



**“CHATTER”**  
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**\*CLUB NEWS**

**\*MEMBERS gone too soon**

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS**

**METRO CARVERS: Metro Carvers of Michigan volunteers transform wood into art creations.**

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Creativity and camaraderie go hand in hand with the members of Metro Carvers of Michigan (MCM) who meet at the Washington Township Senior Center. Woodcarving is more than simply whittling. It is an art form. Among many styles the most common are chip carving, relief carving and character carving, as well as wood burning.

The mission of MCM, which has several groups throughout the metropolitan Detroit area, is to promote wood carving or shaping and to share knowledge in the artistic use of wood, through meetings, shows, competitions, discussions, workshops and other opportunities.

The Washington Township group began in the early 1980s and Pat Murphy was one of the first to join. Murphy likes to work with his hands. Considered a master carver, mentor, teacher and friend, he is still a member after more than 40 years. His wife, Arlene, is also a member of MCM. She loves woodburning and teaches it, as well.

One important project keeps all the members busy, called “Lean on Me”, created by the Michigan Woodcarvers Association. The carvers create wooden canes that are topped with eagle heads. Each is created for a Michigan veteran from any branch of the military who has served the country during times of conflict. The cane is individualized with the veteran’s name, military branch and service location. It also details all the medals the vet earned. Thus far, more than 5,000 canes have been distributed in Michigan.

For more information about Metro Carvers of Michigan, visit the club website at [metrocarvers.com](http://metrocarvers.com).

**TRI CITY CARVERS**

We are sorry to say that member, Benjamin Harvey Donaghy (right) of Cadillac passed away at the age of 95 on March 18, 2024, at Munson Medical Center of heart failure.

Ben was a Master Carver, Teacher, and friend of those of us in the club. He was our last Charter Member. He was always of good humor and had that smile on his face and will be missed greatly.



We also lost member Mike Basner (left) in May. Mike was passionate about his hobby of woodcarving and was an active member. He carved many eagle head cane handles for the Patriot Cane Project.

We presented a carving display at the Thomas Township Library for the month of April and it attracted a lot of attention and nice comments.

The Tri City Wood Carvers would like to invite you to our 35th Annual Wood Carving and Art Show. August 24th at the KC Hall, 4840 Shattuck, Saginaw, MI 48603 For more information or show application contact Jack Harper, show chairman: [harperjack15@gmail.com](mailto:harperjack15@gmail.com) Cell: 989 600-0262



At the Ward World Carving Championships in Ocean City, Maryland Tri City member Mike Ford’s two entries took first place. The screech owl went on to win 2nd Best on Miniatures. The other is a miniature Green Heron. A good week end for Mike Ford. Our congratulations to Mike for his excellent work. Mike also put on an excellent challenging carving class for the club for a cedar waxwing, and it was a great learning experience from a real master of the craft!!

## SALINE CARVERS:



Several of our members are busy working on their **door knocker projects** for this year's raffle. Tob Jacobson brought in his finished goblin door knocker. Jim Edwards has been busy carving many different golf balls that are awesome.



**WOOD CARVERS ROUNDUP: The June 12-15 Roundup** is well under way for their **24<sup>th</sup>** year. Remember that we don't guarantee who will be giving workshops, but most workshop leaders usually return from year to year. There is always someone new to share with us. Our motto has always been: "We Go With The Flow" You can usually join any workshop at any time.

Karen Brown is going to be offering a Multi-Layer painting class for the bird and animal carvers and for the non-carving group she will be offering glitter ornaments.

**MWCA WOOD CARVING SEMINAR: June 17-21.** There are still openings in many of the classes and you can also still sign up during the Roundup. Classes offered are Human Relief, Dylan Goodson; Woodburning, Arlene Murphy; Caricature, Floyd Rhadigan; Carousel Horses, Karen Brown; Bark Carving, Gary Bytik; Aquatic & Wildlife, Orlando Villareal and Chip Carving with Joh Sabina. Some classes could cancel if there isn't enough interest, so if you plan to take a class please let Bob know as soon as possible. Info: Bob Miller Phone **616-901-3933** or Email: **rjmjbobmiller@gmail.com**

**FROM THE CLARKSTON WOOD CARVERS:** Hello woodcarvers and wood-workers---I am extremely saddened today to have to inform you that our dear friend Gerry Burchard has passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Yours Truly, Barry Price clarkstoncarvers@gmail.com

\*\*\*\*\*From your editor: For many years Gerry taught woodcarving and woodburning zoom classes at [www.bountyofwood.com](http://www.bountyofwood.com) of which I am sure some of you have taken those classes. He and his daughter also gave hands-on carving/woodburning classes for all ages at the Clarkston Senior Community Center.

**ST HELEN CARVERS:** Another of our carvers has a new place in Heaven. We are sad to let you know that member Bob Schroder at 99 years and 11 months has passed away in April. He has been a good friend and long time member of the St Helen carvers and was a carver for 35 years. We will definitely miss him.

## CHIPS & CHATTER

**A NOTE ABOUT MWCA DUES:** Remember that your MWCA club dues for 2024-2025 were due by **March 31, 2024 at \$2.00 per member.** At this time a few clubs have not yet renewed their membership. If your club hasn't done so, you may still do so. Check to see if your club has received their notice.

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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 2024.** All news needs to be sent to Sandy by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**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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**2024 MWCA COMING EVENTS**  
*As we have seen before things can always change.*

<b>2024</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
6/12-15	24 <sup>th</sup> Evert Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
6/17-21	MWCA Learning Seminar	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	616-901-3933
8/24	Tri-City Carving Show	KC Hall, 4840 Shattuck Rd, Saginaw	989-600-0262
9/12-14	Spit and Whittle	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	231-250-3855

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