan ahead! They provide a choice of 3 or 5 days of carving.

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

METRO CARVERS: the dues for renewing your membership in January, 2018 are raised to \$19.00. At the November meeting John Sabina gave a nice presentation on creating Celtic patterns fairly easily using an inexpensive software program he discovered and subsequently mastered. March 17th and 18th will be our 2018 show so mark your calendars.



FRUITBELT CARVERS SHOW: An excellent show as usual, everyone had a very good time and lots of great carvings for competition. Professional Best of Show was awarded to Maynard Mitchell for his beautiful carving of an owl. Gary Gracey won Intermediate Best of Show for his wonderful carving of a brook trout.



CHIPS & CHATTER

This article is about a small family run business located in Whittemore, Michigan. I thought it would be of interest.



Ask any number of wood carvers what the most common species of carving wood is and you'll likely get the same answer from all of them: basswood.

Touted for its affordability, soft yet durable makeup, whiteness, and forgiving grain patterns, basswood carving blocks are perfect for beginner and expert carvers alike.

Our production process begins with the purchasing of basswood logs from local suppliers in Northern Michigan. The logs are ideally harvested in the winter months to prevent the wood from staining, ensuring it maintains the white color that carvers love. Also, since the logs are harvested up here in a northern climate where the growing season is shorter, the trees grow slower, causing the growth rings to be closer together. Subsequently, the carving blocks have tighter grain patterns that increase the wood's carvability.

The logs then move on to the sawmill, where our sawyer meticulously prepares the log for sawing. Once the set of logs have all been sawn, the sawyer separates out the lumber that needs to run through our edging machine to remove any wane present. Once that is complete, all of the lumber is ready to be stickered. We use fluted stickers for basswood to enhance airflow, reducing the chance of the wood getting sticker stained. The packs are then covered with a roof and left outside to air dry.

Once the basswood has dried to 12%-20% moisture content, it is now time for the wood to move into one of our two kilns for further drying. The wood remains in the kiln anywhere from 3-



15 days, depending on many factors, such as how thick the stock is and how dry it is coming into the kiln. The kiln will dry the basswood to roughly 8%, and the lumber is then ready to move into our shop to be machined

into carving blocks.

Our machining process removes any knots or defects from the wood. We then go the extra mile to surface all 4 sides of the block, giving the carver clean, smooth faces to

work with. The blocks are then chopped to stock lengths and placed for sale on our online store.

At Janish Woodworks Inc., we have a vertically integrated production process that allows us to provide carvers across the country with very affordable carving stock. Our inventory can be found online at janishwoodworks.com.

Direct your comments and questions to info@janishwoodworks.com. You can also visit our Facebook or Instagram page [@janishwoodworks](https://www.facebook.com/janishwoodworksinc/) to learn more about us.

Happy Carving!
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MWCA MEMBER CLUBS REMINDER: During February your club will receive their dues renewal notice for the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year. Club dues are due by March 31st. Dues need to be received by the April MWCA Annual meeting for your club to be able to have a vote at the meeting.

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 download or read a PDF 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/17-18	METRO Carvers Show		
4/8	MWCA Annual Membership Meeting	Ponderosa Restaurant – Owosso MI	989-277-5739
4/21	Greater Lansing Carving show	To be determined	517 337-0778

MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" Completed 78 canes for November & December 2017
From June 2007 thru December 2017 4084 canes have been completed.
Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the "Patriot Cane Program"

SP4 Dennis M. Dear – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC
 SP4 Douglas F. Green – Army Vietnam – Carver Tom Bailey – Metro Carvers of Michigan
 Sgt Donald R. Kline - Army Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis – South Central Woodcarvers
 S/Sgt William L. Bonning – Army Vietnam – Carver David Bird – South Central Carvers
 PFC Vern L. Mason – Army WWII – Carver Anonymous
 Sgt Duane L. Killinger – Army Korea– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 Capt Robert E. Barden – Army WWII– Carver Gene Durbin – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 EM3c Robert C. Shaffer – Navy WWII – Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt George Steven – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Carvers
 Major James S. Allen – USMC Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 DK2/c Lee R. Mathiak – Navy Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 Richard D. Lash – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 Michael G. Bishoff – Army Vietnam – Carver Don Zwiesler – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
 Sgt Stephen J. Madejek – Army Vietnam – Carver Dave Marsden – Greater Lansing Woodcarvers
 BM2/c Carl W. Woods – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt Norman M. Rushton - USMC Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis – South Central Woodcarvers
 GYSgt Russell W. Downing – USMC WWII – Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
 Sgt Robert L. Amlotte – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Carvers
 CMSgt Michael L. Keller – USAF Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Carvers
 Major Mark R. Rausch – USAFR Iraq – Carver Gerald Grusendoff – Livonia Carvers
 SP4 George C. Innis - Army Vietnam – Carver Jerry Brown – South Central Woodcarvers
 SP5 Ronald F. Havens – Army Vietnam– Carver Charlie Dolan – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 MR FN David G. Fix – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 Michael A. Plante – Army Vietnam – Carver Jan Maher – Lake Shore Carvers
 ABHCS David A. Coyer – Navy Vietnam – Carver Gene Durbin - Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 SP4 George A. Passage – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 SP5 Dennis P. Grzanka – Army Vietnam – Carver Jeanne Morris – Rochester, MI
 SP4 James R. Branch – Army Vietnam – Carver Kristy Dehate – Tri-City Carvers
 Sgt William G. Uren – USAF Vietnam – Carver Leonard Salenbien – Saline Carvers
 SSgt John R. Weber – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 BU2/c Robert D. Giffin – Navy Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 William L. Pyke- Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Millard – Oxford, MI

LT JG Henry A. Huber – Navy Korea – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
MoMM3/c Joseph F. Trimboli – Navy WWII – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SSgt Jack W. Burrell – USAF Korea– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Sgt Francis F. Burchard - USMC Vietnam Carver Gerry Burchard – OWL Woodcarvers
SP4 Larry L. Lake – Army Vietnam – Carver Antonio Aguilar - OWL Woodcarvers
SP4 William S. Milligan – Army Vietnam – Carver Robert Badertscher – South Central Woodcarvers
SP4 Michael R. Tomtishen – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
PS(F)3/c Robert Basch – USCG WWII – Carver Harold Green – Metro Carvers of Michigan
Tec/4 Walter W. Moore – Army WWII– Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
LCpl Timothy L. Ackerson - USMC Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
Cpl Russell A. Jacobson – Army Korea– Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SP5 William P. Grundy – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Jimmie L. Holmquist – Army Vietnam – Carver Roger St Andre – L’Anse, MI
MR2/c Robert M. Riley – Navy Vietnam – Carver Antonio Aguilar - OWL Woodcarvers
AD2/c Joseph F. Dombeck Jr – Navy Korea– Carver Chuck Sandeen – OWL Wood Carvers
ARM2/c John F. Frank – Navy WWII - Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Wood Carvers

Sgt George W. Decker – Army WWII – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Tec/5 Duane W. Shepard – Army WWII – Carver Len Mathis – South Central Carvers
Sgt Charles E. Brault – Army Korea – Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
Pfc Michael J. Deblock – Army Vietnam – Carver Stephen George - Wood Wackers Carver
SP5 John M. Weir – Army Vietnam – Carver Duane Guenther – South Central Carvers
SP4 Larry W. Rivington – Army Vietnam– Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 George G. Navarre – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Chuck Dusenbury – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
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SP3 George W. Minkel – Army Korea– Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Roger D. Wolfen – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
RM3/c John B. Voss – Navy WWII– Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
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SP4 Larry W. Bruke – Army Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Carvers
FN Donald A. Kucharczk – Navy Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Wood Carvers
SFP2/c Walter L. Swann – Navy Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SSgt Anthony F. Bosco – USAF Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
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SP5 Duane J. La Brecque – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt Thomas D. Bodley – USAF Vietnam Carver Wesley Stewart – Midland Wood Carvers
Sgt John R. Cole – Army Korea – Carver Anonymous
LCpl Allan D. Amon - USMC Vietnam – Carver Thomas Peterson – Nappanee, IN
Sgt Thomas A. Woodhams – Army Vietnam – Carver Robert Badertscher – South Central Woodcarvers
Sgt Jerry L. Gunnels – USMC Vietnam – Carver Tom Bailey – Metro Carvers of Michigan
Sgt William F. Sheehan – USAF Vietnam Carver Frank Salgat – Wood Wackers Carver
SP4 Douglas N. Mills – Army Vietnam Carver Frank Salgat – Wood Wackers Carver
SP4 Kelly R. George – Army Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
Sgt Billy H. Rich – USMC Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SP4 Charles E. Whitehaed – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Clarence E. Millikia – Army Korea - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers