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CLUB NEWS

“WELCOME” Christie Garant-our new treasurer”

CANE REPORT

From your President:

To all members and carvers who read these pages:
 It has been a terrible year because of Covid. We have not been able to have any shows, any get-togethers or meetings. Hopefully next year will be better and we may get back to somewhat normal activity.
 The cane project is still working, a little slower than normal because there are only two of us here working on canes. We still are receiving heads and sending out blanks. I want to thank everybody who continues to carve heads for this program. We will continue to make as many canes as possible through the rest of this year.

Please help our sponsors as much as you possibly can. We've given them a free year of advertising because we know everyone is hurting from lack of business. If anyone needs a used portable dust collector please contact my good friend Frank Burghy. He has one for sale. His contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

God Bless to everyone, stay strong and we will get through this Covid thing.

Your President,
 Denny

CARVING CLUB NEWS

The FRANKENMUTH SHOW, SALINE CARVERS SHOW, SAUDER VILLEAGE CARVING SHOW, WASHINGTONG CARVE FEST and THE FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW have all been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. It wasn't an easy decision for anyone but for the safety and health of everyone and hopefully we can all look forward to a successful 2021. This should make the 2021 events that much better. I know we all understand. That makes this year the first year we have not had ANY carving events.

SALINE CARVERS: <https://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com/> The Saline Senior Center



is still closed, but our members are still welcome to meet at Don Butler's pole barn. Jerry Pitts won the July toilet paper challenge (at right). The only rule was that the carving had to fit inside of a toilet paper roll. You can see he has been busy by the carvings at the left. The snake is a toothpick holder.

Through a vote the Saline Woodcarvers have regretfully decided to cancel this year's Woodcarving Show due to the Covid 19 pandemic but we are working on next year and the show will be October 2nd, 2021.



Tom Jacobson got this outhouse to carve from Floyd at a Xmas party. Wanted to add something to it: A raccoon and skunk when you open the door. He made a Sears Catalog for the skunk to stand on, even though you can't see it.



TRI-CITY CARVERS: This month we are featuring this carving by Mike Basner with a new style of cane handle he is using in walnut and basswood. Also his take on a cane handle with a snake.



This past Winter a storm blew down the Totem Pole. I have begun to restore it. We have begun to restore the totem pole at the Children's Zoo. Maintenance of these beautiful carvings is a large part of what we do there now, see picture at left.

August is the time of year when the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl soap carving takes place. They came up with the idea of videotaping the carving demos and placing the tutorials on multiple sites for viewing. Our group of outstanding instructors included Phil Westendorf, Dick Bishop, Ken Hite, Dick Henning and Jim Noack. See the attached picture from the demo day. They are placing a link to three Facebook Groups for viewing: Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival, Friends of BCSRA and Bay City State Park. Our group of instructors had a great visual display for the background in the video. All instructors had a great memorable time and will be properly immortalized in this video.



Butch Urban has been busy in the jewelry department with his take on the beautiful gemstone rings at the left.



We are still under restrictions and it is a month to month decision by the fire department whether the building can be used for public use. There is no use thru August at a minimum as of this date. We hope to resume our club meetings there before the end of the year.

Another carving show bites the dust! **The FRUITBELT WOODCARVER'S CARVING SHOW**, that was scheduled for November 7&8, 2020, has been cancelled due to the COVID - 19 outbreak. Our club members felt that this was the right thing to do for the health and safety of everyone. We are now looking forward to our November "2021" carving show with our fingers crossed! Thank You, Gary & Terry Gracey

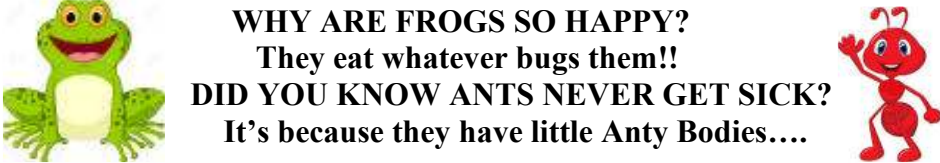
The **SPIT and WHITTLE** and the **WASHINGTON CARVEFEST** have both been cancelled because of the Covid-19 outbreak. These were the last two actual carving workshops for the year. The safety and health of everyone was of the highest concern. Then, the senior center for the Carvefest hasn't opened yet so no activity there. We are planning for about the same time next year.

CHIPS & CHATTER

Please welcome **Christie Garant** as the new **MWCA** treasurer. **Christie** is a member of the **Oakland Livingston wood carvers**. The transition finally happened last month, and everything was handed over. We totally thank our outgoing treasurer **Mary Lou Mulick** for all the years she has tirelessly handled the books. She and her husband **Garry** have also been in charge of the Seminar for many years and have put in many, many hours into seeing that very successful event through. We thank you so very much **May Lou**, it has truly been a pleasure having you as part of the organization.

CHIEF OSCEOLA CARVERS has started meeting weekly again in the hall at the Evart Fairgrounds. We social distance the tables and masks are optional. Unfortunately, all big events have been cancelled at the fairgrounds this year.

MWCA 2021 CALENDAR: We would like to know if the clubs would still be interested in the yearly MWCA calendar for 2021. It would be available by the end of December. Hopefully, we can plan on shows next year and have some dates by then. We are thinking of printing around 200. If your club would be interested, **please let Sandy know by October 1st** how many you would like. We will see what the interest is before we make a commitment and cost (maybe \$5.00) may be a little more because of postage costs. Email Sandy at the email we use for the newsletter, mwcanews@gmail.com. We know dates may not be known at the time of printing, but the word can be put out very easily when they are.



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DID YOU KNOW ANTS NEVER GET SICK?
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It's our drink.
If we don't get it
We can't think!!!



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on or about the first 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

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JANUARY MARCH MAY JULY SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER

2020 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/17-19	SPIT & WHITTLE WEEKEND	CANCELLED	9/16-18/2021
9/25-26	WASHINGTON CENTER CARVEFEST XIV	CANCELLED	
October	MWCA MEMBER MEETING	CANCELLED	
10/3	SALINE CARVING SHOW	CANCELLED	10-2-2021
10/18	FRANKENMUTH CARVING SHOW	CANCELLED	
10/24-25	SAUDER VILLAGE CARVING SHOW	CANCELLED	10/23-24/2021
11/7-8	FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW	CANDELLED	

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MWCA "Patriot Cane Program" completed 30 canes for July and August 2020.

(not bad for a pandemic quarantine!)

From June 2007 thru August 2020, a total of 5017 canes

have been delivered to honored Veterans.

THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program!
Especially to those who stepped up and delivered those eagle heads!

RANK	NAME	BRANCH	CONFLICT	CARVER
Spec3	James R. Bowles	Army	OTHER	Marsh, Bob
SPC5	Dale S. Goodwin	Army	Vietnam	Bemis, Jamie
SPC4(T)	Floyd D. (Duane) Briggs	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Charles
SPC5	Robert W. Hamer	Army	Vietnam	Wilcox, Don
Sgt	Peter P., Jr Prill	Army	Vietnam	Stewart, Wesley
A1C	Clair E. Shoemaker	USAF	Vietnam	Meyers, Stephen
SPC5(T)	Frederick E. Edgington	Army	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald
SPC5	Michael D. Jones	Army	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob
Pvt	Gerald F. Norman	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard
++SPC4(T)	Michael J. Donaldson	Army	Vietnam	Hanson, Richard
HM2	Stewart M. Kath	Navy	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob
Sgt	Davd T. Bliss	Army	Vietnam	Miller, J.C.
SFC (Ret.)	Edwin J. Olsen	Army	SWA	Jackson, Ralph
PFC	James T. Jones	Army	WWII	Meyers, Stephen
Sgt	John D. Miller	USMC	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob
Sgt	Kim R. Shunkwiler	Army	Vietnam	Noack, Jim
Cpl	Thomas G. Montie	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Sgt (T)	John W. Shafer	Army	Vietnam	Kilburn, Bill
LCpl	Thomas V. Barry	USMC	Vietnam	Burkey, Eugene
SPC4(T)	Frederick W. Slater	Army	Vietnam	Kilburn, Bill
SPC4	Terry A. Donnelly	Army	Vietnam	Damiani, Bob
A1C	James P. Hoeffel	USAF	Korea	Bishop, Dick
Cpl	Stanley A. Reese	Army	Korea	Marsh, Bob
Cpl	Robert B. Jr Morgan	USMC	Korea	Marsh, Bob
Spec 5	Jack A. Blessman	Army	Korea	Marsh, Bob
First Sgt (Ret.)	Edgar J. Groom	Army	Vietnam	Miller, Jim
EM3	Geoffrey R. Hughes	Navy	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob
Sgt	James P. Walters	USAF	Vietnam	McFadden, Scott
Sgt	John W. Jr Krumnauer	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Sgt	Roy E. Eischer	Army	WWII	Kilburn, Bill