



“CHATTER”
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***CLUB NEWS**

***CARVING EVENTS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

FROM PRESIDENT DENNY: MWCA Meeting Oct 21 in Corunna.

I attended Tri-city show August 26, very nice show.

Regardless of what you may have heard there will be SPIT and WHITTLE September 14 thru 16 at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evert. Oct 7, Saline Carving Show and November 4-5 Fruitbelt Show.

There will be a MWCA meeting Oct 21, in Corunna, 1120 Legion Rd 48817. Start at 1100 am, lunch at 12, We still need to find a secretary and treasurer. Your MWCA is not going out of business.

Here is something to ponder, we want to have a seminar, In Evert next year, June 17 thru 21, after Round Up, contact Bob Miller 616-901-3953 for more information.

Eagle head program is still working, so keep carving. Thank you to all who have continued to carve Eagle Heads for the canes.

SHOWS and CLUB NEWS

TRI CITY CARVERS-Bay City Wildfowl Show and Competition Included in the Waterfowl Festival at Bay City State Park August 5 the Tri-City Wood Carvers conducted a Wood Carving Competition. There was a total of 25 carvings entered. Voting for “Best Carving“ was by “People’s Choice”. There was a great turnout of visitors who voted a Chickadee by Tri-City Carver member Larry Liejewski Best Carving. Second place was a Smallmouth Bass by Wally Parker. Third Place was a Bluegill by Phyllis Grimpo. Ribbons and prizes were provided by the Bay City State Park. **Phil Westendorf**



LARRY

WALLY

PHYLLIS



SOAP CARVING

Soap carving was led by Dick Bishop, Jack Harper, Larry Lijewski, Phil Westendorf, Jim Noack, Bob Paris and Ken Hite along with others who were able to help.

We are sorry to report that member Terry Kenel passed away on in July. Terry was a Trustee for our club, Librarian, and former Treasurer. He loved wood carving and was a proud to be a member of the club. He will be missed.



Carving at the Zoo for the Carousel 25th anniversary went well. Lots of folks stopped by to chat.

TRI CITY SHOW: August 26, 2023, was the Thirty-Fourth Tri-City Wood Carvers Carving and Art Show and Competition, which was held in the Knights of Columbus # 4232 Hall in Saginaw, Michigan. The event was a success with a total of 69 carvings entered in Novice, Intermediate, Open and Master’s Classes.

There were thirty-four display tables’ additionally seven tables of carving tools and materials were manned by carving vendors. The remaining tables were manned by artists and carvers from Mid-Michigan and represented a whole array of carvings from Caricatures, birds, fish, religion and just about anything that can be carved. Three prizes were awarded to ticket stubs drawn from the drum at the conclusion of the show.

First Prize was a realistic carving of a pair of miniature Rainbow Trout won by John Southern of Bay City, Mi. Second was a framed, signed and Numbered copy of the Michigan 2011 Duck Painting from which a Duck Stamp was created won by Robert Paris of Freeland, MI and the Third winner was C.J. Hite of Kawkawlin, MI winning a Carved Caricature of Santa Claus. On display outdoors on the lawn was Tom Gillman (Rustic Design and Carvings, 989 415-1356) of Bay City, Mi. doing a demonstration and sales of chain saw carvings.

We wholeheartedly, all the volunteers which made this show a success. It was truly an amazing display of what our club is about, and the effort we are willing to put in to provide a quality show and competition.



JACK HARPER



GREG NYE



JEAN SCHAIRER



TOM HILLMAN

SALINE CARVERS- Saline District Library will have TWO display cases available for us to display projects.

Tom J. says 31 tables have been sold so far. Floyd has ordered wood to sell at the show: six 3x6x12 inches, six 2x6x12 inches, twelve 2x2x2 inches, and twelve triangle or 1x6x12 inches. **SHOW is Oct 7th.** The first Friendship Cane is completed, and it looks great!



At right is Gunner and his CAT!



Don Butler has a great selection of dozens of Helvie knives that he'd like to sell. If you're interested, give him a call at 734-944-2928.

WOODLAND CARVERS: From Karen Brown. My Good buddy and fellow carver Bob Kepler passed away last week. I was in Ohio at the Roundup and sent him a text. His wife Laura called me to let me know of his passing. She gave me permission to put this info in the newsletter. Thank you for your time. God Bless. Bob was a member of the Oakland Livingston Wood Carvers till 2018 then the Harrison Wood Carvers. Saline District Library will have TWO display cases available for us to display projects. Tom J. says 31 tables have been sold so far. Floyd has ordered wood to sell at the show: six 3x6x12 inches, six 2x6x12 inches, twelve 2x2x2 inches, and twelve triangle or 1x6x12 inches. SHOW is Oct 7th.

CHIPS & CHATTER

EVART ROUNDUP: The 2023 Woodcarvers Round Up was a great time. We had just under 300 Carvers enjoying the classes, comradery at the Osceola County Fairgrounds. This was the 23rd year. I would like to invite new & old Instructors to teach along with me next year. June 12th thru 15th. 2024. Contact me rhads134@comcast.net I will be sending Post Cards to all the people that registered to announce 2024 Roundup.

Floyd Fest was wonderful, but I was sad to end the Floyd Fest. due to lack of Instructors & students. We had over twenty years of great classes & great Carvers. The Michigan Woodcarvers Association is planning a program to take its place. June 17th to 22nd. Watch for more information as plans progress. **Long Live The Evart Roundup!** Thanks to all who came to support and enjoy the carving.

MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION is in need of a secretary and a treasurer. If you would be interested in either or know someone that would like to, contact Denny at vetcane2@gmail.com or give me a call 989-277-5739.

NEWSLETTER NOTICE: Because we have a limited number of shows and events this year the Chatter will be only 4 issues for the year. **March-June-Sept-December for 2023.** News needs to be sent to Sandy by the 25th of the month prior to the newsletter.

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Please share this newsletter with the rest of your members who don't receive it or **FORWARD THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL** to your club members who have email. Thank you.

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2023 MWCA COMING EVENTS
As we have seen before things can always change.

2023	EVENTS	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/14-16	Spit & Whittle	Evart MI Fairgrounds	231-250-3855
10/7	Saline Wood Carving Show	Saline Liberty School 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. Saline MI	734-944-5323

10/21	MWCA FALL MEETING	Corunna, 1120 Legion Rd 48817. Start at 11:00 am, lunch at noon	989-277-5739
11/4-5	Fruitbelt Carving Show	American Legion Post, Constantine	269-435-7245
6/12-15 2024	Evert Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds Evert	734-649-3259
6/17-21 2024	MWCA Event	Osceola County Fairgrounds, Evert In the planning stages	

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FOR YOUR CARVING ENJOYMENT



ROLLING CARICATURE ANIMALS

From Desiree Hajny from January 2010 Woodcarving Illustrated

- **FREE PATTERNS:** Each weekday, we've been digging up a great carving pattern from the Woodcarving Illustrated archives and posting download links on our Facebook Group. [If you're on Facebook, join in and download 'em all!](#)
- **NO FACEBOOK?:** If you're not on Facebook, but want the patterns pictured above, here ya go: Rolling Caricature Animals ([link](#)) and Americana Whale ([link](#)).
- **BACK ISSUE SALE:** You only have a few days left to fill your shopping cart with \$3 back issues. Details below!!!
- **Easy-to-carve critters are delightfully mobile** By Desiree Hajny

- These lovable critters are a great way to introduce others to carving. They make great conversation starters. People can't resist picking them up once they see them rolling down the table. They're surprisingly easy to carve and after you get a feel for the technique, you'll be able to create a whole herd in no time.
- I got my inspiration for these designs in 1987. I was teaching a woodcarving seminar in Anchorage, Alaska. One of the students brought in a small bear that was carved so that when you put it on a flat surface and nudged it from behind, it would roll over and land face up. I thought this was an interesting idea and developed a number of carved animals that would do the same thing. I hope you enjoy this project as much as I did!
- **Materials:**
 - Basswood: 2" x 3" x 3 1/2" (51mm x 76mm x 89mm)
 - Acrylic paint: black, white, red
 - Paintbrushes of choice
- **Tools:**
 - #5 fishtail gouge: 13mm
 - #5 gouge: 22mm
 - #11 veiner: 6mm
 - 45° V-tool: 10mm
 - Detail knife
 - Woodburner with fine tip (optional)

<https://woodcarvingillustrated.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Rolling-Caricatures-Pony-Pattern.pdf>

copy and paste into your browser. Substitute Bison and Elephant in place of Pony for the patterns.