



**“CHATTER”**  
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**Looks like we are all hunkered down for a long winter's nap. Hope everyone is taking this quiet time to work on NEXT year's Christmas Gifts! Or carvings to enter into one of our top notch carving shows**

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

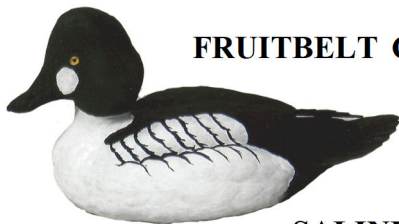
**TRI-CITY CARVERS:** Our Elections of Officers for 2020 was very successful. I'd like to thank Jack Harper II for taking over the President's position, Mike Basner for handling the Vice President responsibilities, Terry Kenel the Treasurer, Ed Hak continuing the Secretary's work and Ken Hite reupping for a Trustee Position. We have good leadership to move us through the coming year.



We'll be setting up to display carvings in January at the Antique Warehouse and at the Wirt Library in Bay City. We will also be soap carving in Pinconning with Christy DeHate. Ken Hite carved this Santa from a pattern in the current Wood Carving Illustrated.

**Wood Carving Tip for all carvers from Floyd Rhadigan.** Know the location of the sharp edge (or spinning bit) and where it could go. Not only do you not want any of your (or anyone else's) body parts near them, this knowledge will improve your carving. If you're always aware of the location of the cutting edge of the tool, especially the tip, you'll make more deliberate cuts, and your carving will turn out better.

**METRO CARVERS:** In December Don Schook demonstrated bark carving for us and we had our pot luck.



**FRUITBELT CARVERS:** Our 2019 show was another success. Best of Professional was won by Tom Grile for his Goldeneye Duck with Max Samuelson winning Best of Intermediate with his exquisite Screech Owl. Our 40<sup>th</sup> show will be Nov 7-8, 2020.



**SALINE CARVERS:** Our Christmas Party was great with Don and Pat Butler as host. There were 22 of us and a LOT of good food. It was a wonderful holiday celebration among friends! We are already sharing ideas for our 2020 show next October. We would like everyone to know that our Blog is going strong and over the past year we have had visitors from India, Canada, Nigeria, Philippines, Australia, Italy, United Kingdom, Hong King and the Netherlands. Wow! Check it out at [salinecarversblog.wordpress.com](http://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com)

**PRAYERS and CONCERNS**

It is sad to report that we have lost another wood carver. Jim Wilsford of Tennessee passed away December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many of you have taken a carving class from him over the years. There will be a memorial service on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. He was also the founding member of the Southeastern Woodcarvers Association. Please keep his family in prayers.

**CHIPS & CHATTER**

**CALENDAR CHANGES after publishing:** Tri City show was tentatively Aug 23, but please change your calendars to **Saturday-August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Also the Saline Carving Show was re-scheduled for **Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> not Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please correct your calendars.

How great is this! Thanks, Denny, for bringing it to the attention of our President!

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20502

Michigan Woodcarvers Association  
c/o Mr. Denny Sekrenes  
1110 Legion Street  
Corinna, Michigan 48817



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 17, 2019

Michigan Woodcarvers Association  
Corunna, Michigan

Dear Friends,

I recently heard of your efforts to create personalized walking canes for veterans in your community. As Commander in Chief, I respect and admire your commitment to helping your fellow service members in need.

Your work helps to fulfill our country's promise never to forget those who answered the call to defend our freedom. I have made it one of my top priorities as President to continually honor our great veterans, for they represent the very best of our Nation.

May God bless you all, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Donald Trump", written in a cursive style.

## CARVING WITH KIDS---PART 2 OF 3---THIS WORKS FOR ME---WHAT WORKS FOR YOU?

**PART 2:** Class size is limited to 8 kids who are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other responsible adult. Each kid wears a name tag with their first name printed on it. The carving tables are arranged in a U formation with a belly board at each place (and a chair). The kids sit on the outside of the U and I work in the inside. I tell them who I am and that they will be working with very sharp tools. Sometimes they are asked to count their fingers and to be careful so they have that many when they are done. I explain why they need a glove and which hand to put it on. I show them the tools and how the gouges are different and which is the alphabet tool, the V tool.



Then I show them 2 basic cuts, the stop cut and the push cut. I tell them that they do not want to “dig” deeply into the project when carving, but to practice shaving the wood. I use parents as an example here. The Father shaving his face and the Mother shaving her legs. I demonstrate these cuts on the project and let them start carving. Since I am in the middle of the U, I can go back and forth to each of the kids. Some take to carving very quickly and some don't, so I have to make judgements on how much to help each kid. I never say anything bad about their carvings, I continue to encourage them. I never say your carving is the best of the group. I praise them all. The adults often help their child but it is important to see that they only help, not criticize.



Billie Jo suggested adding painting to the carving session. So, after the kids have completed carving of

1 or 2 projects, they can paint them with acrylic paints. I do not interfere with their selection of colors.



The first kids' class was scary. Kids ranging in age from 6 to maybe 11 sat around the table and were going to use very sharp tools to cut wood. Could they do it? Would the project be something they could do? What might go wrong? Well right away one girl cut her finger enough so it bled. She cried and said she was never going to carve again and she was quitting right then and there. I put a bandaid on her finger and her Mother talked her into finishing her project. This young lady has participated in a number of kids' classes since then and this April was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in a carving show competition in the youth category. I still am a little nervous when starting a new class, so I am always very cautious and careful. I know now that seldom do the kids hurt themselves (they listen to me!) and if they do it is just a minor wound. Unfortunately, I am the one who gets hurt most often by putting my finger where I shouldn't as a kid carves. Adults also have to be careful. Sometimes when I am not looking a parent will tell a kid how to do something and the kid “gets” them. While kids as young as 4 have carved successfully, most are in the 7 to 12 old year range. ....Part III coming in March.....



### How do you frighten a Millennial?

Put them in a room with a rotary phone and analog watch, an old typewriter and a TV with no remote (add rabbit ears for fun). Then leave directions for use in cursive!

**Bit of Humor from Tri-City Carvers:** I recently took up wood carving, and accidentally cut my finger. It's nothing serious. It's just a whittle cut.

### Repair job:

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:  
“Windows frozen, won't open.”

Husband texts back: “Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edge with hammer.”

Wife texts back 10 minutes later:

“Computer really messed up now.”

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 JANUARY MARCH MAY JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

### 2019 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
1/1	HAPPY NEW YEAR		
3/19-22	WOODLAND CARVERS EXPO	DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids	616-706-9685
3/21-22	METRO CARVING SHOW	United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horace Brown Dr. Madison Hgts.	586-994-1146 810-392-3642
4/18	GREATER LANSING SHOW	Liberty Church 12745 Georgia Ave Grand Ledge 48837	517-285-5914
APRIL	MWCA ANNUAL MEETING	Date to be announced	989-277-5739

### MWCA BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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<b>“Chatter” Editor</b> Sandy Holder (231) 734-5125 horsecarver@gmail.com	<b>MWCA Chaplain</b> Arnold Tew “Thank you to Milan Maybee, for your many years with us, you will be missed.”	<b>Judging</b> Phyllis Burghy (989) 928-4242 cedarbirdshoppe@charter.net	<b>Promotional (Calendars, etc.)</b> Denny Sekrenes (989) 277-5739 vetcane@charter.net
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**Soap Carving kits and info:** Gail Brooks: [brooksgi@comcast.net](mailto:brooksgi@comcast.net) or you can text to 248-255-2005, please text only, no phone calls.

The MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” completed 44 canes for **September and October 2019**. From June 2007 thru October 2019, **4760 canes have been delivered**. Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the program!

MSgt	Janine M.	Whalen	USMC	SWA	Sanderson, David	HWC
A2C	Jack L.	Welty	USAF	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HAW
PFC	John A.	Ripple	Army	WWII	Goins, Connie	RIV
Sgt	James II	Osterman	Army	Vietnam	Melby, George	WDW
Cpl	Jose L.	Guzman	USMC	Vietnam	Tobias, Tom	SAL
PFC	Edwin J.	LaDuke	Army	WWII	Peruski, Dave	
SPC4(T)	James J.	Hines	Army	Vietnam	Larson, Marcy	MET
Sgt	Steven K.	Thomas	USAF	Vietnam	Dentino, Gary	FRT
MM3	Michael R.	Tedder	Navy	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
SSgt	George S. II	Baker	Army	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
SSgt (ret.)	Lawrence R.	Peterson	USAF	Vietnam	Floyd, Chris	HAW
Sgt(T)	Michael H.	Pierce	Army	Vietnam	Patterson, Bruce	



Sgt	John E.	Coverstone	USAF	Vietnam	Drake, Bud	
Sgt(T)	Ralph H.	Klein	Army	Korea	Smith, Charles	HAW
MSgt	Larry P.	Carrithers	USMC	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
Cpl	Edward G.	Veltman	USMC	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
Sgt	Ronald S.	Bartlett	Army	Vietnam	Reynolds, Edward	WGF
SPC4	Frank E.	Quinn	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	SLY
Sgt	Rickey F.	Novak	Army	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
Sgt (T)	Dwayne C.	Schlaud	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
SSgt	Charles E.	Hawes	Army	Vietnam	Mathis, Len	SCC
PFC	Thomas L.	Longueuil	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
A1C	Kenneth L.	Moore	USAF	Vietnam	Follbaum, Gary	RIV
SPC5	Charley H.	Gee	Army	Vietnam	Harthan, Virginia	WDW
SPC4	Onas	Smith	Army	Vietnam	Dentino, Gary	FRT
SPC4(T)	Samuel A.	Dowe	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
LtCol (ret.)	George A.	Ounan	USAF	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HAW
SSgt	Dale W.	Buehrer	Army	WWII	Lee, Robert L	OWL
Pvt	Lonnie R.	Latchaw	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell	NWC
PFC	Francis J.	Kleinbriel	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
Cpl	Danny K.	Manning	USMC	Vietnam	McFadden, Scott	SLY
PFC	David D.	Rachels	Army	Pacific	Reynolds, Edward	WGF
LCpl	Paul J. "P.J."	McCarthy	USMC	Vietnam	Barta, Louie	
EW2	Richard C.	Andrews	Navy	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Pvt2C	Darrell C.	Hurd	Army	Vietnam	Sanderson, David	HWC
SPC4	Dale WESLEY	Buehrer	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
SK3C	Edward A.	Kirchoff	Navy	WWII	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
SFC (E7)	William P.	Ewing	Army	Vietnam	Wipp, Nancy	SLY
HT3	Rick J.	McKinnon	Navy	Vietnam	Vansingel, Lesa	COC
SPC4	Nels F.	Bye	Army	Vietnam	Wipp, Nancy	SLY
CWO2	Robert J.	Golembieski	Navy	SWA	Puchalsky, Howard	
1Lt	Joseph M.	Meredith	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	
SPC4	Dennis W.	Foreman	Army	Vietnam	Green, Horold	MET
SPC4	Gerald V.	Morrison	Army	Vietnam	Green, Horold	MET

**COULD WE PLEASE GET THE NAME OF YOUR CLUB (IF NOT LISTED) IF YOU SUBMIT EAGLE HEAD(s) FOR CANES? WE WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB IS CREDITED FOR YOUR GENEROUS WORK. THANKS!!!**

MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" completed 49 canes for **November and December 2019**. From June 2007 thru December 2019, **4802 canes have been delivered**. Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the program.

WO2 (Ret.)	Donald F."WOODY"	Woodworth	USMC	WWII/Korea	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Cpl	Ernest D.	Harbin	AAF	WWII	Wolak, Stan	SLY
SSgt	Lloyd F. II	Putman	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	SLY
Sgt	(Oren) O.W.	Johnson	USMC	Vietnam	Denning, Mary	
GM3	Robert J.	Noble	Coast Guard	WWII	Dunham, Richard	OWL
PFC	Gerald H.	Schade	Army	WWII	Brumm, Jim	HAW

MM3	Dallas D.	Likens	Navy	WWII	Bluga, John	MET
Tech 4	Arnold A.	Glidden	Army	WWII	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Sgt	Robert D.	Spring	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
EO3	Daniel M.	Bower	Navy	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
SWF3	Thomas E.	Stasik	Navy	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally	GCC
HMC	Harold M.	Whittemore	Navy	Vietnam	Wipp, Nancy	SLY
FM1	Riford A.	Camirand	Navy	WWII	Bluga, John	MET
Tech5	Harold E.	Simmons	Army	WWII	Wolak, Stan	SLY
MM2	Donald A.	Crouch	Navy	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
PFC	Terrence D.	Parker	USMC	Other	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC4	Douglas J.	Guillaume	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
1 Lt	Paul D.	Robinson	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	SLY
Cpl	James P.	Ray	Army	Other	Seeburger, Robert	
Sgt	Daniel J.	O'Neill	Army	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
Sgt	Darrell L.	Price	Army	Vietnam	shaft only	MID
BT2	James J.	Marsh	Navy	Other	Marsh, Bob	MID
PFC	Thomas W.	Simons	Army	Other	Salenbien, Leonard	SAL
SSgt	Joseph P.	Guchek	Army	SWA	Smith, Charles	HAW
Elect mate 2C	Harry H.	Crane	Navy	WWII	Smith, Charles	HAW
PFC	John W. III	Anthony	USMC	Other	Miller, Don	MET
PFC	Thomas L.	Turk	Army	other	Peruski, Dave	
Lt	Todd P.	Brooks	Navy	SWA	Miller, Don	MET
GSEC (E7)	Jerry L.	Frezon	Navy	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Cpl	Edward A., Jr	Patterson	USMC	Vietnam	Brumm, Jim	HAW
Sgt	Harold R.	Baker	Army	Korea	Brumm, Jim	HAW
PFC	Eli	Tremonti	AAF	WWII	Smith, Charles	HAW
Capt	William W.	Taylor	Army	Vietnam	Sherwood, Kurt	WGF
FN3	Melbourne J. II	Hynes	Navy	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
SPC 4(T)	Frank J.	Senger	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
PFC	Fay R.	Yager	Army	WWII	Paupard, Fred	BWC
SPC4	Roy M.	Ketchum	Army	Other	Seeburger, Robert	
SKC	Patrick L.	Appledorn	Navy	Other	Dentino, Gary	FRT
Capt	Ralph L.	Goodney	Army	WWII	Dunham, Richard	OWL
CPL	Raymond A.	Tarabusi	Army	WWII	Gracey, Gary	FRT
PFC	Fredrick S.	Pevovar	Army	WWII	Dentino, Gary	FRT
LCpl	Andre N.	Woods	USMC	Other	Smith, Charles	HAW
MSgt(ret.)	Harlan E.	Carlson	Army	Vietnam	Blanchard, Paul	
PFC	Nicholas	Kurncz	Army	Korea	Gracey, Gary	FRT
SSgt	Michael J.	Breuker	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	
SPC4	Dwight F.	Volz	Army	Vietnam	Morris, Jeanne	
PFC	Roland R. (Rollie)	Bielert	Army	WWII	Bluga, John	MET
Sgt	Mark	Jarosz	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
ATN3	Richard L.	Wheeler	Navy	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID