



“CHATTER”
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***CLUB NEWS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

***SHOWS ARE BACK**

FROM YOUR PREZ:

Well here we are the end of August, hope and pray every one is doing ok, we do have some carving gatherings coming up, keep an eye on the web site to see what and where, and note any changes.

Its been way too hot, remember to support or shows, when you can, I'll be there looking to see old friends.

Canes are doing well, we were almost caught up, but then more applications started coming in, we are behind again, but will keep working, keep carving those heads, will have Blanks at the shows. All for now, Denny

CARVING CLUB NEWS

SALINE CARVING SHOW: Will be held October 2, at the Liberty School, 7265 N. Ann Arbor St. Saline 48176. Frankenmuth will have a table at our show, since their group will not have their own show this year. Nineteen tables have been paid for so far. Don't wait until it's too late to claim YOUR tables! Contact **Tom Jacobson 734-476-3441** or tomjacobson@comcast.net

Frankenmuth will have a table at our show, since their group will not have their show this year. We will be having a swap meet the week after our show organized by Floyd Rhadigan. Great way to clear out the stuff we don't need and bring home some more stuff!!

We had a great picnic (picture at right) this year at Don and Pat's country estate. We talked, ate, talked, drank tasty beverages, ate, and generally enjoyed a splendid club occasion.

Sharon and Nance attended Hobby Data at Crosswinds Marsh with 34 students participating in soap carving from age 3 years to middle-aged adults. One of the adults has agreed to help teach soap caring with us next year! It was a good chance to hand out flyers for our October show.

Saline Club would like you to check out carving the Civil Conservation Core carver (see left) to be found at the website by Russell Scott from Minnesota at <http://www.scottcarvings.com/> He has a free 127 page pattern book and many YouTube videos to enhance or improve your carving skills.



METRO CARVERS SHOW UPDATE: Our old hall in Madison Heights is now permanently closed and thus our show there is cancelled there.

The good news is that we have found a new location for this year's show. We just signed a contract. We will be working on new fliers and a media blitz to spread the word.

SHOW DATES ARE NOW October 30 and 31, 2021 (changed from the 23rd/24th).

Still a two-day show: **Saturday Oct 30th** 10:00 am to 4 pm and **Sunday Oct 31st** 10:30 am to 4 pm.

See flyer attached to this email.

NEW Location:

CARPATHIA HALL

38000 Utica Road

Sterling Heights, Mi, 48093

For more info, call Sharon Hill @ (586) 557-3712 or email at sharon0229@att.net.

Attached is the PDF show flyer for the show or check metrocarvers.com for flyer when available.

We will have the hall available for **setup** time **and** show / **cleanup** from

Friday	Oct 29, from Noon to 4:00 pm.	open to public	NO
Saturday	Oct 30, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm	open to public	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sunday	Oct 31 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm	open to public	10:30 am to 4:00 pm

These are different hours than the past

SPIT & WHITTLE: Will not happen this year, see you Sept 15-17, 2022.

FLOYDFEST CARVING SEMINAR September 13-17. Floyd still has openings in most classes. Caricature and Fish are full. Contact him at **734-649-3259** or **rhads134@comcast.net** **See attached PDF application.**

TRI-CITY CARVERS: Thanks to Saginaw County Parks and Recreation to allow us to have our carving nights with no charge for use of the park or for parking. What a perk for our club!!

During the pandemic we have not had as much activity with the cane program. However since we are getting out again things have picked up. Mike Basner has carved several heads during this time and we were able to share some with the Michigan Wood Carvers program m.

We had 26 people (below) come out for our picnic. This was good as it was threatening to rain and some folks are still concerned about the virus.



We presented soap carving instruction at the Bay City State Recreation Area on August 7th for the youth that attend ed the Michigan Duck Hunter's Festival at the State Park.

Carving at the zoo (right) the kids are trying to pick out the best Owl to take home with them. It was a hard choice. Lots of kids came through and many enjoyed



the carvings and the Owl Pencil toppers carved by Jim Silva.

FRUITBELT CARVERS: The Fruitbelt Woodcarving 40th Annual Wood Carving Show is being held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Arthur E. Stears American Legion Post 223, Business US 131, Constantine, MI. Whether you are interested in wood carving, 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. For more information contact Tom Grile at 269-816-2784 or Gary Gracey at 269-483-7089.

CHIPS & CHATTER

FREE CARVING CLASS OPPORTUNITY starting Sept 10th for those withing driving distance of Charlotte. Fred Erbisch of the Grater Lansing Carvers is offering a free class:

Johnson's Workbench is holding its annual EXPO on September 10th and 11th in Charlotte. I will be offering 3 free carving classes for adults and 1 for kids. The Friday adult classes will be carving fairy doors and the Saturday class will feature doorstops. The Friday classes are 2 hours long and the Saturday class will last 3 hours. The kids class will be 2 hours. I have been asked to be the Flexcut representative at the EXPO. Flexcut has supplied 2 pieces for each adult class, the cowboy boot and leaf sets, which will presented to 2 lucky people in each class. In addition, I will hold a drawing for a 10 piece Flexcut mallet tool set valued at over \$300. Anyone interested in entering the drawing for this tool set should see me, Fred, at the carving tent during the EXPO. The drawing will be held at 3pm on the 11th. It is not necessary for the winner to be present at the drawing. For more information contact Fred Erbisch at **FErbisch@gmail.com** or **517 316-5730**.

Blanks are free. In addition to fairy doors (5 different ones) and doorstops (4 different ones) there will be cowboy boot, key-ring fish, penguin, ladybug and a trout blanks for them to take home. I keep hoping this will inspire people to continue carving.

THINGS NOBODY SAID IN THE 80”s....
“I LOST MY PHONE”



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ALL CLUBS AGAIN: Please check your club information on the ***miwoodcarvers.com*** website. We want to make sure the information is correct so folks can contact you
To update info Contact: justin.john.swanson@gmail.com or harry.mwca@gmail.com

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Remembering our carvers:

Harrison Wood Carver Jim Piwowar passed away on July 4, 202, he was an exceptional wood carver.

Metro Carver Robert Rock passed away on June 16th, he attended many carving events.

Tri City Carver Jim Anderson passed away on July 13th. Jim was one of the founding members of the Tri City Wood Carvers Club and he and his wife Jeanette contributed a lot of their time and talents to the Tri-City Wood Carvers and to the carousel at the Saginaw Zoo.

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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2021 MWCA COMING EVENTS

2021	EVENTS	LOCATION	INFORMATION
9/13-17	FLOYDFEST	Osceola Fairgrounds, Ewart	734-649-3259
10/2	SALINE CARVING SHOW	Liberty School 7265 N. Ann Arbor St. Saline 48176	734-476-3441 tomjacobson@comcast.net
10/30-31	METRO CARVING SHOW	Carpathia Club Sterling Hgts	586-557-3712 248-252-8958
11/ 6-7	FRUITBELT CARVING SHOW Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3	American Legion Post 233 Constantine, MI	269-816-2784 269-483-7089

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” completed 18 canes for July & August 2021.
 From June 2007 thru August 2021, a total of 5200 canes have been delivered to honored Veterans.

THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program!

Keep those eagle heads coming.

Rank	Name	Branch	Conflict	Carver
SPC4	Thomas R. Princinsky	Army	Vietnam	Fowler, Jake
SPC5	Gary H. Losey	Army	other	Fowler, Jake
Sgt	Amanda J. Mikulka	Army	GWOT	Fowler, Jake
Sgt	John D. Lynch	Army	Vietnam	Belli, Lou
RD3	Dennis P. Conway	Navy	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally
SPC4	James A. Covey	Army	Vietnam	Belli, Lou
Cpl	Richard A. Hart	USMC	Vietnam	Meyers, Stephen
SPC5	Larry R. Feikema	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Bruce
CPL	Thomas Falkowski	Army	other	Belli, Lou
SPC4	Gerald C. Sohn	Army	Vietnam	Floyd, Chris
Sgt	James Sutton	USAF	Vietnam	Miller, Jim
SPC4	Douglas C. Stevens	Army	other	Smith, Wendell
Sgt	William E. Dennis	army	Vietnam	Smith, Charles
SSgt/Sgt	Scott R. Swineheart	Army/USMC	GWOT	Smith, Bruce
Cpl	Michael W. Kolbe	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Smn 1C	John R. Butler	Navy	WWII	Fowler, Jake
MSgt (Ret)	Chadwick H. Wilson	USAF	SWA	Denning, Mary
SPC4	Gerald F. Viener	army	Other	Fowler, Jake