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***CLUB NEWS**

***MWCA APRIL ELECTIONS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

HAPPY CARVING NEW YEAR from MWCA

FROM THE PREIDENT'S CARVING BENCH:

Happy New Year everyone. 2017 is on its way and for me it comes with a positive life style change. With a mixture of sadness and joy I will not be running for re-election as President of the MWCA. My husband is no longer farming and has become a full time retiree. While we are both healthy enough to enjoy RVing he wishes us to see more of our great country. It has been a privilege and honor to be president of MWCA. I highly recommend others to hold office for a term. This is a very heartwarming group of people. As an officer you come in contact with such variety of carving talent. Visiting shows, meeting members, encouraging new ideas, overseeing projects and meetings is what the position of president is. Do give it a try. Thank you for all the wonderful

people that made this a great two years. I will continue to help out where needed during the Learning Seminar as well as continue to grow in my personal carving skills through instruction. I am also looking forward to sharing carving ideas in other states as I RV my way through the States with Gerard. Thank you all.

Now is the time to plan your year around all the great woodcarving events we have in Michigan. And remember to sign up for you place at the MWCA Learning Seminar May 15 through the 19th. It is an experience everyone should have at least once. I have my calendar marked for the Learning Seminar in May and the Evert Round Up in June for starters. Enjoy life and share what you learn.

Liduina Fedewa

NEWS FROM THE MULICKS

Happy 2017 Michigan Wood Carvers! Except for the snow birds, most of our lives slow down a little in the first few cold months of the year. If we aren't outside moving snow that landed in the wrong spot, we are inside working on our latest carving project or two. I picked up lots of ideas at the shows last fall and always look forward to getting a new magazine in the mail. We have a little rule at our house...whoever walks down to the mail box and finds the magazine, gets to read it first! I really should make that hike more often.

SEMINAR UPDATE: The student applications for seminar are trickling in slowly. We are at 57 students at the current time. That makes us 10 less than were signed up this time a year ago. We are not even half way to our breakeven point. Linda Sales has had to cancel her participation in the seminar. Gary Falin's class is full at 12 students, the Stenman's currently have 10 students and Mike Ford has one opening left. All the other classes have multiple openings. Many of our instructors come from other states and we have to make it worth their while to come to Michigan. Remember we will be contacting them near the end of March to let them know how many students they have signed up and they get to decide if they can come for that number.

As you may remember, the Gatlinburg area had quite a fire and you will be happy to know that the half dozen or so of our carvers that live near there all escaped damage from the flames. We have been in contact with all of them, and were glad to hear that this was the case.

In the near future Sandy Holder will mail out the annual dues renewal forms. It is especially important to return your roster and check in a timely manner this year. The semi-annual meeting in April this year will have election of officers as an agenda item and only clubs that have paid up, are eligible to vote. This is your club and we could use your help keeping it running. Its not a big job since there are only a couple formal meetings a year. Please nominate yourself for an office if you can give us a couple of years. All officer positions are open for NEW lifeblood. Liduina Fedewa, our current president, has decided to make a lifestyle change, She will NOT be running in April. Garry has been VP of and on off for almost 10 years. He would like to hand that position off to someone else, as he and I want to do some more traveling before we get too old to enjoy it. Also, we are suggesting that the election process be changed. This, of course, will require a by-laws change. More information on that will follow.

MWCA BI-ANNUAL ELCTION OF OFFICERS

Every two years MWCA has election for the officers of the organization. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer 2-year terms are up and nominations for offices are open. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter and must be received by February 13th. A ballot will be sent by US mail in March to each club and must be received by Myrna Miller before the April Annual Meeting. Each club may cast only one vote for each office if their MWCA dues are paid by the meeting date. Your club may vote at the meeting instead if their MWCA dues are paid by or at the meeting. A dues renewal form will also be sent in March to each club. **MWCA Annual meeting will be April 22, 2017 starting at 11:00 am at the Ponderosa in Owosso. Votes won't be tabulated until the meeting and if your dues are not paid by the meeting your vote will not be counted.**

This is your club; please consider stepping in to run for a position, it is very rewarding and fulfilling.

CARVING CLUB NEWS

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS GUILD: Our October Show was a success. Thank you to all the vendors and exhibitors who came - we really appreciate your support. The **2017 Show will be held on 10/22/2017** which is the fourth Sunday of October because the Dayton Show will be held on the third Sat. & Sun. of October. Please mark your calendars.

Frankenmuth held election of officers at our 11/3/16 meeting and results are as follows: President is Fred Kendrick, vice President is Jim Lapan, Treasurer is Bob Gustafson, Secretary is Anita Harrand, and Board members are JR Wiegand, John Krazney, Kurt Sherwood & Dick Hanson. The club is set for another year - come and visit.

Happy New Year to everyone. The Frankenmuth Carvers have spent some holiday time at our clubhouse with a fire in the stove and time with our families. The club members did get together and eat Frankenmuth fried chicken at a local restaurant and it was good. The fellowship was enjoyable and everyone exchanged carvings they had made. We are trying to get our three quarter size carousel horse finished. Jim Lapan will spend some time with other volunteers doing the finish carving and then it can be painted. The club is still undecided on what to do with it once it is done. Several members are busy carving eagle heads for the cane program, hopefully they will get completed by first of the year.

Here is this month's Frankenmuth woodcarving tip from Ed Kopka: He likes to use a center punch for the center of very small flowers and then use a gouge for the pedals. This can be a nice addition to a project. Bob Gustafson reminds everyone to wear a glove and thumb guard to protect your hands and a heavy duty apron to protect legs if carving in your lap. We hope 2017 is a safe and happy year for Michigan carvers!



SALINE CARVERS: ANOTHER SPLENDID SHOW! October 8th was beautiful weather, the sun coming through the window to light up our displays, excellent donuts, and an upbeat stream of visitors all made for a satisfying day. All five lamps went to new homes, and the pumpkin carving demonstrations were a hit! And congratulations to Tom Jacobson for Caricature Carvers Merit Award he received from Floyd Rhadigan.



CLUB MEMBER SUFFERS FOR HER ART: At a recent meeting, Fofie Pappas cut her finger and was awarded a very special carving (created by Sheila) called "Floyd's Stitch Club." By now we hope Fofie's finger is back to normal!

ANOTHER SPLENDID FESTIVE GATHERING!: Our Saline Christmas party on December 6 was a LOT of fun! About 25 people enjoyed the evening at Floyd's shop in Clinton, along with tons of good food-- from appetizers to desserts -- and beverages. Thanks to everyone who helped with the planning, organizing, set-up and cleanup. And of course, our members owe some BIG BIG thanks to Floyd and Sheila for hosting our party, and gifting everyone with wonderful homemade caramel corn and pickles!

In November was Leah Goddard and Chris Howard's five-day seminar. 5 carvers took advantage of this rewarding session. It was less costly for each of us to have them here than to travel somewhere for the same experience. Sharon Seitz and Myrna Miller carved a fawn and Bob Russell carved Leah's squirrel. Floyd and Tom Tobias carved the new project Chris taught this year: a wood spirit in red cherry.

FLOYD'S LATEST PROJECT IS A WINNER!: Twenty-six pieces, each letter of the alphabet, carved and then painted. Sounds pretty straightforward, doesn't it? Actually, this project has a very interesting background. Floyd has original design plans from a World War Two German POW who was employed in one of Michigan's internment camps back in the 1940's. Each of the letters is designed to show a word starting with that letter; like I for Indian and K for King. BUT most of the letters aren't that easy to guess, so a group of us at the Christmas party spent a happy hour or so figuring out everything and admiring the effort it took to complete this set. Check out the photo and see how many of the carved clues YOU can name!



WEST MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS: Dear Woodcarvers, November 1 at our monthly meeting it was voted to disband the West Michigan Wood Carvers. The two chief reasons are declining attendance and membership. We cannot sustain our club anymore with our limited membership. WMWC has been a wood carving club since the early 80's and it is sad to see it go. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Boardwell's for their kindness for allowing us to use their home and property to hold our meetings for the past few years.

Thank you to the Michigan Wood Carvers Association for the many years of support to our club.

West Michigan Wood Carvers and the Chief Osceola Carvers were the two clubs who formed The Wood Carvers Roundup in Evart starting in 1999. Thank you to all the members who were instrumental in creating the Roundup and all their support and help over the 13 years that we maintained it. Thanks to Floyd Rhadigan, the Roundup is still one of the best wood carving events across the country to promote wood carving.

The Michigan Wood Carvers Organization is sad to see your club disburse, you have been with us since MWCA was organized. If in the future your group starts up again please let us know if you would like to renew your membership.

TRI CITY CARVERS: Elections have resulted in Phil Westendorf as President; Richard Henning as Vice President; Edward Hak as Secretary and we are still in need of a volunteer for the Treasurer position. (currently Phil Westendorf)

We have been requested to show our carvings at the Antique Warehouse during the month of February and demo carve the last weekend of the month.

Mike Ford bird class:

Carving and painting a white-throated sparrow:

* Class 4 days (2 for carving and 2 for painting).

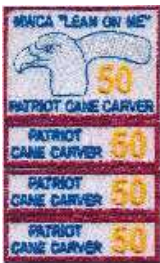
* Would like 10 students minimum and 15 - 16 students max (depends on room). **The class is open to other clubs.**

* Fee would be \$125 per student and would include blank, eyes, feet, etc. Payment in advance.

* Dates? Carving Fri. Mar. 24th and Sat. Mar. 25th Painting Fri. Mar. 31st and Sat. Apr. 1st

Call if you have any questions. Mike Ford 989-430-8808

METRO CARVERS The next event (which is also the 1st event for the year in the MWCA) is our 37th Annual Woodcarving Show on **March 18th & 19th, 2017**. Information and applications will be out in January. Fred Azelio and Pat Murphy will be the show co-chairpersons.



PAITRIOT CANE PROGRAM from Dave Copeman:

MWCA "Patriot Cane program" Completed 64 canes for November & December 2016 (see list in the newsletter). From June 2007 thru October 2016, 3619 canes have been completed. Thanks to everyone that has contributed to the "Patriot Cane Program" program. Without your help and support this program would not continue. The Cane Teams have been very busy so we could always use more Eagle Heads. Fred Paupard from the Blue Waters Wood Carvers has received his fourth 50-Patch for carving over 200 Eagle Cane Heads for the "Lean On Me" program. See below the canes carved for November and December 2016.

FRUITBELT CARVERS: With another great show Nov 5th and 6th, we are already planning for



2017. Our two best of show winners were Sheila Mansfield with a very real looking snake slithering on a cane and Tom Grile with a beautiful life sized wood burned duck.



The 2016 Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show included another "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition". This year (16) eagle head carvings were entered into competition with an additional (12) 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 Saturday/Sunday show. Douglas Weldy from the Fruitbelt Woodcarvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize.



CHIPS & CHATTER

SAD NEWS: Teddy Mann of the Mio Woodcarvers passed away on November 2nd. He was an active member of the Mio Woodcarvers. Many of you remember Teddy as fundamental at the Evart Roundup for years carving canes for a workshop. You always knew he was there when you saw his Purple 'People Eater' camper. Everyone will miss him.

Frank Milmine, a Metro member since 2010 passed away in October. Frank also worked on the cane program. MWCA sends condolences to both of their families and friends.

FROM PROMOTIONS: The new 2017 MWCA Calendars are here, they are again only \$4.00 each. We have new window stickers, so you can promote MWCA will your traveling, I also have a new supply of tote bags. See me at the upcoming Metro show, for all promotion stuff, or you can call for mail order 989-277-5739 Denny, Happy New Year of carving to all.

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 read the newsletter 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
3/18-19	METRO CARVERS ANNUAL SHOW	United Food & commercial Workers Hall Madison Heights	810-392-3642 586-994-1146
3/12	Turn clocks ahead today at 2:00 am	Spring ahead – Yeah! Spring is here ☺	
4/22	MWCA Annual Meeting	Ponderosa – Owosso 11:00 am	269-663-6096 574-825-2450

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M.W.C.A. 2017 NOMINATION FORM

For offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

Date _____

I would like to be considered in nomination for the office position of _____
 of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association for a 2-year term from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019.

Member signature _____ Print name _____

I do hereby consent to let my name stand as Candidate for the above-specified position.

I am a currently paid member of _____ Club

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

All forms must be received by a nominations committee member by Feb 13, 2017 to be considered for the ballot.

Send to nominations to either of the following committee members:

Sandy Holder, 7093 14 Mile Rd, Ewart MI 49631, Ph. 231-734-5125 civildee@netonecom.net

Myrna Miller, 9630 Scio church Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48103 Ph. 734-668-8301 carvingnut@msn.com

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Date _____

I the undersigned, do hereby nominate _____
MWCA member, for the position of _____
of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association for a 2-year term from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019.
Member signature _____

Consent of Nominee

I do hereby consent or decline (circle one) to let my name stand as Candidate for the above-specified position.

I am a currently paid member of _____ Club

Signature _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

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We do need more Eagle Heads. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

S/Sgt Shannon M. Richards – ANG Iraq – Carver Wesley Stewart – Midland Wood Carvers
EN2c William H. Kibbe – Navy Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Michael J. Steinman – Army Vietnam – Carver Virginia Harthan – Wood Wackers Carvers
SP/4 Wayne Van Sumeren – Army Vietnam – Carver Guy Obey – Arenac Bay Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 William R. Mc Evoy – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
LCpl Roy R. Peck – USMC Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt Kenneth R. Coleman – Army Vietnam- Carver Margaret Gout - Metro Carvers of Michigan
S/Sgt Joseph J. Bednarczyk – Army WWII – Carver Adam Szczepanski - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 George S. Gunter – Army Vietnam – Carver Dick Hartman – River Raisin Carver
Pfc James D. Marshall – Army WWII - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
Sgt Emerson J. Stead – Army WWII - Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SP/4 Raymond F. Majewski – Army Vietnam – Carver Dolores Meitz - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 Joseph E. Bryan – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
Sgt Gerald D. Baker – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Thomas L. Tubbs – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
BMSN Thomas A. Kehoe – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP/4 Arthur E. Wellisley – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/5 Joseph L. Stach – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl William E. Rasmussen – USMC WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers

SP/4 Henry R. Boedecker – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
Pfc Jack C. Walburn – USMC WWII – Carver Jeanie Schairer - OWL Wood Carvers
Sgt Russell H. Mac Donald – Army Korea – Carver Charles O. Smith - Hartland Area Wood Carvers
BM3c Morris A. Abbott – Navy WWII - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
M/Sgt Henry A. Freeman – Army WWII & Korea - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Cpl Robert F. Tresedder – USAAF WWII - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt Albert Sundell – Army WWII - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
SMSN Richard C. Brookins – Navy WWII - Carver Joe Randazzo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SMSgt Jimmy Luthmann – USAF Vietnam – Bill Hastings - Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
Cap. Kathryn L. Sabat – Army Iraq - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SFC Norman J. Blair – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Shore Carvers
Sgt Martin A. Lajeunesse – Army Vietnam – Carver Jan Ellen Maher – Lake Shore Carvers
SP/4 Michael W. Callahan – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Robert J. Moorman – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Pvt Wayne F. Brandel – Army Korea – Carver Gene Gubbins – Tri-City Wood Carvers
AN Dominick Sano – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Col. William J. O’Brien – USMC WWII & Korea - Carver Gary Follbaum – River Raisin Carver
EM1c James P. Colville – Navy Vietnam - Carver Bruce Olsen - Metro Carvers of Michigan
LTC Donald W. Schulz – Army Vietnam – Carver Frank Sherman – Venice, Florida
YNSN Thomas R. Call – Navy Vietnam – Carver Charlie Dolan - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SFC William W. Groh – Army Vietnam – Carver Virginia Harthan – Wood Wackers Carvers
SP/4 Gerald F. Caparo - Army Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage - Sterling Heights Senior Center Wood Artists
Pfc Lyn C. Papke – Army Vietnam – Carver Rod Walker – Chief Osceola Woodcarvers
SP/4 Clarence Myers – Army Vietnam – Carver Connie Goins - River Raisin Carver
FC3c David A. Stoker – Navy SWA - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
LCpl Warren R. Matice – USMC WWII – Carver Mike Murdock - Metro Carvers of Michigan
A/2c Charlie J. Dugger – USAF Korea – Carver Greg Anderson – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
S/Sgt Francis H. Wilber – Army WWII – Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP/4 Gary D. Rousseau – Army Vietnam - Carver William Mazur - Tri City Wood Carvers
SP/4 Duane W. LaFond – Army Vietnam - Carver Jim LaPan - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
LT Andre M, Trofort – Navy Iraq – Carver Ron Vanderboegh – Lake Shore Carvers
Sgt Randall D. Rockman – USMC Iraq – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Elijah Burton – Army Vietnam - Carver Pat Weller – Lake Shore Carvers
SP/4 Larry D. Hiiter – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/5 Guy W. Freysinger – Army Vietnam – Dave Hollenbeck - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
MM2c Ervin J. Smolinski – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
A/1c Carl F. Lang – USAF Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Robert E. Schank – Army Vietnam – Dave Hollenbeck - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
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