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MWCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 6 from 11am to 2 pm - at the PONDEROSA in Midland

We hope the weather is great and that all clubs will be able to attend the meeting. Remember, this is your club and we would like every member club involved in the operation of the MWCA.

We will again be promoting a food drive for the Evert/Sears MI food bank. We did this last year and they were VERY appreciative of the donation. If you would like to participate in the food drive please bring canned or non-perishable food items. The items last year were a blessing for 110 families in the surrounding area.

Just as last year, and since this is the holiday season, if you would like to participate in an ornament exchange, bring a carved ornament to exchange with another carver. If you bring an ornament you will take home an ornament, this was fun, as there were so many different ornaments. Also, just for attending you will be in the drawing for a free lunch.

2009 MWCA Event Calendars will be available at this meeting for you to pick up for your club members. They are only \$4.00 for a full year of carving events in Michigan. All top show winners from the past year are featured on the calendar pages. This is the most successful fundraiser we have for MWCA, be sure to pick up your copy if you haven't already. These are a limited edition, when they are gone that is all till the 2010 calendar.

You can add to your 2009 MWCA calendar that the **ANNUAL SPRING MEETING is set for April 4th, 2009** and will be held from 11 am to 2 pm at the Ponderosa in Flint. More information will be coming fourth as the time draws near. We have to get over winter first.

The May 11-15, 2009 seminar is fast filling up with anxious carvers ready for more carving. We now have over 130 carvers registered. Don't wait too long to register if you plan on attending, as some of the classes are full and others close to filling up. For more information call Andy at (734) 323-4685 or Bill at (810) 798-3401. Application is available at <http://www.miwca.com>

CLUB INFORMATION, SHOWS and HAPPENINGS

SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND – The 8th Spit and Whittle weekend in September, held in Evert, went really well. Lots of carving was done and of course we had to have the watermelon seed-spitting contest to fulfill the “spit” part of the weekend. Don Smith spit first place and won a book of carving donated by Leather Plus carving supplies and Sandy Holder came in second and won a strop and compound donated by John Dunkle. We had a blast! Be sure to mark it on your calendar for next Sept. the weekend after Labor Day.

WELCOME TO THE NEW CLUB: THE CHIEF NOONDAY CARVERS – A soap-carving workshop was presented and we had 53 carvers who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were asked/begged to come back again next year, we made a difference.

Chief Noonday carvers meet the third Monday every month at Roger Shoemaker's house in Middleville. You may contact Roger at 269-795-7329 for more information about the club or you can email him at rogersnaples@aol.com

CARICATURE CARVE-IN –The caricature carve-in with Phil & Vickie Bishop, Dave & Michele Stetson and Floyd Rhadigan went really well. There were over 30 carvers registered for the Sept 12-14 seminar. The plan is to have another one at the same time next year, the weekend following the Spit & Whittle. Watch for more information about who the instructors will be.

LIVONIA CARVERS – The August 31 Hometown Live paper did a really nice article about the Livonia Carvers carving show and the winners. Show winners were Best of Show-John Karalunas with a caricature carving of cowboys and the outhouse, second Best of Show was John Nikolits – Relief carving. John Nikolits also won People's Choice with the same carving and Charles Kremm received 2nd place People's Choice. This was the group's 34th Annual Woodcarvers Show, highlighting local and international talent.

BLUE WATER CARVERS – In September the club presented a carving demo at the Fire & Ice Educational Art Festival in Port Huron, The local newspaper took pictures and interviewed the guy'z. The turnout was great considering the weather and in spite of periods of boredom the Police did not have to be called this time! Ron Gaskill.

METRO CARVERS – The Metro carvers presented a certificate of appreciation to Jay Crawford for his many years of outstanding service to the Metro Club. Jay has been a member for 25 years and on the Metro board for 24. October carver of the month is Elaine Bogden who is a 15-year member of our club. She does a lot of relief carving and has great plans for a wood burning of a great lakes shipwreck.

We are sorry to let everyone know that our member **Ina Jacobs** passed away in August. Ina was our treasurer since 1995 and is the wife Richard Jacobs who is our current secretary and former Metro president.

TRI-CITY CARVERS SHOW-Their show at the Troon Ballroom at the Bay Valley Resort was another successful and busy show since it was a pretty nice day. 36 tables were sold for the show and they bought three carvings from the carvers who purchased table space to be used for next year's show door prizes. Gene Gubbins received Best of Show with a Blue Gill in Habitat; Mike Mielens won second place with a waterfowl Goldeneye Hen; Bob Thurston with a Caricature carving of a Halloween scene won Third place. The Masters class awarded Mike Ford first place with his songbird carving of a Tufted Titmouse. Second in the Masters class was won by Floyd Rhadigan with a group carving of Trolls. Mike Ford also won third place with a House finch. The Peter Partridge award was won by Mike Ford for his Tufted Titmouse. The Best of Intermediate top winner was Edward Kimbrue with a caricature carving of a hunter. Dave Harmon with his Kestrel, bird of prey, won the Best of Novice and People's Choice Award. Congratulations to everyone.

GREATER LANSING SHOW on April 18, 2009 will be held at the Haslett High School again.

SALINE CARVERS SHOW was yet again a great show even though attendance was a bit lower than last year. The carvings were top notch like always. People's Choice votes by the attendees brought John Karalunas a first place for his caricature cowboys busy at the outhouse. Bob Polley was chosen for second place with his tall cowboy caricature and Bob Russell was chosen for third with a wonderful Santa face carving, looks like it might be to hang on the wall. A special award was also presented to Bob Maloca by Floyd Rhadigan for his caricature carvings. The Wednesday swap after the show was another huge success.....

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AND METRO CARVERS FEST turned out better than ever this year. We had lots of attendance and the carving venue was very extensive from caricature carving to bark carving to wood burning and everything in between. So far it looks to be another planned event for next year at the same time. For pictures of the happy carvers you can surf over to <http://www.picturetrail.com/gallery/view?p=6&uid=448885&> &uid=448885&> (copy and paste into your browser window).

FRANENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD – The club is planning to start a large gnome carving for Chamber of Commerce which will be displayed near the Chamber's Building and will have the guilds name on it when it is finished.

Carving show winners were: Best of Show - Jim Piwowar with a hand carved stock on a Marlin 1942 12-gauge goose gun. 2nd Best of Show was Patrick Pointer with a relief carving of the Edmond Fitzgerald. Larry Eichler won third Best of Show with a beautiful carving of a ruffed grouse. Patrick Pointer won People's Choice with another relief carving of the Edmond Fitzgerald in a different view than his other carving. Floyd Rhadigan presented a CCA Merritt award to Raleigh Draper during the show. Judges for the show were Wesley Stewart, Dave Sanderson and Mike LePage. In the afternoon of the show, Floyd Rhadigan demonstrated caricature carving and later Bruce Downs gave a demonstration on staining and waxing.

FRUITBELT WOODCARVERS SHOW – This show is going on as you read this newsletter, November 1 and 2. We hope that many of you carvers were able to attend. This is always a great show.

DAYTON SHOW is also now in the past, hope everyone had a great time.

CHIPS and CHATTER

The MWCA ANNUAL 2009 CALENDAR is ready for your enjoyment and purchase. This is the most successful fundraiser for MWCA that we do that benefits both the carver and the organization, so be sure to support your association and purchase your copy as soon as you can. It's a great bargain for only \$4.00. It lists all the Michigan clubs and events for 2009. Plus the listing of the available DVD's and Video's from the MWCA library. As in the past, the carving show winners from the past year are the monthly pictures. We will have them available for you and to take back to your club at the December meeting. **Please make note** that the 3rd best of show carver on the right on the March calendar picture is really Bob Thurston, his wife mentioned that Ed Sowuleski doesn't look anything like Bob.!!! My fingers typed the wrong name in there.

Sad News: one of our fellow carvers and a MWCA Learning Seminar Instructor **Mr. Tom Hower** has passed away. It is my understanding that Tom died Friday Aug 23, 2008 from cancer and was a member of the Woodbee Carvers in Iron Mountain. Tom taught bark carving the past few years at the MWCA seminars along with teaching during the Evert Wood Carvers Roundup's. Tom was very special to a lot of us in the MWCA and we send our prayers to his family. I'm sure the family would appreciate a card - 243 Riverhills Rd., Kingsford, MI. 49802.

We also received word that **Orville Lounds** from the Lansing Club passed away from a heart attack. Most of you may remember him & Barb from the Lansing shows, MWCA learning seminars, round-ups and the spit & whittle. Orville loved to carve with Jim Wilsford. They are both very special people to all of us. Please say a prayer for them. If you would like to send a card their address is 6170 Clark Rd., Bath, Mi. 48808-8716

Bill & Ruth Phillips

We send condolences to the families and friends and fellow carvers. Tom and Orville were valued members of MWCA.

BREAKING NEWS FLASH!!!

.... hear say ???....that one of Michigan top caricatures carvers....Mr. Floyd Rhadigan is opening a carving studio in Clinton MI..... sometime late December early January teaching classes and selling supplies and much more.....anonymous

FOR SALE DEPARTMENT

I know some of you remember Bob Gallandt, past member of the Chief Osceola Wood Carvers and one of the first organizers of the Roundup. Bob passed away 5 years ago after an extended illness and we think of him often. Shirley, his wife, contacted me to see if anyone would be interested in Bob's beautiful Sjobergs carving bench. It is in "like new" condition and cost \$500. She is willing to offer it for \$250 and feels that it should be in the hands of someone who would appreciate and use it. If you would like to know more information please call Shirley Gallandt, 989-828-6004 or you can email her at gallandt@verizon.net Shirley lives in Sheppard MI, near Mount Pleasant.



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JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>INFORMATION</i>
12/6/08	MWCA Membership meeting	Midland Ponderosa	734-323-4685
3/21-22/09	Metro Carvers Show	Madison Heights	586-791-7728
4/18/09	Greater Lansing Show	Haslett High School	517-337-0778

Before attending you may want to call to see if there have been any changes or cancellations.

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