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***CLUB NEWS**

***25 YEAR MWCA PATCH CONTEST**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

FROM THE NEW PREIDENT’S CARVING BENCH:

Everybody have a good and safe 4th of July.

Hello, hope ever one is well. Hard to believe another 2 months has gone by. Had a good show at Sunrise Side, Had a good Seminar, in may, went to Evert for very nice roundup in June.

A big thank you to Doug Evans for doing Sunday afternoon with me, showing Veterans Cane project, at Ray Township, gettogether in Macombe County June 25,

Now I have to thank Larry our VP ahead of time and Sandy for covering for me Sat July 15th at Wood Shaving Days held at Hartwick Pines State Park.

On July 23 we are doing an afternoon with the Frankenmuth V.F.W. Then on August 6 we will be doing a spot at the Shiawassee County Fair honoring Veterans. And don't forget TRI-CITY Show, August 26

If you every have the chance stop at the Military and Space Museum in Frankenmuth, they have 3 Veterans canes on display.

Another place to see is the Veterans Memorial in Montrose MI, in Barber Park just off Seymour Rd. south of M-57. We have a cane on display there as well.

NEWS FROM THE MULICKS

Things are a little calmer around the Mulick's house now since this year's seminar is finished. We are both spending some time Carving!

We ended up with 99 students which is 20 less than last year. That is not enough students to pay the bills but we once again had a very successful raffle that allowed us to take up the slack and have some left over for next year. Our student numbers are declining just like our MWCA membership. We all know why this is happening. We are getting older and aren't able to carve any more and the younger folks have other interests. We have our work cut out for us to generate interest in a new generation.

Planning is under way for the 2018 seminar. The date is, May, 21-25th. We currently have 17 instructors to choose from. The list is a little different in that Mike Ford will not be

teaching next year and our own Dave Stirling will attempt to fill the void by teaching us to make an Elf Owl. We were able to convince Debbie Edwards to return to our seminar. We don't know what animal she will focus on yet, but will let you know when we find out. Keep an eye on our Web site and Facebook for updated information. We plan on sending the new trifold to the printer next week and will get it out to all the clubs and instructors after that.

Please remember that we have a contest going on right now. Next year is the 25th anniversary of the founding of MWCA and we would like to recognize that with a new patch or an add on to the old one.

See the Web site for details. You don't have to be a member to enter the contest. Get your artistic friends involved.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE MIDLAND SEMINAR



CARVING CLUB NEWS

SALINE CARVERS: Our carvers are busy working on the raffle projects for our October 14th show. Including bird houses and fairy doors. We will be repeating our very popular pumpkin carving demos and we are talking about possibly adding some kind of simple beginners' carving projects. We already have Ken volunteering a bark or soap carving class. We are looking at other ideas for engaging the visitors, especially youngsters. Come see what we have planned!

METRO CARVERS: Results are in from the May elections. President, Doug Evans; Vice-President, Pat Murphy; Secretary, Harold Green. We take the summer off so our next meeting will be tentatively September 12th.

TRI CITY CARVERS: Correction to the May Newsletter by Sandy Holder: I stated that Dave Arndt was the featured carver for the Tri City Aug 27th show. It is actually Mike Ford.

Our members have been asked to display carvings at the Jack and Alice Wirt Library, beginning Saturday, June 3rd thru July, 30th. Tuesday May 9th. Jim Silva taught a Pencil Carving Class at the fire Station's Training Center. Several members participated and some nice work resulted.

We are demo carving again this year at the Downtown Saginaw Farmers Market, on Washington Ave. We will be carving on Friday July 14 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival is August 5-6. Some of our carvers plan to attend. They will compete and have soap carving for the kids.

We are very sorry to let you know that long time member Gordon Ford passed away June 27th after a short illness.

GOOGEVIC RANGE CARVERS: are presenting a Fred and Elaine Stenman carving seminar in Bessemer Aug 19-21st.

EVART ROUNDUP: As always there was an overabundance of carvers attending the Roundup this year and so many workshops and not enough time for everyone to get to all of them. The ice cream social was a great time for visiting and the music in the evenings and the Blanket Trade were a big hit. All of the workshop leaders had a wonderful time helping everyone try something new. John Dunkle and Leon Standish made sure all tools were sharp. The Cedar Bird Shoppe and Leather Plus had an abundance of supplies to offer everyone the right tools or books. If you didn't make it this year, the plans are under way for next June 6th through 9th. Mark your calendar.

For more fun carving opportunities don't forget the Spit and Whittle at the Osceola County Fairgrounds still coming up September 17th-19th and the Washington Center Carvefest September 22nd and 23rd at the Washington Center Sr. Center.

EVART ROUNDUP: June 7-10 Eagle Head Cane Handle Competition

The 2017 Evart Round-Up included another "MWCA Eagle Cane Head carving competition". This year (10) carvings were entered into competition with an additional (12) for display. The winner was selected by People's Choice voting during the three day competition. Jan Maher from the Lake Shore Carvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize. Carvers from six different clubs enter the competition including carvers from Fruitbelt Wood carvers, Oakland /Livingston Carvers, Mid-Michigan Wood Carvers South Central Carvers, Wood Wackers Wood Carvers and the Lake Shores Wood Carvers.



MID MICHIGAN CARVERS: From Mid-Michigan still working on Museum, stop by and see the place, still open every tues and thurs noon till 8 PM. Carve or just look around.

From promotions, well we are finally out of calendars, many thanks to Phyllis from the Cedar Bird Shoppe, she can sell their coupons better than I can. We now have tote bags and note books for sale.

CHIPS & CHATTER

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBER CLUBS FOR PAYING THEIR DUES ON TIME THIS YEAR. It is so appreciated. We only have three clubs left to renew their memberships. **Chips a Flying, Lakeshore Carvers and Hideout Carvers** are still out. If you are a member of one of these clubs please check to see if they plan to renew this year and if we don't hear by the end of July they will be added to the Not Active list.

MWCA MEMBERS: Please make sure that your club page on the MWCA website has your current updated information. Many of us receive calls throughout the year asking about carving clubs in their area. If the information is outdated and/or incorrect it doesn't help them find a club. It isn't really good for us to give incorrect contact information. If it isn't correct please contact Terry Zobl at (586) 739-7234 miwoodcarvers@yahoo.com

MWCA 25 YEAR PATCH CONTEST

Art work must look good when reduced to the maximum size.

Maximum Size 3" X 4" or 4" X 3" rectangle or 3 1/2" Circle,

or design a "Ribbon" to apply under our existing patch that indicated our 25th Anniversary.

Maximum of 5 colors.

Open to everyone. IE, you, your spouse, your grandkids, art students at your local high school or college...

Mail your entries to: Sandy Maleitzke
18561 20th Ave.
Marion, MI 49665

Entries must be received by September 30, 2017.

Entries will be voted on at the October general membership meeting.

The winner will receive a \$50.00 check from MWCA.

All art work becomes the property of MWCA.

New patch will be available about the same time as the new calendar.

WASHINGTON CARVE FEST XIII Sept 22nd and 23rd at the Washington Senior center, 57900 Van Dyke Rd. we see the Washington Carve Fest as an important effort to energize woodcarving and build the participation and membership of both the Metro Carvers and the Washington Carving group. We have many volunteer instructors and admission is free with a nominal charge for carving blanks. Tools and carving supplies will also be available for purchase. We have many volunteer instructors. Morning session is from 9 am to noon and afternoon session is 1-4 pm.

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
July 15-16	Wood Shaving Days	Hartwick Pines State Park - Grayling	989-348-7068
Aug 27	Tri City Carvers Show	2 nd Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-845-6331
Sept 15-17	Spit and Whittle Weekend	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evart	231-734-5125
Sept 22-23	Washington Center Carvefest	Washington Twp Sr Center	734-649-3259

MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 68 canes for May & June 2017
From June 2007 thru June 2017 3854 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.
We can always use more Eagle Heads.

SP5 David A. Blumberg – Army Vietnam – Carver Silvano Salvador – South Lyon Carvers
SP/4 Charles R. Erickson – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
ATC Paul A deVolpi – Navy Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Carves Guild
SP/4 Daniel B. McMahon – Army Vietnam - Carver Jake Fowler - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
A/1c Ronald L. Amend – USAF Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Sgt Robert J. Beardslee – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt William E. Panigay – Army Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Cpl Philip E. Partio – Army Korea - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SP/5 Theodore J. Suwalkowski – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Michael L. St John – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Hanson - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt James M Eberhart – Army Vietnam - Carver Douglas Weldy – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
AM3c John T. Haines – Navy Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Tec 5 Angelo J. Lamia – Army WWII – Carver Joe Randazzo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
Sgt Gary F. Caracciolo – USMC Vietnam – Carver Bob Paslawski – Washington Carvers
Sgt Timothy W. Shotrosky – USAF Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh - MID Michigan Wood Carvers
UTP2c Lawrence R. Dubey – Navy Vietnam - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI
SK3c James T. Puckett – Navy Vietnam – Carver Ben Zottolo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 Elmer E. Miller – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Bruce R. Kosal – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Gordon W. Doyon – USMC Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/4 Larry L. Rutkoski – Army WWII – Carver Edward Reynolds - Wood Carvers Guild of Frankenmuth
Sgt Donald W. Austin – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SSML3c Robert H. Brewer – Navy WWII – Carver Silvano Salvador – South Lyon Carvers
Cpl John M. Sobkowiak.– Army Korea - Carver Chuck Sandeen - OWL Wood Carvers
SMSGT Robert Woldering – USAF Vietnam – Carver Dick Bailey – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/5 Michael J. Mooney – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Beeman – Battle Creek, MI
LCpl Richard J. Francis – USMC Vietnam – Carver Charlie Kreger – Metro Carvers of Michigan
SSgt Mark W. Mudd – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Millard – Oxford, MI
Sgt Michael L. Forbess – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Millard – Oxford, MI
SP/4 William B. Baker – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP/5 Norman R. Wilkins – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham - OWL Wood Carvers
Pfc Richard J. Lisconb – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SSgt Melvin P. Fulcher.– Army Korea - Carver George Melby – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
SSGT Mickey E. Patric – USAF Vietnam – Carver Jerry Brown – Sunrise Side Wood Carvers
SP/5 James L. Gatti - Army Vietnam - Carver Ken Gifford – Fenton, MI
CSSN Edwin N. Odle – Navy WWII – Carver Gordon Ford - TRI City Wood Carvers
SP/5 Edmond N. Dougherty Jr – Army Vietnam - Carver Nancy Wipp - OWL Wood Carvers
1st Sgt Larry A. Bales – Army Vietnam – Carver James Johnston – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
Cpl Arthur Frangedakis – USMC WWII – Carver Rizal Baysa - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP5 James J. Fitzgerald – Army Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – Hartland Area Carves Guild
SP4 Bruce A. Hammond – Army Vietnam - Carver Ray Pfenning - OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Pablo Martinez – Army Vietnam - Carver Mark Acker – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
Cpl Mike J. Vera – USMC Vietnam - Carver Marissa Polinder – Alto Active Achievers – 4H
BMC Glenn R. Addis – Navy Vietnam - Carver Harry Hoag – Happy Chippers
SMSgt Daniel L. Hamblin – USAF Kuwait - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
SM3c W.D. Hufstедler – Navy Vietnam - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt Robert G. Pero – Army WWII - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
AFCM Vernon L. Adams – Navy Vietnam - Carver John West – Happy Chippers
SN 1c Thomas A. Devine – Navy WWII - Carver Mike Thorne – Happy Chippers
Sgt Charles D. Stefanich – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Dentino – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
SMC (SW) Ricky N. Riggins – Navy Vietnam - Carver Chuck Ruble – Greater Lansing Wood Carvers
Cpl Terry J. Flanagan – USMC Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Shore Carvers
SP/5 Michael C. Chartier – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers

SP/4 Robert S. Redden – Army Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP/4 Robert G Damiani – Army Vietnam - Carver Robert Daniani – Taylor, MI
SM2c Stanley B. Holzhauer – Navy WWII - Carver Richard Lamphier – Elk Rapids, MI
MM FN Donald R. Asher – Navy WWII - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Pfc William H. Marcus – Army WWII – Carver Carl Sikes – Metro Carvers of Michigan
T/Sgt John D. Roberts – AAF WWII - Carver Don Shook– Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/5 Ronald G. Liedel – Army Vietnam – Dick Hartman – River Raisin Wood Carvers
EO3c Harry J. Earehart-Navy Vietnam – Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP/4 Roger F. Zazeski – Army Vietnam – Lucia Pairolero – Gogebic Range Wood Carvers
Sgt Randall B. Ratliff – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Dixon - OWL Wood Carvers
SSG Michael E. Frtberger – Army Vietnam - Carver Gary Gracey – Fruitbelt Wood Carvers
Sp/4 John R. Spaans.– Army Vietnam - Carver Virginia Harthan – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
SN 2c Keith A. White.– Navy WWII - Carver Virginia Harthan – Woodwacker Wood Carvers
Cpl George P. Olds – Army Korea – Carver La Verne Hoag – Kalamazoo Wood Carvers
Pfc Keith P. Finnerty – Army Korea – Carver Harold Green – Metro Carvers of Michigan