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***CLUB NEWS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

***LEARNING SEMINAR INFORMATION**

Hello From your Pres!

Well it's hard to believe another 2 months has passed by, getting wood, cutting out Eagle Heads, getting ready for Metro Show, I want to thank everyone who has carved heads for the Veterans Cane program, and all those on the committee that put the canes together. From promotions we now have the new 25 year Patches and Medallions, 5 dollars each, see them at Metro Show, or call 989-277-5739 to order. We still have calendars at \$4.00 each.

At Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers Club everything going good, still working on Museum, we are waiting for winter carvers to return home.

SEMINAR and BYLAWS:

The April meeting of MWCA will be held on April 14, 2018 at 11AM at the Ponderous restaurant in Owasso, MI. They open early so we can get in and get set up prior to the meeting. The proposed changes to the by-laws will be part of the agenda. We are attempting to clean that document up as well as change the fact that all our officers are up for election at the same time. The by-laws group has met a couple times this past year and has been working hard on this project. Please plan on attending the meeting and representing your club. A copy of the proposed changes will be sent to all members along with this newsletter. Please look them over we will be voting on it at the April meeting.

Our vice president, Larry Hower and Sandy Maleitzke have taken on the seminar task of writing for donations for the seminar raffle. Garry and I appreciate their help. But we

need all of you to help also. The student count is very low at this time. We only have 74 students signed up and there is only 30 days before we start calling our instructors. Nearly half of our instructors come from out of state and they appreciate being able to cover travel and housing expenses. They teach because they love what they do and want to encourage and promote the art of wood carving and burning just like MWCA does.

The only class that is full, is the Stenman's class. There is even a large waiting list of students that are just waiting for someone to cancel. We have them placed in another class for now. Thank goodness they are willing to take their second choice.

Please talk about seminar at your meetings. You are our best source of advertising. I think we put on a quality learning seminar and we work very hard to make sure that the students and teachers, and their spouses have a good time when they come to Midland. If someone in your club hasn't attended for two years, MWCA will cut their price by 25 dollars if your club is willing to sponsor them for 25 dollars too. A member usually pays \$175 to attend. But with a club sponsorship they only send \$125.00. This would also be a great father or mother's day gift if your kids ask what you would like this year.

Please consider attending the learning seminar. We need **YOU** to be a part of what makes MWCA great. For more info call 616-340-6114 or 616-902-3888.
Mary Lou Mulick-MWCA Treasurer

CARVING CLUB NEWS



TRI CITY CARVERS: We had 42 people at the Christmas Party. Mike and Karen Ford did a great job of organizing and hosting the party. The miniature carving class taught by Ben Donaghy went very well. The guys did several nice carvings.

We had a nice display at the Antique Warehouse to show our wares in the front display case. We did a demo carve on January 27 & 28. These carving opportunities are always fun and we get to meet a lot of new people.

The club is working on a carousel horse that a member's wife donated to the club. It will be brought to the third Tuesday carving each month where members can work on it. They hope to have it finished by their show on August 25th.

At left, member Terry Kenel did a great carving of an MSU football player.



SALINE CLUB NEWS: Sharon Seitz Cat: Here he is! Expression from Leah, shown at right, she used two colors for the eyes. Modgepodge to bring out the shine.

GREATER LANSING CARVERS: 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: We are getting ready for our March show. Mark **MARCH 17th and 18th** on your calendar and your to-do list. Cost for show is \$4.00, children 12 and under are free. If you are a "Lean on Me" recipient, you enter free with your cane. It is held at the United Food & commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights. If you need information on table rental please call Fred Azelio 586-994-1146, fazelio@yahoo.com or pat Murphy 810-392-3642, patarmurp@yahoo.com

The first show of the year is always a fun time. You can also pick up those carving supplies that you found you needed over the winter.

President Denny was our speaker for our Feb meeting. Denny updated us on a couple new MWCA patches that are now available, an update on the success of the Lean on Me project, and answered questions about the upcoming Learning Seminar in Midland. Next month our speaker will be Matt Kelly talking about the online The Carver's Companion online magazine and the International Woodcarver's Congress.

FRANKENMUTH CARVERS: The Frankenmuth Carvers are learning about color. Our new member, Barb Waybrint, is teaching classes on Pen/Ink and Oil Rouging and Colored Pencils. She is teaching how to use these mediums on paper but these techniques can be used on wood with pyrography. People in the club are enjoying the classes. The club just did soap carving with a Frankenmuth Cub Scout pack. Five Frankenmuth carvers worked with 11 Cub Scouts and their parents. We greatly appreciated the supplies we borrowed from MWCA - the kits are great and the small handmade knives, chisels & v-tools were terrific. The kids and the carvers had a great time.

WOODWACKERS CARVERS: Making a difference in Big Rapids, Michigan!!! That's what happened when the WOODWACKERS carving club decided to make Noah's Ark, centerpiece of a very successful 2017 community carving project. Betty Padden was the inspiration as her book Noah's Ark was used for the pattern. The WOODWACKERS, Beth, Brian, Bette, two Bob's, Darryl, Dave, Dick, George, Jan, Joyce, Larry, Lee, Lou, Margo, Paul, Steve, and Virginia held their breathe with anticipation as they drew the "animal" they were to carve from the hat. From March to December they became friends with their animal pick as they carved and painted two of everything from pigs to penguins. Brian carved an absolutely stunning Ark! Once completed the Ark was donated to the community art center, Artworks, in hopes they could make money to benefit their programming. Artworks was overwhelmed by the generosity of the club and the reception of the community as they admired the workmanship. It was a pleasant exhibit addition during the Christmas season. What a thrill it was when a couple purchased the ark as a family heirloom. Another project by WOODWACKERS is in the oven for 2018! "GO Woodwackers.



CHIPS & CHATTER

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Sunrise Woodcarvers Club, carver and past president **Ray Matheson** passed away after an extended illness. He will be missed by each of us. Please offer a prayer for his wife Carol and their family.

Frankenmuth Carvers: The club just lost a past president, **Nelson Gonzales**, on Feb. 7, 2018; he was a long time carver and will be missed, please keep his family in prayer.

Saline Carvers: **Bruce Boughner**, our president, just had another heart attack and is doing well, resting at home. Nancy Popp stepped right up and agreed to become acting President until the end of Bruce's term. **John Papas** fell on ice and broke his wrist, and **Sharon Seitz** also slipped on ice and is wearing a wrist brace. So, everyone please be careful this winter and don't do any ice dancing!

Metro Carvers: **Clair Boussum**, a Metro member since 2013, passed away in December 2017. Clair was 81 years old.

Tri City Carvers: **Ralph Jackson** has passed away on January 13, he was 90 years old. He has been cremated and a memorial service at Hill Funeral Home is planned only for the family. Ralph was long time member of our club and a great carver and teacher. He is missed.

MWCA PATRIOT CANE PROGRAM UPDATE: 2017 was a busy year for the Patriot Cane program. Trying hard to keep pace with all the new application The Cane Teams were able to completed 474 canes for a total of 4084 canes by year end. With that said there is still a back log of over 100 applications to process. By the time you receive this News Letter and hopefully read it the Patriot Cane Teams will have completed 4165 canes. Over 4200 canes heads have been submitted to the "Patriot Cane Program".

Thanks to everyone that's working on this program from those doing the research, shaft preparation, gathering supplies, cutting the blanks, carving the heads and maintaining the cane log. Without your help and support this program could not continue.

MWCA MEMBER CLUBS REMINDER: During February your club should have received 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.

SUNRISE CARVERS: From the Sunrise Woodcarvers, they regret that due to various reasons there will not be a show this year. Thanks to all who have participated in and were involved with our shows in the past.

DID YOU KNOW?: Every month the Metro Carvers hold their own carving competition? They have a monthly “theme” with a winner. Others bring in carvings and are judged and a winner chosen for Beginner, Intermediate and People’s Choice.

SOMETHING OF INTEREST: Sandy Holder - Over the past two years we have been watching with great interest the pair of Bald Eagles in Washington D.C. raise their families. You can find them on the Internet at **DCEaglecam.org** It is live feed, and there are two views. There is one view above the nest and one beside the nest. Located in the U.S. National Arboretum, the nest is 100 feet high in a Tulip Poplar tree. It has been so interesting and eye opening into the life of Bald Eagles. It is live and there is sound. So if you want something interesting, follow Mr. President and The First Lady. We are anxiously awaiting the first egg to be laid. Last year the first egg was Feb 19th and they successfully raised two eaglets.

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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MWCA OFFICERS AND COMMITTIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/17-18	METRO Carvers Show	United Food & commercial Workers Hall in Madison Hgts	586-994-1146 810-392-3642
4/14	MWCA Annual Membership Meeting	Ponderosa Restaurant – Owosso MI	989-277-5739
4/21	Greater Lansing Carving show	To be determined	517 337-0778
5/21-25	MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR	Midland County Fairgrounds.	616-340-6114 616 902-3888

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 81 canes for January & February 2018

From June 2007 thru February 2018, **4165** canes have been completed.

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

A1/C James E. Dankart - USAF - Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Marshall L. Reed – Army – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – Tri City Carvers
SGT David E. Burns – Army – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Cpl Norward J. Rivette – Army – Carver Robert Gubbins – Tri City Carvers
SSGT Ronald Gavord – Army – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – Tri City Carvers
Cpl James D. Wressel – Carver Gene Gubbins – Tri City Carvers
HM2/c Gary L. Bunnell – Navy Vietnam – Carver Edward Warren – Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
ABH3/c John W. Wright – Navy Vietnam – Carver George Melby - Wood Wackers Carver
SP5 Edward S. Iteen – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Dentino – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
SP4 Louie R. Schmidt – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – OWL Wood Carvers
SN Alan J. Lowry – USCG WWII – Carver Chris Floyd – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
BT3/c George Russian – Navy Korea – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SN John A. Moore – Navy Korea – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SSGT Richard E. Pett Jr – USAF Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SN Harry G. LaJoice – Navy WWII – Carver Dave Copeman - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP4 Michael L. Wagner – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SGT William E. St Onge – Army Vietnam – Carver Frank Salgat – Woodwacker Woodcarvers
SP5 Kenneth R. Miller – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP4 Harold R. Ginter – Army Vietnam – Carver Sandy Bryson – Greater Lansing Carvers
SP4 Wilfred J. Betts – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SGT Jack R. Gray - Army Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Woodcarvers
ENFN Edgar L. Nurenberg – Navy Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SGT Robert C. Stanchina Army Vietnam – Carver Rob Warren – River Raisin Wood Carvers
Cpl Thomas M. Houle – Army Korea – Carver Jeanne Morris – Rochester Hills, MI
Sgt William V. Hartwick – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Carvers
SP4 Robert P. Vsetula – Army Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Carvers
SGT Daniel P. Peterson – Army Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen – OWL Wood Carvers
SP5 John D. Dungerow – Army Vietnam – Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
LCpl John S. Rumery – USMC Vietnam – Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
SGT Stephen C. Larson – USAF Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Carvers
A1/C Roy J. Gephart – USAF Vietnam – Carver Gary Follbaum – River Raisin Wood Carvers
AE2/c William Hickey – Navy Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
MM3/c Thomas D. Cruz – Navy Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Robert L. Patterson – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Anthony T. Pung – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
Sgt Robert L. Lange – USAF Vietnam – Carver Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Carvers
LCpl Harold C. Mitchell – USMC Vietnam – Carver Tom Bailey – Metro Carvers of Michigan
SGT Dean L. Sensabaugh – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP4 Larry L. Ewing – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC
SP4 Dennis M. Kunath – Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
OS2/c John E. Schaar – Navy Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SSGT James T. Carruthers – USAF Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – NWC
SSGT Gary Collier – Army Vietnam – Carver Ronald Nielson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP4 James R. Ball – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Carr – WoodBee Carvers
Sgt David G. Noble – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
AE3/c Russel J. Bartels – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SSGT Michael J. Green – USAF SWA – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Donald F. Johnson – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Poston – Greater Lansing Carvers
EM1 (SS) Donald A. Kuffner – Navy Vietnam – Carver Nancy Wipp – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 James A. Pegg – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SGT Jack E. Longcore – USMC Vietnam – Carver Chuck Sandeen – OWL Wood Carvers
PHM2/c Mation Graff – Navy WWII – Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SC3/c William L. Withers – Navy WWII – Carver Harold Green – Metro Carvers of Michigan
MSDT Pietro J. Mezza – Army WWII – Carver Harold Green – Metro Carvers of Michigan
CS2/c Ernest C. Hileman – Navy Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers

CE3/c John R. Burkart – Navy Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Raymond J. Reaves – Army Vietnam – Carver Tom Miller – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 David A. Hritz – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Cpl Steven G. Doman – Army WWII – Carver Marcy Larson – Metro Carvers of Michigan
MM3/c Jeffery L. Lyall – Navy Vietnam– Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SGT David W. Corner – USAF Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SGT Clifford B. Tholen – Army Vietnam – Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
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Cpl Robert C. Dahringer – USMC Vietnam – Carver Jack Howard – Kewadin, MI
CMSGT Donald J. Weston – USAF Vietnam - Carver Jack Howard – Kewadin, MI
SP5 Lester R. Wasoski – Army Vietnam - Carver Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Dennis H. Wolverton – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SGT Ronald J. Anderson – USMC Vietnam – Carver Doug Murphy - South Central Woodcarvers
SMSN James M. Carter – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Dallas L. Vance – USMC Vietnam – Carver Sharon Gardner – North West Carvers
SSG Richard J. Hall – Army Vietnam - Carver Chuck Sandeen – OWL Wood Carvers
MSG James B. Bastianelli – AFGH-IRAQ - Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
QMC William A. Mc Millian Sr – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bill Kilburn - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
Cpl Terry E. Racette – USMC Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SMSN Christopher L. Taylor – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SGT Charles G. Woods – Army Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
Cpl Lloyd B. Hughes Jr – USMC Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SGT Gary L. Smith – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Pfc Kenneth D Stoll Jr – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Arthur A. Gillette – Army WWII - Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers