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UPCOMING EVENTS

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

FROM YOUR PREZ:

Well this has been another fast 2 months. In May we had a good Learning Seminar and June was a very good Evert Roundup. Now don't forget coming in July is Wood Shaving Days and then in August the Tri-City Carving show.

Here is a very good story, I got an e-mail from a theater in Grand Rapids, we found this cane, can you

FROM YOUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Hello from the deck of the new vice president just to let know what is happening with the Seminar for 2020. I am trying to get a grant written and also getting the addresses of the instructors. Hopefully the Seminar will be in July 2020.

Dave Sanderson

FROM the MULICKS:

The 2019 Seminar is finished. All the bills, that I know of, have been paid and all the student refunds have been issued. Garry and I were given permission in an executive meeting to make up any shortfall in seminar from the general fund so that we could go ahead with the learning seminar instead of cancelling it. We cut corners and were very thrifty with the money that was available including only holding a one day raffle instead of two. The 75 students that were in attendance didn't let us down and were extremely supportive in their purchase of raffle tickets. Thanks to everyone present, we ended up with some money left over! The sum of \$668.72 is much smaller than what is normally leftover, but that's OK. We managed to "make ends meet" thanks to some very generous donations. No money was taken from the general fund to pay seminar bills

Garry and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us with seminar the last few years. We truly

locate the owner? SO I E-MAIL YES WE WILL DO SOME RESERCH AND SEE, so we find the man and called him and told him where the cane was found. He was so happy that we found him and I was going right down to pick it up but he was there before

I could call the theater! 😊 😊

appreciate all you did to help us. Dave Sanderson, our new vice president is taking over the seminar reins and he will need help too. We will be happy to answer questions and give guidance if requested. Some good discussions were held during seminar about the future of the seminar going forward and some good ideas were put forth, so at this time, there is no plan to send out a member wide survey.

I do plan on retiring as the MWCA treasurer next April. I have been treasurer a lot of years, and it is time to move on and let someone else balance the check book. I have enjoyed working with a whole list of officers but never imagined what I was getting into when Bill Heather suggested me for the treasurer job. I think Denny has a lead on my replacement, but don't be shy if you would like to give it a try.

Thank you to everyone for your unending support over the years.

Garry and Mary Lou Mulick

CARVING CLUB NEWS

WOOD WACKERS: We are working on a Nativity Scene for the Art Works of Big Rapids to be finished sometime this fall. This will be a project for them as a raffle to raise funds for their programing. In 2017 our members carved Noah's Ark which was well received and was purchased as a family heirloom.

Carving tip: Member Daryl Pyles finishes his pieces with "Wipe on Ply Coat" from Menard's. He uses about 3-4 coats and rubs with 600 grit brown paper bags (like lunch bags).

SALINE CARVERS: Hello everyone! Our group is now on Facebook. The purpose of our Facebook page is to get people interested in our group; visitors are pointed to our blog for more information. This new venue should help us connect with more people and potential members. Our Facebook page address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/854117681623739/>

A couple of our members will be demonstrating at the Annual Hobby Day at Crosswinds March on **Saturday, August 10**. Info on our facebook page.

Display items for the Saline Library will be needed the last week in August. As of this moment we have 17 tables sold for our show October 5th with one of them from a vendor (Don Butler).

Congratulations to our Vice President Caryn Howell on expecting twins, and will leaving as our vice president.

SOUTH CENTRAL CARVERS: From Bob Badertscher: The South Central Woodcarvers were invited to present a woodcarving workshop for 4H students in our area who were considering learning to carve well enough to enter a finished project in the Jackson County Fair this next August. We agreed to provide this workshop providing parents were present during the carving training. The workshop was held from 10-12 on Saturday, May 18. We had 11 students participate, and we used selected relief carving cutouts provided by Fred Erbsch who does so much fine work with young carvers at Johnson's Workbench in Charlotte. The 4-H carvers had the choice of carving a butterfly, a bird, or a turtle for this workshop. These choices were made from a very wide collections of patterns offered by Mr. Erbsch.

We carvers, the students, and the parents, had an enjoyable, productive experience with our workshop. Those students who now wish to finish/perfect their project for the fair are invited to join our club at any of our regular meetings this summer. We think this was a great way to encourage new interest in carving in our area.

If you need any identification,

This picture includes SWC president Greg Hill standing in the center speaking to seated students, A parent standing and speaking to 4H Leader seated, club member Gordon Hauglie, rear right speaking to a parent.

GREG HILL in Orange shirt

STUDENTS

GORDON HAUGLIE standing



FRUITBELT CARVERS: Information about our 2019 Carving Show this year. We had to change our show LOCATION because of rental issues.

The Fruitbelt Woodcarver's 39th Annual Wood Carving Show is being held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the American Legion, 65079 US 131 (Business) N., Constantine, MI.

Whether you are interested in woodcarving, wood burning, chip carving or simply enjoy the mastery of hand carved items, this show offers you a chance to see the area's best woodcarvers at work. Included are a carving competition and a Coffee Can Drawing for prizes. Contact Tom Grile @ 269-435-7245 or Gary Gracey @ 269-483-for more information.

METRO CARVERS: At our June meeting we enjoyed a very thorough demonstration on violin creation by Bill Womack. It was a wonderful explanation of all that goes into building a violin. Bill showed us the many tools and jigs he made to help him with his creation. Many questions and much interest was shown. Thank you Bill.



TRI-CITY CARVERS: Dick Henning did a Carving 101 for the Nouvel Discovery Day in May. Jazz on Jefferson at the Castle Museum carving demo was in June with over 3,000 visitors and it was a great chance to present our club to the community.

When you think of Gary Klender as a member of the club you think “Soap Carving”. Gary taught over 4000 youngsters over his tenure as a member of the club. Due to the passing of Gary and to continue his legacy, the Tri City Wood Carvers will continue to provide this service to our local area youth. He also was very supportive in helping others and myself in maintenance of the Carousel at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo. May he Rest in Peace!

Our annual picnic will be July 9th at the Zoo. Other events we will participate in Soap Carving at the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival August 3rd; Carving at the Zoo August 8th, Soap Carving for the Merrill 4H Group, in Sept. **Remember our show August 24th, 2nd Presbyterian Church in Saginaw.**

CHIPS & CHATTER

EVART ROUNDUP: Article from the Cadillac News.Wood carvers from around the country were in Evart showing off their hand carved crafts. Around 400 wood carvers set up their art at the Evart Fairgrounds. Visitors could come watch them in action and even learn from a few classes they were teaching. Carvings, supplies, and tools are all on sale if you want to try your luck at this fun, unique hobby. Organizers say this is a great place to learn a new craft. “It’s interesting, there’s all kinds of different instructors doing different things, chip carving, bark carving, caricature carving. Folks came on in and looked around to find anything they wanted to do and there was somebody to help them start doing it,” said President of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association, Denny Sekrenes.....



BURLINGTON CANADA CARVERS

Between the carving, the ice cream social, trade blanket and music, everyone had a great time. If you weren’t able to come this year be sure to put it on your to “do list” for next year, June 3rd – 6th. Thanks Floyd, another great one!

EAGLE HEAD CANE WINNERS THIS YEAR. At almost every carving event and show there is a competition for those who carve the heads for the Veteran Cane Project. Winner receives a certificate and \$25.00.



PRAYERS and CONCERNS: Passed members: Tri City has lost 3 carvers, Gary Klender, “Bob” Ervin Britton and Earl Fischer. Metro and MWCA also lost Harold Joseph. Harold was one of the first members to be part of the Lean on Me project and did most of the work and then research on the canes in the beginning, he just retired from that position last year as did Dave Copeman.

They will all be missed by their peers and the clubs they belonged to. Many of you probably know each of these members and carvers so please keep their families in thought and prayer at this time.

THE “CHATTER” NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY on or about the first of the months listed below. All news to be included needs to be to the editor, Sandy Holder by the 25th of the month prior to publication. E-Mail and phone listed below. You can always download or read a PDF on the MWCA website at www.miwoodcarvers.com

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

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 JANUARY MARCH MAY JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

2019 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
7/20-21	WOOD SHAVING DAYS	Hartwick Pines State Park	989-348-7068
8/24	TRI CITY CARVERS SHOW	2 nd Presbyterian Church, Saginaw	989-781-3846
9/12-14	SPIT and WHITTLE	Osceola County Fairgrounds in Ewart	616-260-8931
9/27-28	WASHINGTON CENTER CARVEFEST XIV	Romeo-Washington-Bruce-Parks & Rec Washington Center 67880 Van Dyke Rd Washington MI	248-224-2902

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” Completed 65 canes for April, May, and June 2019. From June 2007 thru June 2019, 4663 canes have been delivered. Thanks to everyone for your help and support for the program.

	RECIPIENT			CARVER	CLUB
Sgt	Kenneth D. West	USMC	Korea	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC4	Kenneth L. Cooper	Army	Vietnam	Maybee, Milan	SCC
SPC4	Ricky S. Turczynski	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	
SK3	William D. Thompson	Navy	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
Sn1C	Virgil E. Thill	Navy	WWII-PTO	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
SPC4(T)	Cloyde E. Miller	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell	NWC
SPC4	Ernest C. Pizzini	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
TSgt	John R. Gault	Air Force	SWA	Mathiak, Lee	OWL
Cpl	Robert D. Bates	USMC	Vietnam	Millard, Fred	

LtCol	Allan J. Kelly	Air Force	Vietnam	Floyd, Chris	HAW
SM3	Jeremy J.W. Carter	Navy	N/A	Durbin, Gene	WGF
Cpl	Charles L. Smith	USMC	Vietnam	Hornung, Gregg	MET
SPC4	Michael E. Racer	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY
SPC5(T)	Roger W. Clark	Army	Korea	Miller, Tom	OWL
Sgt	David A. Groth	Army	Vietnam	Badertscher, Robert	SCC
HM3	William L. III Bush	Navy	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
Sgt	Robert C. Adams	Army	Vietnam	Miller, Tom	OWL
Cpl	Robert D. Jolin	USMC	Vietnam	Randazzo, Joe	MET
SPC4(T)	Raymond A. Graham	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Charles	HRT
SPC4(T)	Frank J. Montalbano	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
AMS3	Reginald M. Woodard	Navy	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
PFC	Lloyd R. Hearn	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Corpl	Keith L. Overby	USMC	Vietnam	Follbaum, Gary	RIV
SPC5	Michael L. Decker	Army	Vietnam	Mathis, Len	SCC
Sgt	Lawrence E. Edwards	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
SPC4 (T)	George W. Morey	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
A1C	Timothy J. Gordon	Air Force	Vietnam	Belli, Lou	
HTC	Raymond G. Stafford	Navy	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
CE2	Bruce R. Kurth	Navy	Vietnam	Damiani, Bob	WWC
SPC4(T)	Andrew J. Johnston	Army	Dominican Republic	Wolak, Stan	SLY
SP5	Wayne Eversole	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
SPC4(T)	Melvin G. Trumbo	Army	Vietnam	McFadden, Scott	SLY
SSgt	George R. Duka	Army	Vietnam	Ebinger, Bill	MET
Capt	Gwendolyn N. Clymer	USAF	WWII	Dunham, Richard	OWL
Sgt (E5)	Leonard E. Russell	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC4	Howard P. Pitch	Army	Vietnam	Sherwood, Kurt	WGF
Sgt(E5)	Norman T. Lang	USMC	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald	WGF
Cpl (E4)	John R. Fekken	USMC	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
SPC5	Larry L. Schluckebier	Army	Korea	Pfenning, Ray	OLW
SSgt (E6)	Joe L. Jr. Teasdale	USMC	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
HM2 (E5)	Gale G. Balding	Navy	Vietnam	Follbaum, Gary	RIV
SPC4	Michael L. Curtice	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell	NWC
SPC4	Steven D. Verburg	Army	Vietnam	Reynolds, Edward	WGF
Cpl (E4)	Nick A. Fekken	USMC	Vietnam	Yost, Jim	HWC
SPC5	Barry L. Wainman	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
SPC4(T)	Neil O. Jr Dygert	Army	Vietnam	Shaft Only	MID
SPC4	Earl J. Klein	Army	Vietnam	Lijewski, Larry	TRI
MSgt	James W. Gross	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard	WGF
CT2 (E5)	Paul R. Gelinias	Navy	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
AMH2	Gerald L. Hix	Navy	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
PFC	C.L. Collins	Army	Korea	Dentino, Gary	FRT
SPC4	Keith A. Aldrich	Army	Vietnam	Downs, Bruce	
Cpl	David R. Steele	Army	Korea	Dentino, Gary	FRT
SPC5	Bruce A. Olsen	Army	Vietnam	Yost, Jim	HWC
Cpl	Dale V. Lynn	USMC	SWA	Reynolds, Edward	WGF
PFC	Maurice Collins	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
SPC5(T)	Donald J. Schoenemann	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL

PFC	Edward Baber	Army	WWII	Wolak, Stan	SLY
SPC4	Larry L. Lake	Army	Vietnam	Brumm, Jim	HAW
SSgt(E6)	Joseph S. Lewandowski	Army	Vietnam	Bluga, John	
SPC5(T)	Arthur P. Rinck	Army	Vietnam	Johnston, James	HAW
A3C (E-2)	David G. Franklin	USAF	Vietnam	Bluga, John	
SSgt	Allen D. Hays	USAF	Vietnam	Follbaum, Gary	RIV
SPC5	Franklin E., Jr. Hixson	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID
YNSN	Roger L. Ashmore	Navy	Vietnam	Moran, Randy	
A1C	Gilbert P. Wilson	USAF	other	Johnston, James	HAW
CW3 (E-7)	Kirk K. Newman	Army	SWA	Hanson, Richard	WGF
SPC4 (T)	Nathan R. Meeth	Army	Vietnam	Schauer, Doug	FRT
SPC4(T)	Gilbert P. Wilson	USAF	Vietnam	Reynolds, Edward	WGF
SPC4	Leslie G. Mathews	Army	Vietnam	McFadden, Scott	SLY
FN (E3)	Walter H. Elgert	Navy	Vietnam	Dixon, Bob	OWL
Cpl	Jerry D. Pomush	USMC	Vietnam	Hastings, Bill	SUN
Sgt	Michael C. Clemmons	Army	Vietnam	Hastings, Bill	SUN
LN1(E-6)	Willis M. Lovelace	Navy	Vietnam	Hodges, Carol	SUN