

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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John Sabina, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday January 13th 2009:

Next meetings are: Feb 10th,
Mar 10th, Apr 14th, May 5th, Jun 16nd.
The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time, libraries and supply purchases. The Business meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. *If you don't have a nametag please pick up a sticker at the door and put your name on it.*

TREASURERS REPORT: By Doug Evans

Club dues for \$15 should be made payable to **Metro Carvers of Michigan**. Mail to: Doug Evans, 722 Canterbury, Madison heights, MI 48071 Dues paid after Dec. include a \$4 late fee. **Names removed** from the Metro roster are listed on the last page.

New Club Members

Mike Dietz – 43786 Trillium, Sterling Hgts., Mi. 48314
William E Lowe – 1809 Bonnieview Dr., Royal Oak, Mi. 48030
Francis Fredal – 28444 Campbell, Warren, Mi. 48093 (no Pic)



Mike Dietz



William E Lowe

In our Memory

Joe Kovacs, a Metro Carvers member since 1985.

I am writing you on behalf of my Mom, Irmgard Kovacs, to inform you that my father, Joe passed away Thursday, November 20, 2008. My Dad was proud to be a member of the Metro Carvers and we are proud to display his artwork. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the members of the Metro Carvers and spoke often of the fine people he interacted with.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

Paul Blanchard is doing a fine job in arranging for speakers at our monthly club meetings. I thought that both the Pewterer (Nov) and the Bow Carver (Dec) were both very interesting and informative. As your president, I watch the audience's reaction to the speakers and have to judge when to ask to bring the presentation to a close. Sometimes the end is dictated by schedule, and sometimes by audience reaction. I would like to hear your impressions of the various speakers, to gauge both the length and content of the various presenters. Paul has additional speakers coming and we are always interested in keeping our meetings relevant. So, please, do not hesitate to let me know your thoughts on presentations.



Please be reminded that it is time to pay the piper, so to speak. Our club dues are \$15 per year and include membership in both Metro and the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. The biggest expense covered by your dues is your monthly newsletter. Our carving year runs from September until the following June. Annual dues are payable as of September each year for the full carving year. We allow a grace period from September until the end of December for dues payment. After December a \$4.00 late fee is added to the dues for a total of \$19.00.

If your dues are not paid by the end of December, this issue of our newsletter is the last that you will receive. (See last page for those affected.) Please send your dues to our treasurer, Doug Evans, before the end of December to avoid the late fee. If you are choosing to let your membership lapse, we certainly wish you well.

Theme carving for this season:

Jan	Stylized Carving	Feb	Birds
Mar	Bark Carving	Apr	Relief Carving
May	Flowers	June	Patriotism

Guest Speaker - By Paul Blanchard

Our guest speaker for January will be Chris Pawlik. Following is her self introduction.

Chris Pawlik holds two degrees, one in Advertising Design and the other in Illustration. For years she worked in

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recycled paper making old world Santas and snowmen. However, wanting to expand into more non-seasonal work she went back to working with hard shell gourds in 1999. She then started teaching classes and entered her first gourd show. Since that first show she has continued to win in competition and in a years time has won best of show and taken second in points. Coming from a long line of Carpenters she says sawdust is in her blood, more like gourd dust these days! She admits she has a hard time looking at a block of wood and seeing something, but look at a gourd and the possibilities seem endless. She likes working with gourds because just about every thing you can do with wood can be done with a hard shell gourd.

Metro Show Volunteer Opportunities: By John Sabina

Our annual Carving Show is coming in March of 2008. The specific dates are Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd. Our annual show is THE big event on the Metro calendar, our chance to demonstrate our friendliness, organizational abilities, and carving talents. The Metro Carvers of Michigan Show has a proud tradition and our aim is to make each show better than the last. After all, Metro Carvers is the largest carving club in Michigan. The secret to a great show is organization and plenty of volunteers. We need your help!

Show Hours are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday (7 hours) and from 10:30 AM until 4:00 PM on Sunday (5 ½ hours.)

Volunteer opportunities break down into assignments in three specific time periods:

Before the Show Weekend:

PUBLICITY – This job entails making the carving community and general public aware of the show. People to hand out fliers and other pre-event publicity are also needed.

DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR - This individual will pass out club purchased blanks to interested carvers and collect the finished door prizes before the show.

CARVING DEMO COORDINATOR – This individual will line up presenters for various one-hour demonstrations during the show. Possible demos include sharpening, carving, painting, wood burning and the like.

Show Weekend Before and After Hours:

These people are the unsung heroes of the show. These volunteers make all participants feel welcome and provide valuable assistance. The specific opportunities are:

SHOW SET UP ON FRIDAY – time usually about 1100. **Need 3 to 6 people** to tape down extension cords, pass out packets or whatever is needed.

HOSPITALITY – two-fold – Sat 0630 – 0930 set up coffee and donuts for the vendors in the spare kitchen. Also on Sun 0700 – 0930 set up coffee. **One person required.**

COURTESY - Assist Vendors unloading their vehicles and take merchandise to their tables on Saturday from 0630 to 0930 hours. Sunday 1600 to approx 1730 – assist participants in loading up their materials and taking them to their vehicles. **Need 3 to 6 people on each day.**

BREAKFAST TABLE SET UP - Saturday after the show closes set up tables and additional chairs and cover tables for the Sunday breakfast. **Need 2 people.**

SECURITY – SATURDAY NIGHT –two or more persons spend the night at the hall and make sure that no one enters the hall without permission – will call 911 if necessary for fire, etc. Also let Lions Club members into hall early on Sun morning for the preparation of exhibitor breakfast.

During Show Hours: (note show hours above.)

TICKET SELLERS (FRONT DOOR) - Take money, sell entry tickets and give door prize tickets to each person entering show. With 2 persons for two hours each, this will require 26 people.

PEOPLES CHOICE – Take in the carvings on Saturday for competition and give out ballots for voting on both days. Chairpersons are Bill & Ruth Phillips. One additional person for each three-hour shift is recommended for a total of **four additional volunteer slots.**

CLUB TABLE –Pass out club information and door prizes. This is a general information table that is best manned by two persons. With one-hour shifts this table will require **24 people.**

CLUB RAFFLE TABLE– Sell tickets for donated carvings. Larry and Dolores Lloyd have volunteered for this. One additional person for two-hour shifts is recommended for a total of **12 additional people.**

SECURITY (HOSPITALITY) – during the day – Club members who will walk thru and make sure vendors get a break from their table if needed – smoke, bathroom, food, etc. They will walk around and be a visible Metro Member. Two persons are suggested for two hour shifts for a total of **10 people.**

The 72 volunteer slots defined during the show may seem like a very large number but certainly not impossible with a club of our size. With this number of volunteers, we will have a great show and all volunteers will still have plenty of time to enjoy the show themselves. Obviously we can get by with fewer people, but those who do volunteer will have to work longer. Last year we had plenty of volunteers, but many did not sign up before the show. Instead, they volunteered at the show, after assignments had already been made. Please, if you plan on helping, let us know before the show to reduce stress and confusion during the show.

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Contact John Sabina at 586-786-1967 if you already see your spot. Otherwise, formal sign up sheets will be available at the January and February club meetings. Thank you in advance for being part of the action.

Metro Show Update: By Mike LePage

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. It's three months until show time, and there is still a lot of work to be done. There will be volunteer sheets at the next meeting. I've had some of the club members (you know who you are) come up and tell me they will help out wherever needed. So one of the volunteer slips will be "Help Where Needed." My hope is that all the volunteer slots will be filled by the end of the meeting.

At the December meeting, one of our newer members, Jim LaBudde, volunteered to help Saturday morning with greeting exhibitors and vendors and helping them find their table. Thanks, Jim. Again, this year, Joe DeMist, volunteered to help the exhibitors and vendors to unload their items. Thanks, Joe. Joe could use three or more helpers. Helping the people unload and welcoming them is our way of letting them know that we appreciate them supporting our show.

Thanks to Pat Murphy for cutting out blocks for our Friendship Cane to be raffled at the Show. We want to use the Spring Theme for the carved blocks. We need members to take a block and carve and sign it. Here are some ideas if you need inspiration:

Baseball player; Basketball player; Hockey Player; Fisherman; Hunter; Woman in Straw hat or Easter bonnet or Spring cleaning scarf; Bird watcher with binoculars; Tax man; Tulips; Daffodils; Crocus; Trilliums; Roses; Lilacs; Flowers in basket; Clover leaf; Pussy willow buds; Mushrooms; Dogwood flowers; Cherry or Apple blossoms; Fish with fly bate; Bunny; Fawn; Duckling; Ground hog; Frog; Bear; Robin; Redwing blackbird; Bluebird; Bird house; Bird on nest; Barn Swallow; Buzzard; Snow Bird; Good Friday; Passover; Gardening tools; Lawn mower; Fertilizer spreader; Great Lakes ship.

An idea I had about the Friendship Cane is to have our members bring in any Friendship Canes they have around their house to the January meeting. We will have a "Show and Tell" time where, hopefully, the people will get some ideas for our cane.

We are also in need of carved and signed door prizes and cut outs. If you have a few extra cut outs hanging around the house or if you have some free time and you feel like cutting out some cut outs, please bring them to the January meeting. This will help the people who don't have the equipment to do the cut outs to still be able to carve a door prize.

Advertising is an important part of a successful show. I am asking all the members to help advertise the show in the area where you live. There are many ways for us to advertise the show...TV and radio community announcements, city hall announcements, and local papers. Flyers could be passed out at local stores, bars, doctor's offices, churches, clubs, where you work, restaurants, and senior centers. Also, don't forget word of mouth. It would be great if we could get an interview with the Free Press, News, Macomb Daily, or Oakland Press. Does anyone have any connections? Let's make advertising a club project. So much to do and so little time left. We need everyone's cooperation to make this show the best ever. Ta ta for now. See you in January.

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

Ok carvers, the holidays are over and winter has set in, so let's get started doing some serious carving. I know sometimes the roads may be snow covered and slippery but most of the time the roads are cleared by the time our senior centers, the Woodcraft store at 17 mile & Van Dyke along with other carving locations start their carving secession. So let's pick up our tools & head out for some fun with some of the nicest people you will ever meet. I'm sure you know I'm talking about wood carvers.

On December 6, 2008 the MWCA held its membership meeting in Midland. Even thou the roads were not the best, we had the largest number of Metro members ever to attend a State wood carvers meeting. As mentioned during our December Metro meeting we had a couple of our Metro members take a little extra spin on the slippery road. No one was hurt thanks to the driver's expertise. I won't mention the driver's name but he was called "CRASH" during the December Metro meeting. We think the members who were in the car had to stop at the next rest area for reasons I won't go into. If you would like more info I would suggest you talk to Dave, Terry, Paul & Rizal, they may elaborate on the mishap. All we can say is that we were all pleased that everyone was safe & no damage to the car. Thank God!

Now back to the MWCA membership meeting. After reviewing the financial report the Executive Board made a decision to continue the reduction of the fiscal year 2009 MWCA membership dues from \$2.00 to \$1.00 per member. They will continue to review the financial status and make a decision if and when it is necessary to reinstate the \$2.00 membership dues. One of the items the state dues are used for is to continue support of FREE SOAP CARVING KITS used at club shows where they teach kids soap carving. Another item was the expenditure of funds to support the Evert FOOD BANK DRIVE. The board approved \$123 towards the purchase of food for this program which Ruth & Bill Phillips purchased and brought to the meeting. We also asked members to bring a donation towards the food bank which several supported. As most of us know the Evert area supports woodcarvers more than any other area. One of the ways the Association is able to support items such as noted above is thru the sales of the wood carver's calendars. I would ask for your support of this fund raiser so we can continue to support wood carving in our state along with the goal of keeping our annual dues down...

If you have suggestions you feel will advance wood carving in our state, please let me know & I'll advise the MWCA board.

Next month I'll report on the upcoming MWCA wood carving Learning Seminar in Midland. As of this writing I understand they have 135 students signed up for about 20 different classes. If you would like more info please check out the web site @ WWW.MIWCA.COM.

Names to be removed from the Metro Carvers active roster as of Dec. 2008

John	Andrzejczyk	Bill	King
Ernest	Ashley	Edmund	Koleski
Robert P.	Augugliaro	Alexis	Maes
John	Bell	Richard	Maes
Chris	Benoit	Brodus D.	Meek
Kenneth	Berninger	Richard J.	Miller
Walt	Carson	James	Milne
Peter	Cataldi	Dave	Nievelt
Henry B.	Ciske	Victor	Palmiter
Larry	Cline	Marguerite	Park
Jim Sr	Cola, Sr	Don	Patrosso
Ronald	Copes	Edgar	Potestades
Anna	Craig	Tom	Samanen
Joe	DeMist	Joseph P.	Savino
Jim	Disney II	Jim	Shannon
Jim	Disney III	Dennis	Tagai
Cheryl	Dow	Donald	Tenniswood
Bill	Ebinger	Clay E.	Terry
Frank	Ferguson	Mark J.	Walters
John	Greer	Norm	Wofsy
Ray	Hunter	Chet	Wolanin
John J	Karalunas	Gene	Wolonick

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Meeting Location: Helen Keller School
near 12 mile & I-75
1597 N. Campbell Rd.
Royal Oak, MI

Meeting Day: Second Tuesday of each month.
(No Meetings July & August)

Meeting Time: 7:15pm (doors open at 6:30)

President: John Sabina

Vice Pres.: Paul Blanchard

Treasurer: Doug Evans

Secretary: Richard Jacobs

Directors: Larry Lloyd Rizal Baysa

Directors: Dolores Lloyd Gerry Galanck

Directors: Gary Bityk

Newsletter: Terry Zobl

Show CoChair: Mike LePage & Mary Jo LePage

MWCA rep: Bill Phillips

Carving Events: Rizal Baysa & Dick Mann

Carving Groups Location and Times

Mon. 8:30am-11:30 __ Troy Sen.Ctr.

Mon. Noon-3pm __ Sterling Heights Sen.Ctr.

Mon. 9am-Noon __ Warren Stillwell Manor

Mon. 5pm-7pm __ Woodcraft Store Van Dyke

Tue. 9am-Noon __ Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.

Tue. 9am-Noon __ Woodcraft Store Van Dyke

Tue. Noon-3pm __ St. Clair Shrs. Sen. Ctr.

Tue. 1pm-4pm __ Chesterfield. Sen. Ctr.

Thur. 9am-Noon __ Warren Stillwell Manor

Thur. 9am-Noon __ Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.

Thur. 6pm-9pm __ St. Clair Shrs. Sen. Ctr.

Thur. 6pm-9pm __ Shelby Shadbush Nature Ctr.

1st Sat. 9am-Noon __ Woodcraft Store Van Dyke



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