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Hello From your Pres!

Well I think spring may be here, weather is trying to get better each day. Our southern carvers are returning home.

I attended a very nice Metro Show back in March. April 21 was at the Greater Lansing Show, at Grand Ledge, good show.

Well on April 28th we did have your MWCA semi- annual meeting, which had been postponed from 14th, you know why, the weather was not ready for safe travel. I want to thank Sharon Seitz, Willy Stewart, and Liduina Fedewa, your by-lays committee, who worked on all the changes that needed to be made. Then Sharon presented them to the group, and

changes were voted on. We also named an Associate Chaplin Arnold Tew, thank you Arnold.

Looking ahead May 21 thru 25 Seminar in Midland, remember even if you're not coming for the week, you can walk in any day to see what goes on there. We welcome visitors. And remember June 6 thru 9, Roundup in Evart, also Floydfest 11 thru 15.

See you at the upcoming Events, safe travels to everyone, and keep carving,

From promotions: we have the new 25 year patch and medallions for sale,

MWCA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday April 28th was the semi-annual meeting of MWCA and in my opinion, it was a productive meeting. Thirteen of 31 paid clubs were represented. As treasurer and chief helper on all things seminar, I had lots to say again. I shared more numbers than normal. Most of the numbers dealt with over all membership of MWCA. It was no surprise that as we are aging, we are losing members, I do think that the members were surprised to hear how far our numbers have fallen. I've only kept track since 2009, and in 2012-13 we had a high of 1278 members while at the current time we have 731. We still have 7 clubs unpaid this year, so those numbers may go up a little as the treasurers return to MI. Along those same lines, I mentioned that 16 clubs have members attending seminar and some clubs have not sent anyone since we started keeping track of those numbers. 30 percent of our 102 seminar students have no club affiliation.

We had a good discussion on the proposed changes to our bylaws and many things were voted on and approved. Many things were cosmetic, fixing numbering and typos and deleting mention of the library that was dissolved several years ago. The biggest change in my opinion is we will no longer vote

for all four officers at the same time. President and secretary are up together and then Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. There will be no term limits in place. The hope is that this will ensure that knowledgeable people are running the organization. Sharon Seitz was the facilitator today and she will type the by laws up one more time and send it to the executive board to approve. After that it will be forwarded to Terry Zobl to put on our web site. Many thanks to all those that worked on the bylaws project. Something like that is never fun, but very necessary to keep updated.

We also approved something called an Associate Membership. For 5.00 a year, you can become an individual member of MWCA. You may not vote at meetings, but you will be allowed to attend the Learning seminar at the members rate. This was first mentioned at the October meeting and approved, but now it will be a part of the bylaws.

I am almost embarrassed to say that the 50/50 of 51\$ was won by your treasurer Mary Lou Mulick! Denny then drew the winning ticket for the free lunch...Garry Mulick was the winner. This was a first for the Mulick family and we appreciated all the ribbing and best wishes.

MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR

The final details for the Learning Seminar are falling into place. Annabell's Own, will once again be catering lunch for us. If you buy all 5 days at once, you will pay 6.75 a meal and if you buy individual meals they will cost you 7.00. Ordering all 5 days will make it much easier for the caterer to plan for the week and there will be a limited number of meals available at the last minute. I plan on putting the complete menu out on our face book site. Just look for our name on face book: Michigan Woodcarvers Association. You will recognize our logo. One of our biggest jobs concerning seminar every year, is set up, on Sunday afternoon. We hope to take over the room by 5 PM after they drop the electrical cords from the ceiling. Even if you can only move one or two chairs or put

plastic table cloth on our lunch tables, we will appreciate your help.

The following instructors still have openings as of April 28. Wayne Barton (2), Gary Bityk (8), Denny Sekrenes (beginning carving teacher 6 openings), Gary Falin (1), Dylan Goodson (2), Chris Howard (8), Dick Lamphier (6), Dave Sharp (6), Dave Stirling (3). Changes happen daily this time of year. Call us with questions.

Mary Lou and Garry Mulick

Please visit the Michigan woodcarvers face book site frequently between now and seminar for last minute information you may find helpful

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CARVING CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS: established the dates for carving at the New Farmers Market in Downtown Saginaw. They are: Friday July 20, Friday August 17, 2018 and Friday September 21, 2018. In August we'll be participating in the 2018 Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival. We'll be doing soap carving on Saturday Aug. 4.

. A couple of us worked on the Carousel Horse that Lee Roberts wife donated to the club. I am hopeful we'll have it complete for the Show in August.



Prizes will be a fish donated by Jack Harper, a chip carving by Jim Silva, and a caricature donated by Bob Thurston. Ed Hak bottle stoppers

Tips for new carvers

CARVING THE EYE: The first most asked question is how do I carve an eye. This pictorial from Pinterest, I don't know who to attribute it to, but it is a simple illustration of carving an eye into the side of a face. I think it is important to look at it from this perspective as the end result must fit the face. There are as many ways to do an eye as there are carvers. If you follow these tips and do what works for you it will look good when you are done. One of the best tips I have ever had is to carve to paint. That means clean and crisp. It especially applies to the eye. If you have debris in the cuts around the eye the paint job will look bad.



METRO CARVERS: Another year, another GREAT show! Hats off to Pat Murphy & Fred Azelio for a job well done! I know the table count was down this year but we had an excellent crowd Saturday and a pretty good one Sunday. It was nice to see People's Choice back at the show. TV2 News gave us a plug for the show, and I heard of 10 or more people who commented they came to our show after seeing the Fox 2 show.

Saturday morning breakfast was great and we all enjoyed a nice breakfast Sunday morning served by the Lions club.

The "MWCA Eagle Cane Head carving competition" had 18 carvings entered with an additional 21 for display, with Joe Randazzo from the Metro carvers as the winner, chosen by the show visitors. Our May meeting is our election

Member Wendell Smith has received his "50" patch for carving Eagle Heads for the canes. He is number 11 to receive the patch.



The 2018 Metro Woodcarvers Show included another "MWCA Eagle Cane Head carving competition". This year (18) carvings were entered into competition with an additional (21) for display. 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. Joe Randazzo from the Metro Carvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize. Carvers from eight different clubs enter the competition including carvers from Hartland Area Wood carvers, Fruitbelt Wood carvers, Metro Wood Carvers, Oakland

Livingston Carvers, Mid-Michigan Wood Carvers South Lyon Carvers, Wyandotte Wood Carvers and the Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth. Thanks to Show Chairman's Fred Azelio, Pat Murphy and the entire Metro Show Team for a really great show. Complete coverage of the 2018 Metro Show will be posted on the Metro Carvers web site: www.metrocarvers.com/show.

SALINE CLUB NEWS: We're all hoping the recent ice storm will be the last of the season! If you need proof that it really is Spring, just look outside! Birds are singing and already caring for babies, trees are budding, and our Snowbird members are "flocking" back to our weekly meetings. (Sorry, couldn't resist the pun.) It's great to see friends who have been gone for a while...

So far, eleven people have signed up to carve a mask for this year's raffle. Tom Tobias has ordered wood for these projects in 2-inch and 3-inch thicknesses, cut to 8 x 11 inch slabs.

For sale: I am downsizing and have a craftsman 10 inch table saw and a craftsman 10 inch radial arm saw, three craftsman rotor and a floor standing drill press..... lots of eyes and feet for birds....

Mr. Pooch 1-734-699-8784 Speaking of Pooch, do you know what the fish on the right is that he carved? It is a **Sewer Trout!!!** (AKA *Bluegill*).



GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW April 21st Eagle Head Competition



The 2018 Greater Lansing Woodcarvers Show included an "MWCA Eagle Cane Head carving competition". There was (8) carvings entered into competition with an additional (10) for display. The carvers entering the competition received an "Eagle Head Cane Competition" patch. The winner was selected by People's Choice voting during the Saturday show. Nancy Wipp from South Lyon, MI came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize. . Thanks to Milton Shoup and the entire Greater Lansing Carvers Show Team for a really great show.

CHIPS & CHATTER

NOTE: THE SUNRISE SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR. 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.



EAGLE HEAD CANE PATCH

Wendell Smith from Johannesburg, MI and **Robert Marsh** from Owosso, MI is the latest Carver to receive their first “50” Patch for carving fifty or more Eagle Cane Heads. **Richard Hanson** from Davison, MI is receiving his third patch for carving more than One Hundred and Fifty Eagle Cane Heads and **Fred Paupard** from Lenox, MI is receiving his sixth patch for carving more than Three Hundred Eagle Cane Heads.

That brings the number of carvers to receive one or more of the “50” Patch to Thirteen. The combined total of Eagle Cane Heads carved of the “50” Patch recipients are 1241. To date the MWCA Patriot Cane program has completed 4252 canes.

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL FESTIVAL, AUGUST 4th and 5th. : Ron Derdowski and Mike Mielens host the Wildlife and Decoy Carving Contest at the festival both days and would be a great event for your constituents to check out. For more information contact Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, 3582 State Park Dr. Bay City. Phone 989-667-0717 or you can email them at saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com.

WOODCARVER ONLINE MAGAZINE

The March-April 2018 issue of **Woodcarver Online Magazine** is now available at <http://CarversCompanion.com>. Once there, click on the WOM logo or the WOM menu item at the top of the page and select Current Issue.

In this issue:

CCA 2017 National Caricature Carving Competition Winners Photo Galleries

Finding and Collecting Cottonwood Bark Revisited

Pete LeClair: Ollie

Ol' Don's Drawing Table: Love Spoon

Update to Events, Happenings and Goings-On

Check it out and share with your carving club and friends not on the Woodcarver List.

Enjoy!

Matt Kelley: Woodcarver, E-zine Editor, W3E Coordinator

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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 COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
5/21-25	MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR	Midland County Fairgrounds.	616-340-6114 616 902-3888
6/6-9	EVART ROUNDUP	Osceola Fairgrounds – www.evartroundup.com	734-649-3259
6/11-15	FLOYEFEST CARVING SEMINAR	Osceola Fairgrounds – www.fantasycarving.com	734-649-3259
7/21-22	WOOD SHAVING DAYS	Hartwick Pines State Park-Grayling	989-348-7068

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**MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 88 canes for March & April 2018
From June 2007 thru February 2018 4252 canes have been completed.
Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the “Patriot Cane Program”**

Cpl Michael A. Bilyk – USMC Vietnam– Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SGT Jay L. Gearhart – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
CMA3/c James R. Shank – Navy Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
Cpl Thomas A. Jorgensen – USMC Vietnam – Carver Sharon Gardner – North West Carvers
SGT Russell P. Roberts – USMC Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
RM3/c Robert A. Sifton – Navy Vietnam – Carver Jim Brumm – OWL Wood Carvers
Cpl Delbert J. Richards – Army Vietnam– Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SSGT George L. Brocklehurst – AAF WWII – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SSGT Marcus D. Mencotti – Army AFHG-IRAQ – Carver Mike Murdock - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SGT Ronald A. Fleming – Army Vietnam – Carver Vincent Rosolowski – Tri City Carvers
SP5 Eugene C. John – Army Vietnam – Carver Ed Hak - Tri City Carvers
Tec/5 William Knocks – Army WWII - Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
SGT Richard Schram – Army Vietnam – Carver Dale Roesler – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SGT John P. Mulvaney – Army Vietnam - Carver Bob Marsh – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SP4 Henry B Ten Brink – Army Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
SGT Gary F Seaman – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
RM2/c Enis C. Simon – Navy Vietnam – Carver Marcy Larson - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP4 Michael J. English – Army Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SP4 Stanley G. Pylar – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Dale W. Forsyth – Army Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee - South Central Woodcarvers
SGT Donald J. Russell – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
Haig Hagopian – Army Korea – Carver Harold Green - Metro Carvers of Michigan
1st Lt Ralph H. Grace – Army Vietnam – Carver Jack Howard – Kewadin, MI
Lt Howard F. Crisp – Navy Vietnam - Carver Jack Howard – Kewadin, MI
SGT Daniel J. Dreger USMC Vietnam – Carver Stan Wolak – South Lyon Carvers
SGT Dennis N. Emery – USAF Vietnam - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Leon E. Miller – Army Korea – Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
SSG Michael G. Linquist – Army Vietnam – Carver Mark Hubbard – Gowen, MI
Pfc Eugene E. Feinauer – Army Korea - Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
Cpl Donald J. Ponegalek – Army Korea - Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Tec/5 Norman L. Neuenschwander- Army WWII - Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
TSGT Kenneth W. Morrison – USAF Vietnam – Carver John Biuga - South Lyon Carvers
SP5 Andre J. Vandavelde – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SGT John A. Miller – USAF Vietnam – Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SP4 Ray W. Lenz – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 Srony D. Riddle – Army Vietnam - Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
SP4 Lenard L. Williams – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
1st Lt Kenneth D. Scott – Army Korea– Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth

IC2/c Ernest D. Striker – Navy Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
Cpl Melvin E. Robinson – Army WWII – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SN Kenneth V. Mentel – Navy WWII – Carver Gary Follbaum - River Raisin Wood Carvers
SP4 Thomas C. Wiltse – Army Vietnam – Carver Darryl Pyles- Wood Wackers Carver
Cpl Frederick W. Blair – USMC Vietnam - Carver Mason Mooney – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
SP4 Luigi De Monaco – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Warren A. Johnson – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
MSGT Stanley C. Sufnar – USAF Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
SSGT Thomas A. Bunce – USAF Vietnam – Carver Karen Brown – Alto, MI - WDL
SSG David L. Pitzer – Army Vietnam – Carve La Verne Hoag – Kalamazoo Valley Wood Carvers Guild
SGT Lawrence A. Fields – USAF Vietnam – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
BUR3/c Vernon J. Disbrow – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
L/Cpl Dennis L. Bennett - USMC Vietnam – Carver Richard Winters – River Raisin Wood Carvers
SP4 Wayne A. Bennett – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Winters – River Raisin Wood Carvers
SN Kenneth V. Mentel – Navy WWII – Carver Gary Follbaum – River Raisin Wood Carvers
SP4 John E. Klosowski – Army Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
LTJG Martin J. Koss – Navy Vietnam – Carver Michael Murphy - Metro Carvers of Michigan
MSGT George A. Augustus – USAF Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
DC3/c Michael H. Lutz – Navy Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP5 William L. Behnke – Army Vietnam – Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
SGT John Mulrath Jr – Army Vietnam - Carver Jim Miller – MID Michigan Wood Carvers
ME3/c Ray E. Newman – Navy Korea – Carver Ray Newman – N/A
SGT Philip J. Nichols – Army Vietnam – Carver Dave Copeman - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SP4 Joe R. Kudary – Army Vietnam – Carver Mark Terrace - Metro Carvers of Michigan
GM3/c Robert J. Butler – Navy WWII– Carver Tom Bailey - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SGT James W. Cockerill – USAF Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 James E Whitelow – Army Dom. Republic – Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
TSGT Walter Szostek Jr. – USAF Vietnam – Carver Lee Mathiak – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 Howard F. Garrett – Army Vietnam - Carver Chris Floyd – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
SP4 Eugene C. Lapko – Army Vietnam – Carver Darryl Pyles- Wood Wackers Carver
SP4 Forrest M. Patterson – Army Vietnam - Carver Charles O. Smith – Hartland Area Woodcarvers
SP5 Jerry W. Dozier – Army Vietnam – Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
PFC Frank S Combs – Army WWII – Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
SFC Ezra J. Fields – Army Korea - Carver Ray Pfenning – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 David P Brookhouse. – Army Vietnam – Carver Lee Mathiak – OWL Wood Carvers
SGT Robert L. Nagy – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SN Walter A. Ponik – Navy WWII – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
Tec5 Willis Wilmot – Army WWII – Carver Wendell Smith – North West Carvers
SP5 Theodore K. Coulter – Army Vietnam – Carver Nancy Wipp – OWL Wood Carvers
1st Lt Robert A. Palmer – Army Vietnam – Carver Don Miller - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SGT Roger J Kuc – Army Vietnam – Carver Jeanne Morris – Rochester Hills, MI
LTC Robert C. Sparks – Army Vietnam – Carver Bob Dixon – OWL Wood Carvers
SP4 William J. Pennington – Army Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
LCDR James C. Morgan – Navy Vietnam - Carver Paul LePage – Sterling Heights Senior Wood Artists
CPL Michael E. Cleland – USMC Vietnam – Carver Edward Warren – Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
SP4 John H. Stormzand – Army Vietnam – Carver Joe Randazzo - Metro Carvers of Michigan
SK3/c John R. Richardson – USNR Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP5 John R. Pedrotti – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
CPL Everett L. Mabry – Army Vietnam – Carver Don Wilcox - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers