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UPCOMING EVENTS ANNUAL MWCA MEETING SHOW RESTULTS SEMINAR

FROM YOUR PREZ:

Hope this finds everyone well. Find it hard to believe that another two months has gone by. I really think Spring may be coming. Had very good Metro Show, took in 24 Eagle heads there, Chuck Smith won for best head turned in, also good time at Greater Lansing, 11 heads turned in, Wendall Smith won best head there.

Now I need to mention this again, because when I look at the MWCA website I still find clubs that list no information. If I am out looking for information of where I may find carvers in my area, they need to see something. List where you meet and when with a good contact number, I get a lot of phone calls from people looking for a club near them. Please contact

FROM the MULICKS:

Hello fellow woodcarvers.

The Learning Seminar is swiftly approaching and even though it is late, there is still time to send in your application and join us for a great carving experience. The following instructors will be attending and still have openings; Wayne Barton, chip carving; Gary Bityk, bark carving; Jim Finney, carving a gun stock; Leah Goddard, realistic animals; Chris Howard, Native American carving; Dick Lamphier, carving realistic faces and wrinkles; Arlene Murphy, pyrography; Dave Stirling, Eastern Blue bird; LouAnn Stearns will be teaching our beginning carving class; and Orlando Villarreal, turtles or fish carving. Gary Falin and Dylan Goodson both have full classes. Arrangements have been made with Annabelle's Own to cater our lunches again this year.

Thirty-five dollars will get you a hot lunch for five days. We can't even go to fast food for that amount and she brings home made food and lots of it. To make her life easier, it is suggested that you purchase your weekly lunch packet on Sunday afternoon or by 10 AM Monday morning. There will only be a few lunches extra every day the rest have to be pre-ordered. If you have questions about either the classes or the food, give the Mulick's a call.

The weather will determine where the advanced check in will be. Pick up your name tag, weekly

Justin Swanson with your information, his information is listed below in the Board and Committees section. Either phone or email him.

From promotions we still have Calendars, more than we usually have this time of year. Help me, our will be forced to order less for next year.

Now, you can see me at Learning Seminar, May 13 thru 17 or at the Evert Roundup, June 5 Thru 8, come early stay long. Don't forget Floydfeest follows the next week, with many good teachers.

Now here a question to everyone, "How many of you read the Chatter?" I want to know call me Denny 989-277-5739, or let someone know.

schedule and lunch tickets. We will be setting up our fifth wheel on Saturday and be somewhere on the fairgrounds, probably as close to the carving building as possible. It all depends on how many horse trailers are already in place.

We should be able to move into the Gerstacker building at close to 4 pm on Sunday. We would appreciate lots of help to get the tables and chairs set up in the appropriate positions. None of us are getting any younger and even if you only can move a couple chairs, that would be helpful. If you would like to help early every morning, we are in need of a "donut getter". If you volunteer to pick up our sweets at Meijer by 8AM daily, Mary Lou will reward you with a free lunch every day!

An odd notice is that the fair will be using their board room on Thursday so the ladies will have to give up their space and the coffee and snacks will be near the MWCA "office" up by the front door.

All you carvers remember to pack your chair cushion, portable light, light jacket or sweatshirt, extension cord and if power carving, your dust collector. ...AND someone please put in a quick prayer so that we finally get some warm, dry weather in Michigan!

Mary Lou 616-902-3888 Garry 616-340-6114

SEMINAR MAY 13-17, 2019

CARVING CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS We will be having another bird carving seminar with Mike Ford sometime in the future. It will be two days carving and two days painting.

At our April carving session Ken Hite shared with each of us a cutout and pattern for a Refrigerator Magnet type carving of a rabbit. It was a fun exercise for all, and we had a lot of discussion on solving the world's problems. **The Antique Warehouse** was a success for those who participated; we had a good turnout of carvers on Saturday. We also removed the carvings that were on display for the month of March.

SALINE CARVERS: We would like to share this information with the MWCA member and hope some of you area able to attend this event:

2019 GREAT LAKES WOODWORKING FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THE SAM BEAUFORD WOODWORKING INSTITUTE

2300 North Adrian Highway, Adrian

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH: 11 AM - 7 PM & SUNDAY, MAY 5TH: 11 AM - 5 PM

<https://www.greatlakeswoodworkingfestival.com/>

Event hosted by the Sam Beauford Woodworking Institute.

2300 North Adrian Highway, Adrian MI 49221

We are located on a 55 acre beautiful wooded campus. Local accommodations are part hotel, part campground. Feel free to book a room, pitch a tent, park your trailer, or simply sleep under the stars. Slots will fill up fast, but we've secured rooms nearby motels so you'll never be far from the action.

The Great Lakes Woodworking Festival brings together the best woodworkers from the Great Lakes region, ranging from several different woodworking disciplines. We are unified by our love for woodworking, getting our hands dirty, and sharing our talent and skill with the public. This event will showcase 40+ woodworking artist who are selling their handmade goods. This event will also have free classes, demonstrations, and prizes. Join us for the SBWI After Hours Concert featuring The Crane Wives Saturday night at 8PM.

Admission to the Great Lakes Woodworking Festival is free to the public thanks to our great sponsors.

We have several different Great Lakes Region artisans selling their goods and giving free demonstrations and workshops throughout the day. We are also offering a free kids woodworking project this year. Live local musicians will perform throughout the festival and food vendors will be selling yummy food and drink.

Saline carvers share carvings from their members.

Pooch Floyd Rhadigan's Annie Oakley carving on the right and Howard Puchalsky's Largemouth bass below.



METRO CARVERS: Member John Saarinen gave a very interesting icicle carving demo.

We had a very successful 39th show this year with good attendance both Saturday and Sunday. Show judges were Gary Gracey, Gerald Grusendorf and Dick Hanson. We had around 80 show tables and over 100 carvings were entered in the competition and many others in the People's Choice. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment of Guitar and Banjo Bands. We are already planning for our 40th show in 2020.



Show attendees chose Chuck Smith as winner of the MWCA Eagle Head competition.

Best of Show was awarded to Bill Ebinger for his Swan and People's Choice a winner for Pat Miller with his string of fish and reels.



CHIPS & CHATTER

PRAYERS and CONCERNS: Saline long-time member Don Makielski has passed away. Metro member Larry Bauman has also passed away who has been a member since 2004. Tri City club has also lost long time member Earl Fisher. Most of us either know of or know about these fine talented carvers. Please keep their families in thought and prayer at this time.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE CLUBS THAT SENT IN THEIR DUES ON TIME THIS YEAR. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPTLY RENEWING YOUR DUES. ALL CLUBS ARE PAID TILL APRIL 2020 EXCEPT ONE.

APRIL 6th ANNUAL MEETING: The location was changed at the last minute due to the unexpected closing of the Ponderosa in Owosso, but everyone got the notice OK.

Seminar: Due to a much smaller number of students, permission was given at a special meeting to cover the expenses above what the student fee will cover after the instructors receive their \$125 per student compensation. It will be taken care of from excess seminar funds from previous years....money from the raffles.

The MWCA is trying to figure out the **future of the Seminar**. To get a feeling from the members, each club member (person who has paid dues to a member club) will be receiving a survey. Please respond and return the survey. Include reasons why you don't attend or any other thoughts that the survey may not specifically address. The future of the Seminar depends on hearing from Michigan carvers!

The lunch-time raffle will probably be held only one day. The big prize raffle will be held at the potluck

Mary Lou and Gary Mulick have been carrying the major responsibilities of putting on the seminar. They announced that **this is their last year**. It's time for someone else to step up to the responsibilities of the seminar if the seminar does continue.

Due to last minute nominations each club will receive a mail ballot. **Please return ballots** for Vice-president and Secretary, results will be tallied at the member meeting at the seminar.

We had a great turn out with 14 clubs represented. 50/50 drawing was won by a member from the Blue Water Carvers.

A big THANK YOU to Denny who brought in Pizza for everyone for lunch. YUMMMM!!!

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 download or read a PDF 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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JANUARY MARCH MAY JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

2019 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
5/13-17	MWCA LEARNING SEMINAR	Midland Fairgrounds, Midland	616- 902-3888 989-277-5739
6/5-8	EVART ROUNDUP	Osceola County Fairgrounds, Evart	734-649-3259
6/10-14	FLOYDFEST Carving Seminar	Liberty church in Grand Ledge	734-649-3259
7/20-21	WOOD SHAVING DAYS	Hartwick Pines State Park	989-348-7068
8/24	TRI CITY CARVERS SHOW	2 nd Presbyterian Church, Saginaw	989-781-3846

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 19 canes for January & February 2019

From June 2007 thru February 2019 **4509** canes have been completed.

Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the “Patriot Cane Program”

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PFC Joseph Pletz Army	WWII-PTO Pfenning, Ray OWL
T/Sgt Hilbert "Bert" Boersma Army	WWII-PTO Hanson, Richard WGF
RM3c William H. Aldrich Navy	WWII-PTO Dubey, Joe SBCS
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PFC Roy K. Scites Army	Korea Unknown HAP
Sgt (E5) Carmon L. Draine Army	Korea Osterhouse, Marilyn KAL
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