

**“CHATTER”**  
NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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**\*CLUB NEWS**

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*SOME SHOWS ARE BACK**

### **FROM YOUR PREZ:**

Happy New Year everyone! The last of October we attended the Metro show with a very fine turnout. Dave Copeman won the eagle head competition and there were 20 other heads turned in. Then, the first weekend in November, we attended the Fruitbelt show. Also a very nice turnout.

We had a very slow December because the both the Mid Michigan Carvers and the museum have

moved back to our old address at 1110 Legion Road, Corunna 48817. Meetings are Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8PM.

Hopefully, in this new year, we will be getting back to somewhat normal.

Happy New Year!

Best regards,  
Denny

### **CARVING CLUB NEWS**

**MWCA will again be collecting membership this year dues for April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.**

**Last year with everything that was going on we decided not to collect dues. Your club renewal information will be sent out the first part of February and dues will be due by April 1, 2022. Information is usually sent to one of your officers. Dues are still \$2.00 per member.**

***For your information we have decided at this time we will not be issuing any member cards as we really have not seen a use for them over the past years. That could change in the future if there is a need. For now we have also dropped the member numbers, however we will still keep your 3 letter club code and your club number.***

**SALINE:** Even with Covid hanging around, our group has been able to meet and create and talk and drink coffee and laugh and even present a GREAT annual show! Our woodcarving group had a PIZZA and SALAD Christmas Party at the Saline Senior Center. Dave Stirling's name will be added to our group's Andrew Luckhardt Memorial plaque. Dave won People's Choice with his fish carvings at this year's show.

**WOODLAND CARVERS** has two great opportunities for you.

**First:** Kindall Furniture is looking for a carver to work either at their location at 4047 Eastern SE in Grand Rapids or at home. If you are interested, call Will at 616-745-0990 or Human Resources at Kindall.

**Second:** Our club 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 sportspeople 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](mailto:rrfrye30@yahoo.com) and tell him how many tables you would like to have.

Woodland Wood Carvers

**FRANKENMUTH CARVERS GUILD:** We have a bit of exciting news. The Guild is considering putting on a two day show in the Spring of 2022. We are changing venues and will not be limited by the Frankenmuth school activities. The possible weekends we are looking at are April 23 - 24 or April 30 May 1. More to follow later.

**FRUITBELT CARVERS:** November 6, 2021. We had another great show despite the pandemic. Our first place winners were Tom Grile on left for best of Professional and Mark Acker on right for best of Intermediate. They both did wonderful carvings of ducks. Others were 3-8, Max Samuelson, Gary Gracey, Gordon Roberts, Gary Gracey, Brenda Plummer and Terry Gracey.



**TRI-CITY CARVERS:** We missed having our show this year but are tentatively planning for Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> in 2022. We will carve at the Antique Warehouse on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Carvings will be showcased through the month of January.

We have ordered a Bronze plaque in memory of Gerald Willis to be placed on the Carousel building at the children's zoo which will be publicly unveiled in April when the zoo opens for the season.

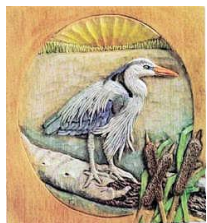
### CHIPS & CHATTER



**2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE:** All the shows may not be listed but we did list any that we were sure of at the time of printing. I know I didn't have all club patches, but the ones I had were on the front cover. This year they are in color, the new printer surprised us by printing it all in color this year, however since they have always in B/W a couple of pages are still black and white because I didn't use a color picture. Contact Denny to order them [vetcane2@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### WEEKLY CARVING CLASSES BY ZOOM:



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

Website: [www.masterenglish.biz/bountyofwood](http://www.masterenglish.biz/bountyofwood)

Jan 6-Mar10: A Blue Heron relief with Gerry Burchard. (There still may be time to sign up)

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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**ALL CLUBS AGAIN:** Please check your club information on the [miwoodcarvers.com](http://miwoodcarvers.com) website.

We want to make sure the information is correct so folks can contact you. To update info

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## FROM THE TRI CITY NEWSLETTER:

How To Paint Woodcarvings: (from Chipping Away) Once your carving has been completed, make sure you perform a thorough cleanup. If the carving is dirty from handling it's a good idea to wash it. Use tap water and spray on an all purpose cleaner (Simply Green is a good one.) Scrub it with a small nylon brush such as your spouse's toothbrush. Rinse thoroughly and let dry. If the carving is really small you may want to consider screwing it to a painting stick. A painting stick is simply a dowel (1/2" or larger) with a screw mounted on its end with the point sticking up.



1. Apply a liberal coat of linseed oil and mineral spirits thinned to 50 / 50 or Lacquer Thinner and Lacquer. Wipe off the excess and then allow to dry overnight.

2. Paint with an acrylic wash. Some carvers use a window cleaner (like Windex) to thin the acrylic paint instead of tap water. Using the glass cleaner makes the paint flow evenly and doesn't raise the grain of the wood. By the way, this glass cleaner and water mixture is great for cleaning your paint brushes. Try using 1 part paint to 7 parts water/mixture first and add more paint if you find it too thin.

3. This paint wash should be thin enough to let any grain in the wood show through. Don't be afraid to choose imagination in your choice of colors. Mixing your own colors is another choice. Read more below!

4. Let it sit and make sure the carving is thoroughly dry.

5. Boiled linseed oil makes a good sealer. Apply it with a brush and let it sit for 10 minutes then wipe it off with a paper towel.

**Basic tips on paint preparation.** To create a custom color shade, start by adding the light colors before adding in the dark ones. You will require less dark color in the painting process.

Mix colors on a paper plate so you don't have to clean up afterward. Use an eyedropper to make sure you don't add too much water or thinner in the mix. To ascertain whether the paint has been thinned enough, paint it on a newspaper. If the print on the paper is visible the mixture is ready for application.

Make sure to score the wood lightly between colors to separate them. After your carving has dried, add a final coating of any sealer you like using the paint brush or spray. This will not only make your carving appear better but will also greatly increase the durability and lifespan of your work. Excerpts from WoodIsWood

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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
April TBD	Frankenmuth Carving Show	More info later+	
6/15-18	Woodcarvers Roundup	Osceola Co. Fairgrounds, Evart	734-649-3259
6/20-24	Floydfest Carving Seminar	Osceola Co. Fairgrounds, Evart	734-649-3259

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