

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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John Sabina, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday June 16th 2009:

Next meetings are: Sept 8th.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time, libraries and supply purchases. The Business meeting starts at 7:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

Our annual elections will be held at the **June membership meeting on the third Tuesday in June, the 16th**. Electing replacement officers and board members is a key component of keeping our club strong. The four officers each serve for a term of one year. President, John Sabina, and vice-president, Paul Blanchard, are running for another term. Our long-serving secretary, Dick Jacobs, and our Treasurer, Doug Evans, will be stepping down. I want to personally thank each of them publicly for their outstanding service to the club. These are big shoes to fill.

The Secretary shall prepare and preserve minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, send notices to members and Directors, correspond on behalf of the Corporation and maintain supplies of business cards, welcome brochures, and membership applications. Harold Green has volunteered to run for secretary.

The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Corporation and be responsible for the disbursement of its monies. The treasurer shall also keep or cause to be

kept records of Corporation property and funds as well as a complete membership roll. We currently have no candidate for this critical job. The club currently banks at a credit union in Troy, but our accounts could be moved to a different location for the convenience of the treasurer. Curt Chastain has expressed an interest in the position and a willingness to help set up a simple system, but finds that his travel plans will put him out of town for key treasurer time periods. Doug Evans has also offered to assist the next treasurer. You do not have to be a CPA for this job and help is available. A simple Quicken account that mimics a manual checkbook would meet all of the requirements and produce all required reports very easily.



The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the overall policy and operation of the Corporation. Thus, board members oversee the business operation of the club. Directors serve a term of office of two years. Two directors positions are open this year and three directors, Rizal Baysa, Gerry Galanek, and Larry Lloyd have another year on their terms. Delores Lloyd will not be running for reelection due to grandchildren conflicts. Gary Bityk will be running for reelection. As president, I have given up on trying to hold board meetings just before each membership meeting except when a quick decision may be required. Instead, we will hold quarterly board meetings separate from the membership meetings.

Nominations for any officer or board opening will be accepted from the floor before the meeting. No one will be upset to have more than one candidate for each opening. So, please give some thought to these opportunities and plan on being at the June meeting so that your vote counts.

One last topic on the business side deserves mention. Our operating costs continue to rise and our dues remain at \$15 per year. This dues level does not quite cover our very basic expenses. Your MWCA membership, meeting room rental costs, and newsletter costs exceed your dues payment. With yet another increase in first-class postage, we are offering the option of receiving your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of via hard copy. The electronic newsletter format is the same one used to send the paper to our printer, a .pdf file. This file is universally read by different computers using free, downloaded Adobe

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Reader software. Seventeen people have already signed up to receive their newsletter electronically. If you want to try this approach, please contact either the writer or our editor. We will certainly continue to mail newsletters for those who need or prefer that approach, but ask that you consider the electronic distribution. Each electronic copy saves one mailing or \$4.30 per member per year, as well as a slight reduction in printing costs.

Hope to see everyone at the Evert Roundup and at the June meeting.

Theme carving for this season:

June Patriotism

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

Summer is here & it's time for the Evert round-up (June 10-13) and the Rhadigan carving class the week following the round-up June 15-19.. I hope you will take time & visit both of these events.

The MWCA Learning Seminar was a success with about 145 students attending and we have almost 100 signed up for next year. If you would like more info about the 2010 seminar please let me know.

The MWCA is going to carve Christmas tree decorations for our friends in Canada. I'm sure most of you have heard of the carving tools supplier named Chipping Away which is owned by Dennis "Pop" Moor. Well Dennis has asked us to help him decorate a tree with wood carving related items. He will then put them on a Christmas tree & donate it to the Ontario Make a Wish Foundation. The foundation will then auction the decorated tree off. Last year the foundation had 19 trees that people donated to them and were able to receive about \$24,000 which they gave to the Make a Wish Foundation. The funds were used to help kids have a Merry Christmas. We have decided to try to collect the 300-400 carvings which it takes to decorate a full tree and send the carvings to "Pop" so he can decorate a tree from the USA Michigan Wood Carvers Association. We think we can count on you and other members of the association so please carve a tree ornament and send or give it to me before September 30, 2009. We will box them up and send them to "Pop" Moor. We plan on starting the project at the Evert round-up and collecting finished carvings at the Evert spit & whittle in September. We plan on having a few carving ideas posted on the MWCA web site- www.miwca.com. Please check the web from time to time for more info. Please remember "Pop" has asked us to make sure the carvings are not toooo big as they have to hang on a tree branch.



Metro Show 2010: By Mike LePage

It's almost the end of May and it's been two months since the Metro Carvers Show. Where does the time go?

I had a couple of tables at the Sunrise Woodcarving show in Oscoda, MI over Mother's Day weekend. It was a great show and well organized. Attendance was down, but considering the economy, I think they did very well. A special thanks to Harriet and Charles Flanders (chairpersons) for all their hard work before and during the show. Also thanks to the club member for tending to our wants and needs. A special thank you to the excellent judges they had this year...well, at least two of them were. Best of Show went to Joe Moran for his stylized fish.



Before we know it, fall will be here and it will be time to start working on the 2010 Metro Show. I hope to have some volunteers early this year to help with advertising in carving magazines. I am also looking for some club members to shadow me as co-chair to learn when things need to be done. I'm not asking to be replaced...I'm just looking for some help with the duties as co-chair of the show. That would be great. Perhaps some of the members who always complaining the way things are being done could step up to lend a hand or share with us some constructive criticism.

Around and About: By Rizal Baysa

Metro Carvers of Michigan has received an invitation to participate in a local festival. The festival is the St. Clair County Farm Museum's "Old Fashion Harvest Days". The three day event (Friday, August 28 thru Sunday August 30, 2009) will be held at the Goodells County Park in Goodells, MI. The park exit is located 21 miles east of M-53 off of I-69. Festival Opens at 8:00 AM each day and runs until 4:00 or 5:00 PM.

This is an old fashion harvest festival with music, food, tractor pulls, a sawmill demonstration, antique tractors, plowing demos, spinning and weaving demos and the like. The organizers have a large, cement-floor, well-light 4H barn reserved for demos and crafts, done in the old fashioned ways. They have an interest in people demonstrating skills like woodcarving, woodturning on a treadle lathe, chair making, bow carving and the like.

The Royal Oak Library is also looking for wood carving demonstrators as part of their "Be Creative @ The Library" series of programs. The dates would be either July 1, July 8, or July 22 from 6:30 to 8:30

If you are interested in participating in these events please contact me at the next meeting in June or by telephone (586-781-3921), or by email (rbaysa1@comcast.net).



Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Mike LePage receiving Outstanding Achievement Award



Guest Speaker at May club meeting

Washington Carve Fest 5

Held at the Washington Senior Center
Friday, September 25th and
Saturday, September 26th. 2009

Event hours will again be 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM both days. The morning carving sessions will be from 9:00 AM until noon and the afternoon sessions will be from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Carve Fest is our local version of the Evert Roundup, but on a smaller scale. This event is free with no entry fee or registration required. The only charge will be a nominal fee for any blanks that may be required. Lunch is available for purchase as well. The Washington Senior Center rolls out the red carpet for us. By opening several movable walls and utilizing the upstairs room, we have space for nine simultaneous carving sessions. At this point the schedule of who will be leading which project is just beginning to take form. Barb Harris and Arleen Murphy will be back with their wood burning sessions. They will add a more advanced project for anyone who would like more of a challenge, while still offering their introductory concepts for beginners.

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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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