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FROM YOUR PREZ: From the President. It has been a real busy last 2 months. Had a very nice show at Fruitbelt woodcarvers club, in Cassopolis in November. Ben working on taking over the Veterans Cane Project from the team in Sterling Hgts. There isn't enough praise and thanks we can give Dave Copeman, Terry Zobl, and Harold Joseph for all the work they have done on the cane project, over the last ten years. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!! The new email for the cane project is: vetcane@charter.net

From promotions, I have many 2019 calendars on hand, if you need any call, 989-277-5739, or email at: vetcane@charter.net Have a happy New Year
DENNY

FROM the MULICKS:

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year!
The Mulick's had a very nice Christmas and we are planning a quiet new year's eve. It's usually a contest to see who falls asleep first! We are not party animals, although we do enjoy a good game of double deck Pinochle.

I have picked up the blank 1099 misc. forms so I can send the 2018 instructors their tax forms. I hope to get those in the mail by the middle of January. It usually takes me most of a day to get that taken care of. It is also time that we send out our donation letters to see about getting some prizes donated for the 2019 seminar raffle, but there is a problem. At this point, we only have 38 students signed up. That is the lowest January number we have ever had. It takes close to 100 students for us to break even and pay the expenses associated with seminar. We were hoping that by allowing students to sign up with just a 60 dollar down payment we would encourage more to make the commitment. As you can see, that hasn't worked. We will still give a discount to new attendees who get sponsored by a carving club.

In planning an event as complicated as seminar, timing is everything. Yes, many things have to be done the last few days, but many have to be done months in advance. We have signed the contract with the Midland Fair so the building is reserved for us. We contact the instructors at the end of March so they can make plans to come to MI since many come from out of state. Chairs and tables must be ordered the middle of April and a lunch menu is decided on. All of these things depend on one thing...STUDENTS. A lot of time every day is spent on various Wood carving facebook sites and there are lots of people out there across the nation that are interested in learning to carve. Many questions are answered with information we have learned from an instructor in the past. Please do your best to talk up our seminar with your friends and new people to your club. Our web site is operational once again and the details about seminar are out there. Feel free to call us if you have specific questions.

At this point, there is a hard decision in our future. we sincerely hope it doesn't have to be made.

GARRY and MARY LOU

A NOTE FROM DAVE COPEMAN: After careful consideration I have decided to resign from the Michigan Wood Carvers Association “Lean On Me” Patriot Cane Program as of January 1, 2019. It has been an honor for me to be part of this very rewarding program for the past Ten years. I thank everyone for supporting this fine program and hope you will continue your support.

Dennis Sekrenes and a group of carvers from Corunna have assumed the responsibility for the program. All request, application and carvings should be sent to that group.

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CARVING CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS: January 9, 2019 the Tri City Wood Carvers will be conducting a soap carving seminar in Pinconning Elementary School for the Pinconning Cub Scout.

Coming up on Thursday January Third we will be setting up a display of our carvings at the Bay City Wirt Library in downtown Bay City. The carvings will be on display until the end of February.

At our November Meeting we elected our 2019 Officers. They are: Myself President, Dick Henning, Vice-President, Ed Hak, Secretary, Jack Harper II, Treasurer and Jim Nowak, Trustee. Terry Kenel was appointed Librarian replacing Butch Urban.



Picture at the right was our carving display at the Thomas Library.

We are in the process of getting our 2019 show ready. Raffle prizes will be a Bird from Mike Ford, the Jim Silva carved quilt and a caricature or fish .

FRANKENMUTH WOOD CARVERS: On Dec. 1st the club hosted 5 cub scouts from local pack #3255, the Bears, for soap carving. The scouts were all accompanied by parents and we had a great time. This was our second opportunity to carve with this group, so they were able to do more this year. We now have a set of tools made by one of our members when we host a soap carving event. People are busy carving gifts for Christmas and each carving day everyone is busy. We did take time out for a business meeting on 12/5 to elect new officers and are happy to say we have a whole lot of new faces helping the club. Our officers are: Peggy Sorvala, president; Phil Barnet, vice pres.; Don Watt, secretary; Steve Day, treasurer; Charlie Dolan, ass't treasurer; and Board of Directors are: JR Weigand, Charlie Dolan, Kurt Sherwood, Ron Neilson & Jim Lapan. The club is grateful to everyone who is giving their time and talents to help the club. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

FRUITBELT: Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Carving Show November 3/4, 2018 - Eagle Head Competition

The 2018 Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Show included another "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition". This year (4) eagle head carvings were entered in competition with an additional (4) 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. Gary Dentino from the Fruitbelt Woodcarvers came out on top and received a Certificate and \$25.00 cash prize.

More information about the Fruitbelt show next issue of the Chatter.

SALINE WOODCARVERS: Members voted to once again make an annual gift to Saline Area Social Services.. We also voted to send a donation to Arbor Hospice Foundation.

Don and Pat Butler once again hosted our Christmas party at their gracious home in the woods. Around 22 people attended, and the spread of appetizers, side dishes, main dishes and desserts was stunning.

METRO CARVERS: John Sabina gave us a tour of our exciting new website. It is up and running at metrocarvers.com

We are in the process of getting thigs ready for our show on March 16-17, 2019. You can download a show application from the website or call Fred Azelio at 586-994-1146 fazelio1942@yahoo.com or Pat murphy 810-392-3642 patarmurp@yahoo.com

CHIPS & CHATTER

MWCA CALENDARS are now available from Denny Sekrenes.

MWCA ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The By-laws revision was adopted at the April 2018 meeting. Starting with the 2019 Annual Meeting the election of officers will be on alternate years as adopted; beginning with the President and Secretary in 2019; then V-President and Treasurer in 2020. and so on.

In 2019 at the April Annual Meeting it will be time for MWCA to elect President and Secretary for a 2-year term. This is your organization; please consider putting your name in nomination for President and Secretary. We may also have amendments to the bylaws to consider at the Annual Meeting held in April.

NEW SANDPAPER from the editors of "Woodezine.com"

According to the Finnish company Mirka, (www.mirka.com/en-us/us) it's new WPF Next Gen is "the ideal paper abrasive for effective hand sanding, both wet and dry, on multiple surfaces. It is very flexible, fully waterproof and has great grain adhesion." Produced with new coating technology, the abrasive surface doesn't clog up easily, and the company says that you can sand faster and the abrasive lasts longer. While it is especially recommended for automotive refinishing due to the consistent surface finish, it also has strong potential for final finishing on casework and furniture. The finer grits are optimal for fresh clear coats. The grain is aluminium oxide and the paper is a green/yellow color. It has B-paper backing (it's latex, and extremely flexible for curved surfaces), a resin over resin bond, semi-open coat and comes in a grit range from P60 to P2500. Mirka USA Inc. is located in Twinsburg, Ohio.

ADVICE TO THE NEW CARVER: From carverscompanion.com: Carvers were asked: "If you had one thing to pass along to your fellow woodcarvers which you felt was the most important piece of advice you could give, what would it be?..."

Richard Absher: As a novice carver who always thought he had no artistic ability, I tell myself and others; you can if you think you can and don't give up because the first one isn't exactly what you want it to be.

Michael Sadkin: Don't throw it away.... put it aside and look at it again in 2 months.

Tony Wispinski: There are no such things as mistakes, only learning situations.

Ainslie Pyne: I guess the most important advice I would hand over to would-be carvers would be not to rush out and buy a whole set of carving tools to begin with and to practice getting them really sharp. Keep their carving projects simple to start with and within the range of the carving tools they possess. Once you have finished a nice couple of pieces then it is time to branch out into something new - and buy the additional tools if necessary.

Michael D. Parker: Know where your knife will go if you slip!

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Let's keep Floyd Rhadigan and Myrna miller in thoughts and prayers as both have some health concerns at this time.

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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2019 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
March 16-17	METRO CARVING SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Hgts	586-994-1146 810-392-3642
APRIL	MWCA ANNUAL MEETING/Election	Date and place to be announced	989-277-5739
4/13	GREATER LANSING CARVING SHOW	Liberty church	517-285-5914

MWCA BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 69 canes for November & December 2018

From June 2007 thru December 2018. 4489 canes have been completed.
Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the “Patriot Cane Program”

CPL Richard L. Rasmussen – USMC Vietnam – Carver Gary Gracey - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
 SGT Keith A. Hoffman – Army Vietnam – Carver John Bluga - South Lyon Carvers
 SP4 Dean R. Myers – Army Vietnam – La Verne Hoag – Kalamazoo Valley Wood Carvers Guild
 SGT Douglas M. Powers – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SFC Richard C. Anderson – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 Marc W. Reardon – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SGT Fred L. Ranta – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 SP4 Charles L. Eastman – Army Vietnam - Carver Richard Dunham – OWL Wood Carvers
 LT William E. Schaare – Navy Vietnam – Carver Wendell Smith – North Wood Carvers
 SGT Dennis E. Dubendorf – Army Vietnam – Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers
 SGT Edward G. Guerin – Army Korea – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
 CPL Bennie E. Heiden – USMC Korea – Carver Milan Maybee – South Central Carvers
 SP4 John L. Eklund – Army Vietnam- Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
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 SGT Mahlon E. Sebring – Army WWII– Carver Bob Damiani – Wyandotte Wood Carvers
 CW3 James P. Campbell – Army SWA– Carver Dave Copeman – Metro Carvers of Michigan
 SP4 Kenneth R. Hunroe – Army Vietnam– Carver Don Shook – Metro Carvers of Michigan
 SP4 John Moran – Army Vietnam – Carver John West – Shelby Twp, MI
 HN3/c Edward H. Ziegs – Navy Vietnam– Carver Mason Mooney – MID Wood Carvers
 SP5 Duane J. Dembny – Army Vietnam - Carver Dick Bailey – Sunrise Side Carvers
 SP4 Paul J. Weber – Army Vietnam – Carver Len Mathis - South Lyon Carvers
 PFC Jerry A. Herrema – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
 SP4 Garry L. Parrish – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
 SGT Clayton E Blanchard – Navy Vietnam – Carver Wendy Settler – Arenac Bay Carvers
 SGT David G. Rasmussen – Army Vietnam – Carver Douglas Weldy - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
 SP4 Joseph P. Belanger – Army Vietnam– Carver Arthur Tomes – Metro Carvers of Michigan
 SSGT Dennis M. Sano – USMC Vietnam – Carver Antonio Aguilar – OWL Wood Carvers
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 SP4 Samuel A. Cruzan – Army Vietnam- Carver Ron Nielson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
 SSGT Kenneth D. Todd – Army Vietnam – Carver Robert Malec– Saginaw Bay Carving Studio
 SGT Walter W. Wagner – USMC Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers

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SP5 Maurice Davison – Army Vietnam – Carver John Bluga - South Lyon Carvers
CMA2/c Wayne L. Carpenter – Navy Vietnam – Carver Bob Marsh – MID Wood Carvers
SP5 Robert C. Bowersox – Army Vietnam – Carver Tom Criermahm – Saginaw Bay Carving Group
LCpl Lewis Mosley – USMC Vietnam- Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
SP4 Robert C. Swanson – Army Vietnam – Carver Gary Dentino - Fruitbelt Woodcarvers
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SGT Marvin D. Cruzan – USAF Vietnam – Carver Carl Smith – Newaygo, MI
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Roger T. Webster – Army Vietnam – Carver Fred Paupard – Blue Water Carvers
SP4 David S. Sheffer – Army Vietnam- Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
PFC Robert P. Haffner – Army WWII – Carver Frank Cataldo– Metro Carvers of Michigan
EMe/c George C. Ellis – Navy Korea - Carver Bill Hastings – Sunrise Side Carvers
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PFC Vernon B. Zimmerman – Army WWII – Carver Stan Wolak - South Lyon Carvers
PFC Robert E. Hall – Army Vietnam- Carver Richard Hanson – Woodcarvers Guild of Frankenmuth
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