



“CHATTER”
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***CLUB NEWS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

CORRECTION NOTE: The contact for the **Wood Carvers Roundup** June 12-15 in Evart is Floyd Rhadigan, NOT Bob Miller. Contact Floyd for any information at **734-649-3259** or rhads134@comcast.net

Contact Bob Miller for the **Wood Carving Seminar** June 17-21 following the Roundup. You can contact Bob at **616-907-3933**, or rjmjbobmiller@gmail.com

MICHIGAN WOOD CARVERS ASSOCIATION: Greetings fellow carvers, hope and pray this finds you all well. We here at MWCA are still working on canes, while most carvers are still in the south were working to get caught up. Unfortunately, we are thinking about pausing accepting cane applications until we get caught up, we are quite a way behind in getting them done. We do still need volunteers in getting them put together and the cane shafts finished. If you can help please let me know.

The biggest problem for MWCA right now is that we need a secretary and treasurer, because I am having a hard time in doing everything myself and I can only do so much. I also just found out we need to find a new web master, so if anyone is willing to help in that area, we would be so thankful as the website is not up to date with current information.

If anyone has any ideas, please let me know, it is best to email me at vetcane2@gmail.com because I am swamped with phone calls.

Remember the Metro Show is March 23 & 24, hope to see you all there, I may not make it till the 24th.

With best regards, Denny

The MWCA is sponsoring a Learning Seminar on June 17-21, 2024, at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evart MI following the Roundup June 12-15th. There is also an application sent with this newsletter. For more information contact Bob Miller at **616-901-3933**, Email is rjmjbobmiller@gmail.com

WOODLAND CARVERS to participate in the ULTIMATE SPORTS SHOW: March 7-10 held at DeVoss Place in Grand Rapids. The features are famous: Antique Lures, Trout Pond, Hawg Trough, Woodcarvers, and the Rock Wall. Nearly 100 fishing and hunting seminars will be held on 5 stages, including “Lake Ultimate,” the 110,000 gallon indoor lake. Call 269-795-5059 for more information.



The members of the Woodland Carvers will continue their annual participation in the Ultimate Sports Show this year by displaying and selling and their work as well as demonstrating wood carving techniques. This four-day event draws many people, and some come annually to specifically view the Woodland Carvers displays.

Members are encouraged to demonstrate their carving techniques at their table as well as participate at a Carver's Table which will be set up to demonstrate how to carve and allow participants to carve projects from soap.

Participants will set up their tables in a well-marked, large conference area, across from the main gallery that provides the opportunity for substantial traffic flow.

Hours of the show are: Thursday, March 7th - 1pm-8pm; Friday, March 8th - Noon -8pm; Saturday, March 9th - 10am-8pm; Sunday, March 10, 10am - 5pm

Any MWCA member or club is invited to participate in the Ultimate Sports Show in the Woodland Carvers room. Day Passes will be available to those individuals or clubs who would like to participate. Please contact the Woodland Carvers Club President, David Spooner at 269-795-5059 or DLSpooner@comcast.net for more information and to make arrangements.

More information about the Ultimate Sports Show can be found at: <https://showspan.com/usg/>

METRO CARVERS SHOW: March 23-24 held at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site, 49956 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Twp 48317. For info call 586-557-3712 or sharon0229@att.net

TRI CITY CARVERS: Our Christmas party was attended by 28 carvers and spouses. We had chicken from Kroger. Each family brought a dish to pass. The food was wonderful. Many thanks to all who contributed. Their club welcomed their new treasurer Ivan Thane. Staying in place was President Jack Harper, Vice-President Jim Noack and Secretary Ed Hak.



In January we displayed our carvings in a showcase at the Antique Warehouse. A great way to advertise your club and wood carving hobby to the public.

The photo at right is a Rainbow Trout by Gary Doud. If you ever wanted to know what to do with your soup or Spam cans here is what to do with them. Butch Urban has some very unique tin can banjos. (below)



SALINE CARVERS: At the February 14 meeting, there was a proposal that the raffle prizes for this year's show in October should be door knockers. This seems like a great idea, but **we need our members to vote** before we can make an official decision. Many of our "snowbirds" are returning from warmer climates, it is great to see so many faces at the meetings.

CHIPS & CHATTER

A NOTE ABOUT MWCA DUES: Remember that your MWCA club dues for 2024-2025 are due by **March 31, 2024 at \$2.00 per member.** Your club should have received a notice the end of January or first of February. Check to see if your club has received their notice. If not please let Sandy know at mwcanews@gmail.com

OH NO!!: A little bird flying by our house the other day told me that **Frank Burghy** (Cedar Bird Shoppe) broke his hip recently, but is home now. So, he won't be able to sell at the Metro Show coming up in March. Many good wishes go out to him and nurse Phyllis for a speedy recovery.



PLEASE NOTE that because of the Fairgrounds schedule the Spit and Whittle dates were changed and are now Sept 12-14, 2024 at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evert. This is just a fun come as you are social carving weekend but some folks do bring things for others to carve. Camping is welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE-Amazing Trivia from a new carving friend of mine: In the 1960's, I was working in parcel post at the main Grand Rapids Post Office. An elephant came through that was unique. It was a heavy carving, almost 3 ft. high, and beautifully rendered. That in itself was amazing, but more so, it was NOT wrapped. It had made it all the way from Viet Nam with a tag on a loop around its head. It was the smartest thing that could have been done. Everyone who handled it on its trip used such care, there was not a single mark on it that wasn't original. The wife of that soldier received it as sent. As I recall, I believe it was going to Sand Lake, MI. I wonder where the elephant is now? Thank you to Diane for her interesting story.

CHIP CARVING TIPS from WoodisWood: From Tri City Newsletter:

They recommend a set of three knives. A regular carving knife which is the most basic tool, a minicarving knife which is convenient to have, and a skew knife that you will use to create a pattern on your workpiece that a regular knife is too large to create consistently.

To use the chip stab knife (skew knife) correctly, for cutting triangles, you should focus on making a plunging motion instead of the regular carving motion. Press the tip of the chip stab knife against the wood and push down to leave a mark. Depending on how large you want the mark to be, you can also tip the handle of the knife towards yourself exposing more of the blade on the wood leaving a longer cut.

The best designs for a chip stab knife are done when you want to compliment your main pattern with smaller v cut/triangle details or you need to include a small element in your work. such details can be as small as the seeds of wheat or the anther of a flower in your pattern.

The skew knife is not as commonly used as the main chip carving knife with the most noticeable work still done with it. A chip stab knife only adds some nice detail to the design

WOOD CARVING ILLUSTRATED 2023 GREAT SANTA CARVE-OFF WINNERS:



Congratulations to the **WINNERS** of the Great Santa Carve Off Contest, and thanks to those who shared their festive creativity with us. The staff of *Woodcarving Illustrated* would also like to send a **BIG THANKS** the generous sponsors for their donations of prizes and for our subscribers who voted for our five talented winners. Left to right: 1st Alex Joiner 2nd Walter Imfeld 3rd Dave Deming 4th Lee Simkins 5th Mary Beth Blair

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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 25th of the month prior to the newsletter.

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.

2024	EVENTS	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/7-10	Ultimate Sports Show MWCA Invited to participate	DeVos Place downtown Grand Rapids	269-795-5059
3/23-24	Metro Carving Show	Packard Proving Grounds 49956 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Twp	586-557-3712 Sharon0229@att.net
6/12-15	Evert Roundup	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	734-649-3259 rhads134@comcast.net
6/17-21	MWCA Learning Seminar	Osceola County Fairgrounds - Evert	616-907-3933
8/24	Tri-City Carving Show	KC Hall, 4840 Shattuck Rd, Saginaw	989-600-0262

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