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**PRESIDENT’S REPORT CLUB NEWS CANE REPORT**

From your President:

This past year has been horrible because of the pandemic, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.  We are going to have shows this year!  On July 21 the 11th Annual Buckeye Roundup begins.  Floydfest is coming in September and the Metro show is scheduled for October. Watch our website for further details.

I attended the Buckeye show last year and had a very good time.  The auction was entertaining.

The cane project is going very well. We are still receiving a few applications so finished heads are needed.

Club meetings are reopening in some places.  The Mid-Michigan Woodcarvers had 12 people in attendance at our new facility.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these events this summer.

Denny

**CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**METRO CARVERS:** It is now official. Metro Carvers of Michigan is holding our 40th carving show which will be held Saturday and Sunday October 23-24, 2021 at the United food and Commercial Workers Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Our show chair ladies are Sharon Hill, **Sharon0229@att.net**, **586-557-3712** and Sandra Doran **sandradoran@aol.com, 248-252-8968.** Sharon is the primary contact for inquiries about table rental information and more. For more info you can also contact Jim Strohmeyer, **jamesstrohmeyer@yahoo.com, 248-930-7092.** $4.00 at the door, children under 12 free, “Lean on Me” recipients also free with cane. There is a General carving competition and a People’s choice award, and the best table will also receive a small prize. We will have entertainment both days (Live reptile demonstration). Food will be available, Sunday breakfast goes on as usual with small ticket lottery for those in attendance and we will still have a Blanket Swap. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone after such a trying year.

**CHIEF OSCEOLA WOOD CARVERS** will be starting their weekly carving get-togethers the first of May. If you are in the area we usually meet each Thursday at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evart and meet together from 10:00 am to noon.

**TRI-CITY CARVERS:** Last year at this time we were in full swing planning for our August showbut it was soon cancelled because of Covid. This year is no exception, unfortunately we are NOT planning a show this year either.

**SOME OTHER GROUPS** have also started getting together to carve again.

**TRI-CITY CARVERS COVID CARVINGS:**

 

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1. Phil Westendorf is modifying the Confederate Horse to be a Michigan Militia Horse, The 23 rd. Michigan Militia mustered in East Saginaw during the Civil War. The horse is not finished yet but is heading in the right direction.

2. Mike Ford has done another spectacular job on a chickadee. This guy is setting on a Red Bud branch. Beautiful work.

3. Beautiful bee by Dick Henning used a silk flower and put 12 coats of sealer on it. I try to always make my habitat but not this time. I didn’t feel the bee justified the time to carve a flower.

4. Mike Basner with another beautifully carved cane.

**CHIPS & CHATTER**

**2021-2022 MWCA MEMBERSHIP:** Because of the Covid pandemic all clubs that paid membership dues to 2021, dues will be waived for 2021-2022. All paid members on your roster for 2021 will be paid to 2022. I believe most clubs are in sort of limbo right now, not many having carving get-togethers until Covid subsides. But keep up the carving and when a lot of us have our vaccines we will probably start getting together again.

**Cedar Bird Shop** - We are still in business, although 2020 was a complete loss. We would like to sell the business and our inventory. You can contact us by phone (989) 928-4242(cell), or E-mail, cedarbirdshoppe@charter.net . Customers are welcome to visit us when we are home, just let us know ahead and call for date and time. Face Masks are required. We are shipping orders via Post Office, UPS or pickup. We hope 2021 will be better if the COVID-19 is defeated.

**WOOD CARVERS ROUNDUP** has been postponed till next year. Due to the unpredictable Covid situation and safety of everyone it was decided it was best to wait another year when hopefully things will be back to normal and everyone is vaccinated. Due to the fact that most workshop leaders plan far in advance for supplies it was only fair to give them time to adjust. It will give folks time to plan other activities for their summer also. See you all next year!

**FLOYDFEST CARVING SEMINAR** has also been rescheduled for September 13-17 at the Osceola County Fairgrounds, replacing Spit and Whittle for this year. We are planning on whittling again in 2022 when things are more certain. Contact Floyd for more information **rhads134@comcast.net**, **734-649-3259**

**GREAT CARVING OPPORTUNITY for on-line and face-to-face.** With members of the Oakland/Livingston Wood Carvers. There is a cost for each class.

**Zoom Class on Eagle Head Canes for Vets starting May 3:** with Gerry Burchard. Part 1, 4 classes in May (Drawing lines/Roughing in). Part 2, 4 classes in June (Rounding/details/woodburning). Part 3, 4 classes in July ending in August (Painting/finishing and submission to Lean On Me Program (optional).

 Each class 30 minutes instruction and 60 minutes carving with instructor. For more information on any of the classes call Gerry Burchard  248-941-1843. Email: glburchard@yahoo.com

**THE “CHATTER” NEWSLETTER GOES OUT BY E-MAIL ONLY** 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**

**THIS PAST YEAR HAS PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE. IT’S OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, OUR HOME AND OUR HEALTH THAT HAS HELPED US THROUGH. IT HAS SHONE A LIGHT ON THE THINGS THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED...THE THINGS THAT WERE RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF US ALL ALONG.**



**NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS DID I THINK THAT I WOULD GO TO THE BANK, WEARING A MASK AND ASK FOR MONEY!**

**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**

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| **2021** | **EVENTS PLANNED (What we know right now)** | **LOCATION** | **INFORMATION** |
| **9/13-17** | **FLOYDFEST** | Evart Fairgrounds | 734-649-3259 |
| **10/23-24** | **METRO CARVING SHOW** | Food Workers Hall-Madison Hgts | 586-557-3712 |

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MWCA “Patriot Cane Program” completed 38 canes for March & April 2021.

From June 2007 thru April 2021, a total of 5152 canes have been delivered to honored Veterans.

**THANKS to everyone for your help and support for the program! Keep those eagle heads coming.**

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