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***CLUB NEWS**

***UPCOMING EVENTS**

***SHOWS ARE BACK**

FROM YOUR PREZ:

It looks like things are getting somewhat back to normal. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming shows. I would like to try to have a MWCA meeting at the Metro show in October. If you have any

feedback on the matter let me know. The cane program is doing as well as can be. Still need heads. Everyone have a good, safe summer and hope to see you soon. ---- Den

CARVING CLUB NEWS

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.

MID-MICHIGAN CARVERS: We have about 12-20 carvers every Tuesday. We're open now from 12:00-8:00 with 2 crews. One group comes from 11:30-2:30, then another group comes from 5:00-7:00. New location 2276 East M-21, between Jellybeans & 5th/3rd Bank in Corunna.

SALINE CARVING SHOW: Will be held October 2, at the Liberty School, 7265 N. Ann Arbor St. Saline 48176. Contact Tom Jacobson 734-476-3441 or tomjacobson@comcast.net

SPIT & WHITTLE: Will not happen this year and in it's place Floyd Rhadigan will hold his Floydfest Carving Seminar September 13-17. Plan on September 15-17, 2022, for Spit and Whittle return.

TRI-CITY CARVERS

See you at the Picnic at the Zoo on Tuesday July 13 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your family to enjoy the carousel. We'll be doing the soap carving instruction at the Bay City State Recreation Area on August 7, 2021 for the youth that attend the Michigan Duck Hunter's Festival at the State Park.

Good news, we will be meeting back at station 1 in the month of August.



We are still working on our totem poles for the Children's Zoo, We are about 1/2 done and plan to finish the staining process by early July. We expect to place them near the pavilion at the children's play area sometime in August.

CHIPS & CHATTER

OF POSSIBLE INTEREST: I'm a resident in Royal Oak Michigan, looking to remove two 60' black walnut trees from my backyard this summer. I am considering milling it for paneling and trim for a planned addition and believe I will have a significant amount left over. Wondering if there is any interest in acquiring any of this wood as a means by which I can reduce my costs. I know walnut is a prized carving wood and you may get these kinds of offers all the time (as people think walnut to be worth its weight in gold), but I thought I'd take a shot. Thanks. Nick Salowich salowich@smithgroup.com 313-418-9204

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Contact: justin.john.swanson@gmail.com or harry.mwca@gmail.com to change info.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Tri-City Carvers: May 10th, Gerald Willis passed away. He was a long-time member of the Tri-City Woodcarvers where he had served as a Past President and was also instrumental in initiating the carousel at the Saginaw Children's Zoo. Gerald was a Master Carver for 30 years. He was given the Saginaw Altrusa Award in the late 1990's for his work on the carousel. Many prayers for his family as so many of us knew Gerry.

Metro Carvers: May 20th, Mike LePage. Long-time member of the Metro Club went to be with his Lord. He was always at shows with his vendor table with eyes and feet and things for carving birds. He also taught his wood carving skills at Lakeshore High School Adult Education classes. Prayers for his wife Mary Jo and family.

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

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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
10/23-24	METRO CARVING SHOW	Food Workers Hall-Madison Hgts	586-557-3712
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 32 canes for May & June 2021.
 From June 2007 thru April 2021, a total of 5182 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
Sgt	William J. Gulvas	Army	Vietnam	DeHate, Wayne
Sgt	William B. Stephenson	Army	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Sgt	Robert L.(Leo) McMillan	Army	Vietnam	Sandeen, Chuck
GySgt	Johnnie W. Mondragon	USMC	SWA	Bishop, Dick
PFC (T)	Barry A. Donaldson	Army	Other	Strobel, Robert
HM2	Ana M. Farris	Navy	GWOT	Smith, Charles
Cpl	Glenn F. Siminski	USMC	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Cpl	William H. Siess	USMC	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally
SPC5	James H. Schmidt	Army	Vietnam	Meyers, Stephen
Sgt	Christopher A. Graff	Army	SWA	Bishop, Dick
Maj (ret)	Michael A. Reeve	Army	SWA/GWOT	Belli, Lou
PFC	George A. Guritz	Army	WWII	Meyers, Stephen
Sgt	Paul Hoover	USMC	Vietnam	Strobel, Robert
LCpl	Roger L. Ward	USMC	SWA	Nielson, Ronald
Sgt	Rodger D. Whiting	USAF	Vietnam	Pfenning, Ray
TSgt	Robert B. Fekken	USAF	SWA/GWOT	Smith, Wendell
SSgt	Gregg R. Alger	Army	GWOT	Bishop, Dick
Cpl	Wilbur O. VanNortwick	Army	WWII	Nielson, Ronald
A1C	Carnet L. (Smitty) Smith	USAF	Vietnam	Mooney, Mason
CEW3	Michael F. Bartenslager	Navy	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell

Sgt	Bruce R.	Mead	Army	Vietnam	Nielson, Ronald
FT3	Kip L.	Eisele	Navy	Vietnam	Smith, Wendell
Sgt	Dennis E.	Wilton	USAF	other	Miller, Don
LCpl	Timothy W.	Painter	USMC	Other	Nielson, Ronald
Sgt	Arsey L.	Miller	Army	vietnam	Overby, Curtis
SPC4	Victor M.	Diaz	army	SWA	Smith, Wendell
SPC4	Tamalya L.	McMillian	army	other	Saarinen, John
Cpl	Kenneth A.	Bruins	USMC	Vietnam	Bishop, Dick
Sgt	Charles E.	Covey	Army	Vietnam	Miller, Pat
SPC4	Merwin J. Jr	McKechnie	Army	Vietnam	Walcutt, Wally
SPC4(T)	David M.	Wagner	USMC	other	Miller, Pat
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