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MEETING ☺ SEMINAR

Remember MWCA now has a new website at <http://mwca.110mb.com> with Terry Zobl as our webmaster. There you can find CURRENT NEWS, EVENTS, CHATTER, CLUB INFORMATION, JUDGING GUIDELINES, and CANE and SEMINAR INFORMATION. This is your website, check it often.

The MWCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING held Saturday Dec 5 was another well-attended event. Over 50 members and guests enjoyed the day. Meeting was very informative and folks got to visit with other MWCA members and the food was outstanding as usual. The weather co-operated this year and we were happy to see that no one got ditched this time.

PRESIDENTS CARVING BENCH NOTES

Happy New Year!.....2009 is history and quite a year it was for the MWCA. Besides all of the usual shows and events of the different clubs we had several special projects going through out the year. Our Cane Project is doing very well. We have presented over 600 canes to well deserving veterans throughout the country. We were running short of eagle heads so we put out the word and canes heads starting coming in by the dozens thank you very much for your support. Then we had our Christmas Tree Ornament Project. It started out that we would carve ornaments for the Ontario Children's Wish Foundation and we had an overwhelming response from our carving members. We ended up with well over 800 ornaments donated to the cause. We contributed 440 to Dennis Moore of the Ontario Children's Wish Foundation for an MWCA Tree that would be raffled off for the Children of Ontario, Canada. Since they needed and could only use around 400 that meant we had over 450 ornaments left over. After checking out several suggestions of what to do with the carving that Dennis was not able to use the MWCA Executive Board decided to donate the remainder of the ornaments to the Michigan Operation Homefront which helps our Michigan Service Personal and their Families. They decorated 2 trees which were raffled off for their organization. We thank you and appreciate your support for these well worthwhile projects. Well Done. Then during the year we were invited to display our carvings at the Dow Art & Science Museum in Midland, Michigan, starting May 29 thru August 28, 2010. There will be 2 displays that the members can participate in. One will be a juried competition (judged) for members to enter 1 project that has won a blue ribbon, and an open display where members can enter just one project. More information and entry forms are available on our Web Site MWCA110mb.com, or Bill and I have them available.

Don't forget our Learning Seminar coming up May 17th thru May 21st, 2010 at the Midland fairgrounds. We have 109 students signed up. 6 classes are full, Wayne Barton Chip Carving, Gary Falin Caricature, Mike Ford song birds, Wayne Shinlever Caricature, Fred & Elaine Stenman Relief and Painting, and Jim Wilsford animal power are full. The rest of the 25 Instructors can use more students. If you need applications & Brochures please let Bill Phillips or me know and we will get them to you. Information is also available on the Web Site. Please sign up before March 15 at which time the classes will be set. See you all in the Spring when the shows start in again. President Andrew Luckhardt.

CLUB SHOWS and HAPPENINGS

WOODBEE CARVERS: There is a good possibility of a show at the Midtown Mall next October. The mall has a room 150'x50' with outlets and good lighting that we can use for the show. There is also the possibility of using an additional bay for judging the competition. The mall would charge us \$25 - \$30 for each table. They would also be willing to have help on hand for setup and take down. The mall can provide 6' tables. If carvers wanted an 8' table they would have to supply their own. More info later.

Tom Hower Scholarship has been set up - The Association of Student Artists will distribute the money. The scholarship is \$500 with the majority of the money coming from the 2009 Carving Show held at the Mall this past October. The club contributed the remainder of the money, about \$15.

Len Albrecht will be conducting a caricature seminar for the club in January. He will teach a simple project in the morning and Joan will teach a painting in the afternoon. We will have a brown bag lunch. Ted Rogers will teach cottonwood bark carving sometime in the New Year. At our January meeting Bob Lee will present a program on "The History of Wood Carving"

COASTAL CARVERS: The Coastal Wood Carvers are participating in an Industrial Arts Festival Jan, 16, 2010. It is at the Saugatuck High School on Elizabeth St., in Saugatuck, MI from 10:00 to 4:00. There will be demonstrations on arrow making, blacksmithing, building fish nets, wood carving, furniture repair, kayak and canoe building, lawnmower tune-ups, metal bending and scrolling, pen making, plasma cutting, powder coating, table building taxidermy, traditional bow building and welding basics. This is a free event open to the public.

KALAMAZOO CARVERS GUILD: The Kalamazoo Valley Woodcarvers Guild will have a woodcarving show on May 1 & 2 at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds (10 AM - 5 PM). Set up times will be: April 30 (3 PM - 8 PM) and May 1 (7 AM - 10 AM). Judging will be started at 9 AM on May 1 and all entries will be \$3.00 per item (or set).

If you would like more information and/or show applications, please contact me at Marilyn.osterhouse@comcast.net

LIVONIA HALLOWEEN SHOW: We had a successful Halloween show with a great turnout, and we had a great display of carvings. Visitors came from all over Michigan and as far as Canada. The vendors that attended had a successful day as well. Our first place prize with a cowboy scene went to John Karalunas; second place prize for a turtle carving went to Gerald Grusendorf; and third place prize for a pool player biker went to Bob Malocha. Our Halloween Peoples Choice Award went to Rick Serylo for his Frankenstein carving. Floyd Rhadigan presented Bob Donakowski with a CCA Merit Award. Our show next year will be October 2, 2010. Our November elections resulted in Rick Serylo elected President for a second term, Judy Blaharski elected Vice-president, Lou Fox elected Treasurer, and Pat Lea elected Secretary.

FRANKENUMTH CARVERS GUILD: Jeanine Stafford and other members conducted a youth soap carving class for 10 Cub Scouts Pac 3275 Wolfe Cub Den on Dec. 2. Our October show was great. We had an increase in the number of visitors, an increase in the number of carvings entered in competition, and 15 new exhibitor tables. THANKS to all our members who helped make our 2009 show such a success.

A carved Gnome is being donated to the Frankenmuth Travel & Visitor and Convention Center. Carvers were Bob Thurston, Al Burke, Dick Hanson, Bill Schultz, Bob Giesey, Ron Brown, Jim LaPan, Leigh Garlick and other members.

Club elections were held and Ernie Burns is our new President, Dave Bushlong VP, and Jeanie Stafford Secretary/Treasurer.

METRO: November carver of the month is Bernie Wozniak and a Metro carver for the past 4 years. Bernie carves mostly songbirds, but has also carved one duck. His other interests are intarsia and woodworking. Our November guest speaker was Vern White who builds and repairs muzzle loading files and carved gunstocks.

Our 30th woodcarving show will be held March 20-21, 2010. Show co-chairs, Mike LePage and Bill Wolfe have selected a theme of "country living." Get ready now and plan to attend our 30th show.

TRI-CITY: Sat. and Sun. January 23 and 24 we have been asked to carve at the Antique Warehouse. We will be carving from 10am to 5pm. and will be demonstrating carving and selling some of their work. Some members may put carvings in the display case at the Warehouse during January for display and can be sold. Jim Wilsford will be doing a power carved animal seminar for us in April. Our club will be making some needed repairs on the carousel this year.

To all who contributed toys for our Toys for Tots project "Thanks" as we exceeded our goal making for a lot of happy kids on Christmas.

Elections of officers concluded with Butch Urban, President and Bob Thurston as Vice President. Ed Hak was re-elected Secretary and Jean Barber was re-elected Treasurer.

CHIEF OSCEOLA CARVERS are suspending carving days until sometime in March due to the unpredictable weather and our snow chickens leaving till Michigan decides to warm up.

GREATER LANSING CARVERS: The Greater Lansing Woodcarving Club will be holding it's annual woodcarving show, competition and sale on Saturday 17 April 2010. This year the show will have a "Maritime" theme. The show will be held again in the Haslett High School Gymnasium in Haslett. "Maritime" means any thing, any flora and/or any fauna relating to lakes, rivers or oceans. Maritime carvings will remain at the exhibitor's table and be labeled as such - there will be a judging of maritime carvings.

Invitations to participate, forms, rules and competition materials will be sent in January to all who have participated in earlier shows and to clubs and guilds. After January 15th all these materials will be available on our web site www.glwoodcarvers.com. This year Fred Erbisch is this year's show coordinator. If anyone has any questions regarding the show please contact him at this e-mail address, erbisch@juno.com, or by phone at 517 337-0778.

SUNRISE SIDE CARVERS: Over the past couple of months, Bill Hastings gave us a sign carving class, Trudy Bohlinger helped us create some really cutesy shelf sitter Santas and Charlie Flanders helped us with some of Laura Dunkle's Bible Dudes. Howard Lahti brought us numerous cutouts for ornaments and Leonard Barr also brought us a really good variety of stars to complete.

CHIPS AND CHATTER

NOTE to CLUB PRESIDENTS: During January club presidents will be sent a membership dues renewal form along with the current club roster and info sheet we have on file. When sending your club 2010-2011 dues please include the corrected roster and info sheet so we may have up-to-date information. **MWCA club dues for 2010-2011 are due by March 31, 2010**

OPERATION HOMEFRONT: Thank you Michigan Wood carvers Association for the ornaments for the Trees raffled off in Evart at Schmidty's...2 Trees were raffled off for \$360.00 and we are still getting total for the last tree with ornaments for sale individually. Operation Homefront raised \$1857.50 for 8 hrs of fun. Ken and Linda Long
For more information on the organization go to www.operationhomefront.net

2010 MWCA "WOOD ART" EXCHANGE:

The first "wood art" exchange is open to all MWCA members during Jan-Mar. 2010. The project encompasses a member's choice of woodcarving, woodturning, pyrography, intarsia, fretwork, etc. In early April, the exchange with a bio will take place between members from different regions. The purpose is to become acquainted with a fellow MWCA member as well as whiling away this winter's cabin fever doing a "wood art" project. Have fun with this new adventure.

Project timeline:

January: announcement & begin registration*

January & February: time period for doing and completing your "wood art" project.

Mid March – inform coordinator your project will be completed by late March

Late March – all participants to receive the name and address of where to send their project.

Early April: all participants send and receive their "wood art" project.

*To register we need your name, address, phone, Email if you have one and MWCA club name.

Contact: Wood Art Coordinator by Feb. 15, 2010

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Watch www.mwca.110mb.com for rules and regulations and biography form.

EVART AREA FOOD PANTRY Thanks the members of the MWCA for the recent food donation and \$57.00. Your continuing support helps in our effort to alleviate hunger in our community. We are truly blessed by the generosity of caring individuals, groups, business owners and local churches. Without such support we would have a difficult time trying to meet these needs.

SHOW GUIDELINES BY FRANK AND PHYLLIS: Thanks to them we now have a set of guidelines and suggestions, which cover selecting judges for a show and judging criteria. It is a very thorough guideline for anyone needing help for selecting judges for a show and for judges to consider using as they judge carvings at a show.

MWCA ANNUAL 2010 CALENDAR was a big success this year. Unfortunately if you didn't obtain your copy we are sorry but we have completely run out. The Cedar Bird Shoppe had generously included in each calendar a coupon for \$5.00 off your next purchase of \$10.00 or more of carving supplies from them. Thank you Frank and Phyllis.

BUS TRIP TO DAYTON CARVING SHOW: Rick Serylo, Livonia Carvers president, organized a bus trip for those wishing to attend the Dayton carving show. For a very nominal fee of \$10, Rick rented a bus for a day for their members to go to the show. Extra seats were available so the invitation went out to anyone interested. The bus filled up and everyone said that the trip was a blast and that Rick was a very gracious host. Everyone really enjoyed the day and say thank you to Rick. At this time they are most likely planning to do this again next year.

ALDEN B. DOW MUSEUM: Will be featuring works by the members of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. If you would like to participate please print & fill out the application which is on the Dow web site at www.mcfta.org. Take a photo of the carving, put your name along with a rough size of the carving (on the back of the photo) so they will make sure they have the right size museum display pedestal for your carving. They are accepting applications now so send them in today or before May 1, 2010, which is the cutoff date for applications. Carvings should arrive starting May 17th thru 22nd, 2010. They are inviting all blue ribbon winners from any club show for the past two years to join in a juried (judged) competition. Anyone wishing to enter the competition must be a MWCA member and won a blue ribbon within the past two years to qualify that particular carving into the competition.

They are also inviting all MWCA members to show one single carving (same application & photo info requirements apply) completed in the past two years in an open (display only) category. There is no cost involved for entering the juried competition or to display your carving unless you would like to sell your carving, if so the museum charges a 30% fee for their services. The carvings will stay on display from May 29th through Aug 28, 2010

You can also go to the MWCA web page, go to Links, and download the applications and instructions there.

SANTA PATTERN: A carver on a woodcarving list asked carvers for a quick and easy Santa pattern. Joe Dillett, contributor to Carving Magazine and Roundup workshop leader came through with a really neat pattern he used at their club meetings. You may obtain a copy by going to <http://carverscompanion.com/Ezine/Vol13Issue6/Dillett/Dillett.html> For those on dial-up it is a 7mb file but worth the time to download. It should be a fun project. Thank you Joe. You can reach Joe at www.thecarvingshop.net



From the **West Michigan Carvers** newsletter here is something we all probably can relate to after the holidays!

"I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing.

If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!" Chubby Brown

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/20-21	Metro Carvers Show	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall Madison Hgts	586-791-7728 248-547-1539
4/10	MWCA Annual membership meeting	Midland Ponderosa	734-323-4685 or 810-798-3401
4/17	Greater Lansing Carving Show	Haslett High School	517-337-0778
5/1-2	Kalamazoo Carving Show	Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds	269-649-1713 or 269-649-2483
5/8-9	Sunrise Side Carving Show	Oscoda Community Center – Oscoda	989-362-7982
5/17-21	MWCA Learning Seminar	Midland Fairgrounds – Midland	734-323-4685 or 810-798-3401
5/29-8/28	Dow Arts & Science Museum	Midland	810-798-3401
6/9-12	Wood Carvers Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evart	231-734-5125 or 231-734-9131
6/14-18	Creative Woodcarving Seminar	Osceola County Fairgrounds – Evart	734-649-3259

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

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