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FROM YOUR PREZ:

Things may somewhat be getting back to normal, Hope every one is well thru all this cold winter. There will be an **MWCA meeting on April 9 @ 11:00 am** at 1120 Legion Rd., Corunna MI 49917. A Pizza lunch will be provided. You all come and let's get things back together and growing after these past 2 years. All members are invited to the meeting.

Denny

CARVING CLUB NEWS

SALINE: We are sad to let you know that Myrna Miller has passed on to a better place. She has been a long time MWCA member and Saline member. Myrna was a past MWCA Secretary, and many of you know her. Another member, Charles Jeffries also has passed away, both he and Myrna had recently been awarded life memberships in our club. We've been having a nice turnout for our Wednesday meetings, even though several of our members are in warmer parts of the country. The winter weather has interfered, and Covid has interfered, but it still feels so good to be able to see friendly familiar faces IN PERSON!

Member Tom Jacobson carved the cute pair on the right while on a carving cruise and painted it in acrylics.



WOODLAND CARVERS: A reminder for those looking to visit a carving show, the Woodland Carvers is again showing their stuff at the West Michigan Ultimate Sports Show to be held at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids from March 10-13, 2022. Our tables are provided free of charge. We are located just inside the front entrance. We welcome all members of any Michigan Wood Carvers Association club to participate with us. The four days can be long, so we recommend that you share time with other club members so that your table is always supervised and someone can sell your items if you are not there. You will see a lot of traffic at this show as it draws outdoor sportspersons from all over West Michigan and most of them bring their families and friends. Many will want to talk to you about your carving and may just stand and watch you carve

If you are interested, contact Richard Frye at 269-795-5059 or at rrfrye30@yahoo.com and tell him how many tables you would like to have.

Woodland Wood Carvers

FRANKENMUTH CARVERS GUILD spring show cancelled: We were planning to present a carving show this spring but unfortunately since Covid is still with us to some extent we have decided to wait and we are now looking to have our show sometime in fall of 2022. Keep us in mind for then, information to follow when we know more.

WOODWACKERS: After a year's hiatus from the Festival of the Arts event in Big Rapids, the Woodwackers were back doing demos of carving in the round, chipcarving and relief. This all took place at Artworks in downtown Big Rapids. Eight hardy and healthy carvers showed up to a very well attended event with many carved pieces on display along with a display of the "Lean on Me" cane project. This all took place on February 5th, a very cold day from 11 am to 2 pm, we are always honored and grateful for this opportunity show our stuff, Thank you Artworks.

TRI-CITY CARVERS: We are still planning to have our August show this year but are trying to find suitable venue, will keep you informed of the date and place as things progress.

Starting March 22-23 for carving, March 30-April 1 for painting. Mike Ford will be presenting a 5-day carving class for our members and we will be carving a Woodcock, If we have openings after the March 1st meeting, we will fill them with carvers from other clubs desiring to take the class. To sign up call Mike Basner at 989-598-0101

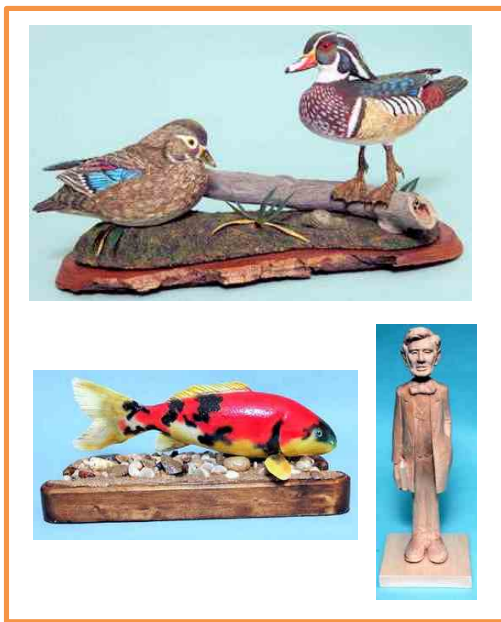


Carving in January at the Antique Warehouse went great, we had seven carvers for the demo. A lot of visitors came by and many stopped to comment on our work.

MERTO CARVERS: We finally did have our show the end of October 2021 after several Covid changes. The 2021 Metro Show was well received by the carving community. As usual, the carving competition featured high quality entries.

Competition Winners

There were 22 carvers that submitted 78 carvings for judging. The three judges were Floyd Rhadigan, Chet Schneider, and Bob Schroder. The first, second and third best of show awards were selected from the 33 first place category winners. The best of show was a wood duck pair by Bill Ebinger, 2nd best of show was a Koy fish by Bob Snyder, and 3rd best of show was a caricature of Lincoln by James Shock. People's choice was won by Don Miller with a Mallard Drake. Second People's choice was James Shock with a carving of the American Flag with Abraham Lincoln depicted on the front and third went to Bob Schroder with a Camelot Castle with a dragon.



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2022 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE: Contact Denny to order them vetcane2@gmail.com or 989-277-5739

PLEASE NOTE IN CALENDAR: The Fruitbelt Carving Show in November will be held at the Arthur E. Stears American Legion Post 223 in Constantine, MI, **NOT** the Cass County Fairgrounds, I am so sorry it was my mistake, please change it on your calendars.

WEEKLEY CARVING CLASSES BY ZOOM:

Again, here continuing opportunity to improve your carving skills or learn something new.

Website: www.masterenglish.biz/bountyofwood

Mar 24-Apr 14: Carve a caricature colt with Gerry Burchard and daughter Michelle.

Check out the website above for more information or to sign up or call Gerry at 248-941-1843.



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CIRCUS PARADE:



Patrick Wentzel is a circus model builder and collector and was honored to have their circus as the featured exhibit at 2014 The Artistry in Wood Show, Dayton, Ohio. Built to 1/12th scale.



Pat and his wife Brenda have collected and restored the circus over the past 30+ years. Most of the animals, figures and wagons were carved and built in the late 1940's thru the early 1960's. Almost everything is hand carved or hand built. There are four or five different carvers represented in this display including Patrick. The band wagons are based on actual wagons. Charles Deck who passed away in 1969 carved most of the horses which were created in the 1950's.



Pat's main interest has been amassing the various elements of a vintage early 1900's circus street parade. This representation of a miniature circus parade was assembled from many different sources and collections. At Dayton, they exhibited approximately 50 feet of circus parade. Once they have restored other carvings and wagons in the collection,



they should be able to exhibit a parade well in excess of 160 feet. As points of reference, a standing human figure is approximately 6 inches in height.

They also have a small display of various scales of miniature circus on permanent display and loan in a children's museum in Marietta, Ohio.

I asked Pat if he was familiar with the Children's Museum carousel in Saginaw and he said yes he did as he is the National Carousel Association Census Chairman in addition being the NCA President and maintains a database of North American carousels for them. www.carousels.org/psp/SaginawMI

Carousel census page: www.carousels.org/NCAcensus.html

Pat is also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Carousel Modelers and Miniatures Association. Want to know more about Pat check his website www.patrickwentzel.com/Patrick He also has carousel animal blanks for purchase.

MWCA is now collecting membership dues for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Your club renewal information was sent out the first part of February and dues will be due by April 1, 2022. Information is usually sent to whoever paid before. Dues are still \$2.00 per member.

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2022 MWCA COMING EVENTS

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

2022	EVENTS	LOCATION	INFORMATION
3/10-13	Ultimate Sports Show MWCA invited to participate	DeVos Place in downtown Grand Rapids	269-795-5059
6/15-18	Woodcarvers Roundup	Osceola Co. Fairgrounds, Ewart	734-649-3259
6/20-24	Floydfest Carving Seminar	Osceola Co. Fairgrounds, Ewart	734-649-3259

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We are sorry but currently due to illness we do not have a list of “Lean on Me” carvers.