



**“CHATTER”**  
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**CLUB NEWS “WELCOME TO A DIFFERENT WORLD” CANE REPORT**

**From your President:**

It’s hard to believe that two months have gone by since the last Chatter. What really makes it bad is this Corona19 virus thing that has us isolated and not being able to gather to carve, to have shows and do things as we used to. Maybe further in the year we may get to the normal we knew to where we can get together.

We’ve had to cancel 4 shows to date and our semi-annual meeting. I have discussed with the board that we may not be able to have a meeting for quite some time and that we need to count the ballots and provide you with the results of the election of the Vice

President and Treasurer. The board has decided that Willy and I will meet electronically, open and tally the votes and report the results.

I hope this finds everybody well and doing the best they can with this stay-at-home order.

Denny

**From the Cane Project:**

I want to thank everybody who has stepped up in the last two months, you came through and have done an outstanding job. We now have a pretty good supply of finished heads. We here continue to work on canes and mail them out to our veterans.

Denny

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**The METRO SHOW and GREATER LANSING WOOD CARVERS SHOW had to cancel, MWCA ANNUAL MEETING, EVART ROUNDUP, Rhadigan FLOYDFEST SEMINAR and TRI-CITY CARVING SHOW have also been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. It was unfortunate but had to be done for the safety and health of all so we can all be here to return next year. This should make the 2021 events that much better. We don’t know yet about Hartwick Pines Wood Shaving Days, it is possible it may need to be postponed to next year also. I know we all understand. We may still be able to hold our fall carving shows. Most of us have suspended our carving get-togethers for now also.**

**TRI-CITY CARVERS:** The board has decided to cancel our show in August. This decision was not made lightly and had input from the board as well as a few others who have been involved with the show organization in the past. The general consensus with these Covid-19 restrictions is that we cannot project ahead to when this crisis will abate and public gatherings such as our show will be allowed or even wise to have.



President Harper noted that several of our members were featured in the current Chip Chats Magazine in the articles from the Tri-City Wood Carvers Show and the Frankenmuth Wood Carver’s Guild show.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you and to our country and the world to rid this virus from the population, getting life back to normal for us all. Please, everyone stay safe, follow guidelines and most of all keep in touch with your loved ones and make sure your needs and their needs are being cared for.

The Ward World competition in Ocean City is also cancelled and I am sad that Mike Ford and Dave Arndt will not be able to compete with the projects they have been working so hard to finish for this world competition. Dave’s entry would have been the Queen Angelfish on the left. One of Mikes carvings is the Chestnut sided warbler, not sure

if that was to be entered or not in the Ward World competition.





**SALINE CARVERS:** "In the midst of everything that is currently going on with the COVID-19 virus, we are starting to plan for our 2020 Harvest Festival. The Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, September 27, 2020** from 2:00 – 5:00 at the historic Sutherland-Wilson farm in Pittsfield Township and hopefully by that time everything will be back to normal. <https://salinecarversblog.wordpress.com/>



**FLOYD RHADIGAN:** Been getting a lot done while Hibernating. Miss all the gang at the club. Stay healthy. Been getting some "to finish later" carvings done, finally got my mouse done. Floyd.

**TOILET PAPER CHALLENGE:** Gerry Pitts sent this to us, thinking our members might enjoy the challenge. Do a carving that fits inside a toilet paper tube without touching the sides. It can be anything you want, but it needs to be carved and finished before our quarantine time ends. When you finish the carving, share it with the group online, and — eventually — bring it to our next meeting. This could be something others may like to do also. My



latest stay-at-home carving is a bottle stopper.

**CONNIE SALABIEN** has also found a unique use for paint stir sticks creating a new lampshade. Thank you, Connie.

**LOCKDOWN JUST MEANS MORE TIME FOR CARVING!**

**METRO CARVERS:** It looks like it will still be awhile before we can meet together. Yet I would like to encourage all of you "stay at homers" to take advantage of the time we have at hand. I have been carving up a storm and I have been in contact with several of you and see that you are doing the same - I was happy to hear that. When we finally get to meet we will have a lot to share!

Due to Fred and Pat stepping down this year as Show Chairmen we needed two new volunteers. So Sharon Hill and myself (Sandra Doren) will be Chairpersons starting this year. Sandy Huffman has agreed to slip into the presidents chair so she will be our President for next year. We were planning to nominate her and vote her in in May. Hopefully we will be able to follow thru with that. Jim Strohmeyer is doing a great job as our treasurer. Wishing for everyone's continued well-being.

**CHIPS & CHATTER**

**REMINDER-CALENDAR CHANGES after publishing: The Saline Carving Show was re-scheduled for Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> not Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please correct your calendar.**

**STROPPING:** No matter how you strop, whether by hand or with power, the surface you are working is always face down and out of sight. This makes it difficult to see if you are holding the tool at the correct angle.

I use a Sharpie® marker to draw a broad mark on the side of the blade to be stropped. Stropping removes the ink only from the parts of the blade in contact with the strop. If the ink is removed from the heel of the blade and not the whole bevel, you are holding the tool at too low an angle. If you hold the tool at too high an angle, the ink is removed only from the tip of the edge, which can produce a double bevel. Slightly adjust the way you hold the tool until the ink is removed evenly from the blade; a few additional strokes will polish the tool and remove any remaining ink.

I also use this method when sharpening my tools with a stone or grinder. This way, I can be sure I have only a single bevel on my tools.

Don Ghee Huntington Station, N.Y. -- Reprinted from the Tri City March Newsletter

**THANK YOU to all the MWCA clubs who have paid their 2020-2021 club dues. You have done an outstanding job at taking care of that by the end of April. We only have a few clubs that haven't renewed.**

Mary Lou Mulick

**A NOTE:** for many of the carvers who also attend the annual **Dulcimer Festival** in Evert in July. Unfortunately, it too has been cancelled for this year due to the current virus situation.

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### 2020 MWCA COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
6/3-6	EVART ROUNDUP-Cancelled	Osceola Co Fairgrounds - Evert	734-649-3259 231-250-3855
6/8-12	FLOYDFEST SEMINAR - Cancelled	Osceola Co Fairgrounds – Evert	734-649-3259
7/18-19	WOOD SHAVING DAYS	Hartwick Pines State Park – Grayling	989-384-2537
8/23	TRI-CITY CARVERS SHOW - Cancelled	2 <sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church - Saginaw	989-781-3846

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” completed 57 canes for March and April 2020. From June 2007 thru April 2020, **4933** canes have been delivered. **THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program!**

**Keep those heads coming!**

					Carver	Club
	PFC	John H. McNeil	Army	WWII	Marsh, Bob	MID
	Sgt	Lee H. Bruner	Army	SWA	Bluga, John	MET
	pvt	Horace C. Williams	USMC	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC
	YN2	Arnold A. Linke	Navy	WWII	Dunham, Richard	OWL
	SPC3 (T)	Gordon V. Parkinson	Army	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC
	Sgt	Herbert O. Jenkins	Army	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC
	Sgt	John F., Jr. Lotter	USMC	Vietnam	Shaft Only	
	Cpl	Walter J. III Mack	USMC	vietnam	Morris, Jeanne	N/A

SSgt	Thomas L.	George	USAF	Vietnam	Morris, Jeanne	N/A	
Sgt	David	Herden	Army	Korea	Sanderson, David	HWC	
Sgt	Alphonse B.	Wierzbicki	Army	Korea	Dentino, Gary	FRT	
BT3	Michael J.	Sujkowski	Navy	Other	Smith, Charles	HAW	
Sgt	(PAT)	Mascio	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
A1C	Donald E.	Harris	USAF	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SSgt	Wallace K.	Miller	USAF	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Sgt	Roy E.	Klotz	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Cpl(T)	Harvey	Hershey	Army	korea	Sandeen, Chuck	SLY	
Cpl	Arthur L.	Stepanski	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
PFC	Jack W.	Kappen	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Michael A.	Legato	Army	Vietnam	Wolak, Stan	SLY	
SPC(T)	John C.	Cockerell	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Larry D.	Green	Army	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Cpl	Robert L.	Bielenda	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
EM2	Raymond E.	Daggett	Navy	WWII&Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
GM3	Claud E.	Maynard	Navy	Korea	Yost, Jim	0	
YNT3	James H.	Felton	Navy	Korea	Miller, Jim	MID	
LCpl	John P.	Jenkins	USMC	Vietnam	Wipp, Nancy	SLY	
SPC4	Fredrick A.	(FRED)	Veenstra	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Carl	N/A
FN (E3)	Gordon R., Jr.	Kelly	Navy	Vietnam	Johnston, James	HAW	
Sgt FC (Ret.)	Russell W.	Nehmer	Army	SWA	Hanson, Richard	WGF	
SPC5	Richard D.	Rossell	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW	
PFC(T)	John W.	Bowles	Army	Korea	Cords, Pat	MID	
SPC4	Dale H.	Vanderlaan	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Cpl	Richard G.	Tabbert	USMC	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Cpl	Leonard H.	Golembiewski	USMC	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Frederick L.	Warner	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
PFC	Fred W.	Mallard	Army	Korea	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Cpl	Richard R.	Baker	USMC	Vietnam	Marsh, Bob	MID	
Cpl	Terry L.	Coomer	USMC	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Maj	John G.	Schleicher	Army	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Darrell A.	Hill	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Sgt	Steven L.	Geistel	USMC	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Sgt	Wayne P.	Messing	Army	Vietnam	Murdock, Mike	MET	
PFC	James M.	DuBois	Army	WWII	Pfenning, Ray	OLW	
Tec5	Elwin G.	Farr	Army	WWII	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Monty L.	Mondeau	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
Sgt	Arthur V.	Richmond	USAF	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Darwin K.	Prevo	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC	
SPC4	Roger L.	Keyes	Army	Vietnam	Badertscher, Robert	SCC	
SPC5	Loren C.	Smith	Army	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray	OLW	
Cpl	David B.	Hagaman	USMC	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL	
SPC5	Robert W.(BOB)	Hoon	Army	Vietnam	Gier, Dave	0	
Sgt	James P.	Kotas	Army	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL	

SPC5	John M.	Knasko	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
SPC4	Lovell	Sims	USMC	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Sgt	Kerry L.	Bentivolio	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
PFC(T)	Charles E.	McCloud	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Sgt	Richard T.	Dubay	USAF	Vietnam	Dunham, Richard	OWL
SPC4	Robert K.	Coppernoll	Army	Vietnam	Paupard, Fred	BWC
Cpl	Mark	Jarosz	Army	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally	GCC
Sgt	John G. Jr.	Dohanyos	USMC	Other	Paupard, Fred	BWC

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