

**“CHATTER”**  
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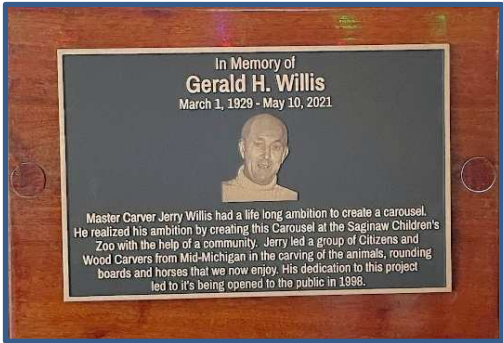
**FROM YOUR PREZ:**

Well Woodcarvers Roundup was real good, got to see many old friends, got some new ideas for carvings to work on. Hope to see more of you at Spit & Whittle, Sept 15-17, 2022.

We are in search of a new MWCA secretary, and someone to do cane research for our Eagle Head Cane project. As for the Eagle Head cane project at Roundup, 9 Completed heads were turned in, 6 went into the competition, and the winner was Jan Maher, from the Lakeshore carvers and received a certificate of appreciation and \$25.00! Denny

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**TRI CITY CARVERS:** As of June 7, 2022 we finally permanently mounted the plaque in the Carousel Building at the Children’s Zoo in Saginaw. The mounting has been delayed due to many unforeseen circumstances. I apologize for the delay. The plaque is there for all who visit the Children's Zoo to see it. I hope you all have an opportunity to visit the Zoo in the near future.



The Plaque reads: *Master Carver Jerry Willis had a life long ambition to create a carousel. He realized his ambition by creating this Carousel at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo with the help of a community. Jerry led a group of Citizens and Wood Carvers from Mid-Michigan in the carving of the animals, rounding boards and horses that we now enjoy. His dedication to this project led to it being opened to the public in 1998.*

After he and others raised \$800,000 and received \$15,000 of the city's grant funding, Willis enlisted carvers from the Tri-City carvers group throughout the region to chip in and chip away wood from rough laminated horse bodies, shaping and painting the animals that adorn the carousel today. The carousel was started in December 1996 and finished in July 1998.

It took 26 gallons of glue, 52 gallons of paint and burns 836 light bulbs as it turns.

**THANK YOU JERRY FOR ALL YOUR DEDICATED TIME AND WORK**

Our club picnic will be on July 12 at the zoo. We are still working on the totem pole for the zoo. August 6-7 we will be at the Bay City Park for the wildfowl event doing soap carving for the kids.

**METRO CARVERS:** We finally have a date for the Washington Carve Fest XVI. It will be held Friday Sept 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 8:30 am and carving sessions run from 9 am -non and 1-4 pm both days. Held at the Washington Senior Center, 27900 Van Dyke in Washington MI. Hope to see many of you there. Info for this event call **248-224-2902**

**WOOD WACKERS:** Please join the Wood Wackers in the annual Artworks Artist Demonstrations in downtown Big Rapids.

When: Fridays July 8, 22, August 12, and 26 from 11am to 2pm in front of Artworks.

In addition to a work in progress, you are asked to bring a finished piece(s) to help illustrate different styles of carving. Please contact Bette for more information or questions. **231-250-3446 thedoglady@hotmail.com**

**SALINE CARVERS:** Our group has still been meeting, and talking, and carving, and trading bad jokes, which is what keeps us going. Of course, all that changed on June 12, when we lost our friend John Pappas. We might never get used to his absence on Wednesdays. John left us on June 12 after a long decline due to heart issues.

Quite a lot of progress has been made on carving fishes for a Doctor Seuss's Red Fish, Blue Fish mobile for our show on October 8<sup>th</sup>. These fish are a good challenge, with their curvy lines and fantastic fins. A painting party will probably be arranged later this year.

Our member Lori Bies carved this Delightfully Dishonest Witch



**EVART ROUNDUP:** 2022 Evert Woodcarvers Roundup. At last, after a two-year hiatus, we were able to



have the best woodcarving get-together in the country 215 people register, not every attendee takes the time to do that. There were carvers from all across the country, Texas, Florida, Minnesota, Ohio, California. Just to mention a few.



A BIG thank you to the Workshop Leaders, Cedar Bird Shoppe, Leather Plus, Moore Roughouts, Jim Hart wood products and all that joined the fun. We planned on an ice cream social Thursday night but when it was time to get the ice cream, we found out that Foster's had freezer problems and didn't have any ice cream! Oh well, like always before, we go with whatever happens, happens. We really were pleased to have John Dunkle and Leon Standish again to keep a sharp edge on all our tools. I hope everyone took home a T-Shirt or item with the Roundup Logo on it from Ron and Ida, they did a great job again this year. The new restaurant,

“Green Gold Diner” in the fair kitchen was very much appreciated.

Floyd Fest was small in Number, but great in talent. A big thanks to all the instructors and students for the Floyd Fest carving seminar. A special BIG THANK YOU for the outstanding job Cheryl and Rick and workers do to make the fairgrounds one of the best venues for my events. Looking forward to 2023 Roundup June 14th to 17<sup>th</sup> and Floyd Fest June 19th to 23<sup>rd</sup>, come join the fun! Contact Floyd Rhadigan.

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## CHIPS & CHATTER

**FOR SALE:** This hopefully will be of interest to one of our Michigan carvers, and just what you have been looking for. Linda has been a good friend of yours truly as we have played music together through the Dulcimer Festival in Evert for about 30 years and know her tools are excellent and have been well taken care of.

**LINDA:** I can't remember a time that I didn't draw. In 1976 when Curt Sanders and I began to build Lost Valley Dulcimers I was naturally attracted to the artistic side of the things. My first experience with wood carving was decorative work in the sound holes and on the instrument itself. We made hammered dulcimers for 30 years. I still play and come to the Fun Fest in Evert every July at the fairgrounds in Evert.

I took carving lessons from Arthur Britton in Muskegon and then taught at his woodcarving school. He taught carving in-the-round or relief carving, individualized for each student. He held several different carving class several each week for just a few years.

I also took a chip carving workshop with Wayne Barton. Mostly, I learned by experience. For 15 years I carved free-lance for Whitehall Products. They make house number plaques, bird baths, etc. They would make a mold of my carvings and cast them in aluminum. Over the years I made 100's of carvings for them. I carved the insignia that hangs on their buildings. It's an eagle in flight with a 4 ft. wingspan.

With the new century, we turned the wood shop into a painting studio. I paint with watercolors. Michigan landscapes and musicians are among my favorite subjects. I am represented by the Gallery Uptown in Grand Haven.



Now all my carving tools are gathering dust. I no longer have the strength to carve. My tools need a new home. I would love to sell them as a set to a Michigan wood carver. I have chisels, gouges, v-parting tools etc. 38 pieces in lots of sizes, purchased from Woodcraft. I estimate that these alone are worth \$3,000. There is an electric sharpening system, many hold-downs, screws and a mallet. All for \$1000.

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**BE SURE TO CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR CLUB HAS PAID IT'S MWCA MEMBERSHIPE DUES.** There are a few clubs who have not sent in information, and we would like to know if they are still valid as a carving club and would like to continue in MWCA.

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**2022 MWCA COMING EVENTS**

*As we have seen before things can always change because of the pandemic.*

<b>2022</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
<b>8/27</b>	Tri City Carving Show	KC Hall, 4840 Shattuck Rd in Saginaw	989-781-3846
<b>9/15-18</b>	Spit and Whittle	Osceola Co. Fairgrounds, Ewart	734-649-3259
<b>9/23-24</b>	Washington Carve Fest XVI	Washington Senior Center	248-224-2902
<b>10/1</b>	Woodland Carvers Expo	Wyoming Senior Center	269-795-5059
<b>10/8</b>	Saline Carvers Show	Saline Liberty School	734-944-5324
<b>11/5-6</b>	Fruitbelt Carving Show	Arthur E Stearns American Legion Post, Constantine	269-435-7245

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