

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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John Sabina, President

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let your membership lapse and renew in the new year, then you will lose your membership seniority of years. So, please pay at the December meeting or send your dues to me at:

Metro Carvers of Michigan  
% Rizal Baysa  
5605 Lockwood Drive  
Washington, MI. 48094

Next month I will publish the names of those persons who will be removed from the membership roster. By not paying their dues they have chosen to discontinue their affiliation with our esteemed organization.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

Our 30<sup>th</sup> woodcarving show will be held on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21, 2009. This is our big event of the carving year and our chance to demonstrate to the carving community our friendliness, organizational capabilities, and carving talent. Our annual show requires a huge commitment in terms of both human and financial capital. Very little information about the 2010 Show was available at the November meeting. I am pleased to report that the early planning is on track. Show co-chairs, Mike LePage and Bill Wolfe have selected a theme of "country living." Fliers should be available at the December meeting.



A large number of our members have not paid their dues for this year. Mike had requested an individual to serve as show chairman with his planning crew providing complete support on the grimy details in the background. Not one single volunteer even inquired. Thus, I feel that it is time to reaffirm our club's commitment to our show. Each member has to ask himself or herself what the show means to them. We can't have the great show that has been our tradition without everyone rowing hard. Worker sign up sheets will be available at the December membership meeting. **This is the first way that you can acknowledge your commitment. Please sign-up now!** Some people like to wait until the actual show to volunteer. I would much rather have a full worker list early and have to make last minute changes as required than to worry about filling in a blank list much closer to the show. So, please step forward and be counted.

Show workers are needed for three distinct time periods, before the show weekend, show weekend before and after hours, and during the show. Before the show weekend involves **PUBLICITY** (This job entails making the carving community and general public aware of the show,) **DOOR PRIZE COORDINATOR** (This individual will pass out blanks to interested carvers and collect the finished door prizes before the show,) and **CARVING DEMO COORDINATOR** (This individual will line up presenters for various one-hour demonstrations during the show.)

Show weekend before and after hours involves **SHOW SET UP ON FRIDAY** (People are needed to tape down extension cords, pass out packets and the like,) **HOSPITALITY** (Set up coffee and donuts for the vendors in the spare kitchen on both Saturday and Sunday,) **COURTESY** (Assist Vendors unloading their vehicles on Saturday morning and assist participants in taking their materials to their vehicles Sunday afternoon,) **BREAKFAST TABLE SET UP** (Saturday after the show closes set up tables and additional chairs and cover tables for the Sunday breakfast,) and

## NEXT MEETING

### Club meeting Tuesday Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 2009:

Next meetings are: Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, Apr 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Jun 1<sup>st</sup>

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 Rizal Baysa

### New Club Members

Jim Conley – 10745 Borgman Ave, Hunting Woods, Mi. 48070  
Gary Herman – 61676 Spring Circle Trail, Washington Twp., Mi. 48094  
Howard (Butch) Isham – 59443 Holly Court, Washington Twp., MI 48094  
Donald Shook – 8900 N. Dutchess Lane, Romeo, Mi.



Jim Conley Gary Herman Butch Isham Don Shook

As of this newsletter, we have had 127 members pay their dues. Of this number, 8 are new members. And as of this date, 48 members have not paid their 2010 dues. Please remember to renew your membership. Dues are \$15.00 annually. If you have not paid before January 2010, your dues will increase to \$19.00. If you

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**SECURITY – SATURDAY NIGHT** (two or more persons spend the night at the hall and make sure that no one enters the hall without permission and let Lions Club members into hall early on Sun morning for the preparation of exhibitor breakfast. )

Jobs during the show hours include **TICKET SELLERS-FRONT DOOR** (Take money, sell entry tickets and give door prize tickets to each person entering show,) **PEOPLES CHOICE** (Take in the carvings on Saturday for this competition and give out ballots for voting on both days,) **CLUB TABLE** (Pass out club information and door prizes,) **CLUB RAFFLE TABLE** (Sell tickets for donated carvings,) and **SECURITY/HOSPITALITY** (Club members who will walk thru and make sure vendors get a break from their table as needed. )

So, our show gives members plenty of opportunities to show their support and pitch-in. Let's get the sign-up started at the December meeting.

## Theme carving for this season: Dec Christmas

Jan	Bark Carving	Feb	Chip carving
Mar	Carver's Choice	Apr	Flowers
May	Caricatures	June	Patriotism

## 2010 Show Update – Mike LePage

Hi, ya all! Let's get started...we are going to embark on a very exciting journey—the 30th annual Metro Carvers Carving Show to be held on March 20th and 21st 2010. A poll was taken among some of the members of Metro Carvers and the theme for the show is **COUNTRY**. Now that leaves the door open to many possibilities. I will talk to Curt Chastain (he is the head man in charge of the competition again this year) to see if we can have a special category for cow pies...carved, that is! Now isn't that exciting?!?!



Let's make the 30th anniversary show a dynamic success. Let's get involved. Mary Jo had an idea if every Metro carver got 2 or 3 people to come to the show that would be 400-500 people alone! Let's start now promoting the show.

Once, again, we will have the Lions Club catering the food for the show. I wonder if they can come up with some food ideas to meet our theme...and no not cow pie soup or road kill stew! We are currently updating the show flyer, competition forms, etc. and they should be ready for the December meeting. Hopefully, President John will handle the scheduling of the volunteers. He is paid well (in gratitude) for his work and has done a good job of it. Thank you, John! I just had a call from member Frank Bosco with some ideas. Hope to get a lot more ideas. My phone number is 586-383-1716. Let's all work together this year by being part of the Metro Team—Your Club. See you in December with hopefully, lots of ideas.

## MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

The Michigan Wood Carvers Association has been invited to display carvings, wood burnings and intarsia at the Dow Art & Science Museum in Midland, MI 1801 West St. Andrew St. Midland MI. 48640 starting May 29 thru Aug 28, 2010.

If you would like to participate please print & fill out the application which is on the Dow web site at [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org). Take a photo of the carving, put your name along with a rough size of the carving (on the back of the photo) so they will make sure they have the right size museum display pedestal for your carving. They are accepting applications now so send them in today or before May 1, 2010 which is the cutoff date for applications. Carvings should arrive starting May 17<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. They are inviting all blue ribbon winners from any club show for the past two years to join in a juried (judged) competition. Anyone wishing to enter the competition must be a MWCA member and won a blue ribbon within the past two years to qualify that particular carving into the competition.

They will also be inviting all MWCA members to show (same application & photo info requirements apply) one carving completed in the past two years in an open (display only) category. Participants will only be able to enter one carving in either category. You will also have the opportunity to sell your carving if you so desire. There is no cost involved for displaying or the juried competition unless you would like to sell your carving, if so the museum charges a 30% fee for their services.

We will have more info in our MWCA Chatter news letters along with up-dates on the MWCA web site at [www.mwca.110mb.com](http://www.mwca.110mb.com). I'm very pleased that we have formed a Metro committee to assist with this project and hope other MWCA clubs will follow Metro's leadership.

## Around and About: By Rizal Baysa

The Metro Carvers of Michigan, as a woodcarving club, has an unprecedented opportunity to show the rest of the state the artistic talents of our members. As you may have heard at the November meeting, the Alden B. Dow Museum, in Midland, will be featuring works by the members of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. We, as Michigan's largest woodcarving club, should be able to provide a substantial amount of quality work for this exhibition. At the November meeting a number of Metro members volunteered to help organize our clubs participation in this exhibit. In this effort, one of the jobs the volunteers will do will be to gather the names of fellow members who have, in the past, exhibited quality, artistic work. These works can be carvings, intarsia or wood burnings. The selected members will be asked if they would like to exhibit their work at the museum. If so, they will need to package their own works and include labeling on the box to identify themselves and the carving so that the same box may be reused for safe return. If necessary, the club volunteers will arrange for the pickup, delivery and return of the selected items. Again, this is a great opportunity for our membership. However, we do need help from you, our members. We need fellow members to step forward and to help make this a successful "Metro Carvers of Michigan" exhibit. There will also be other state clubs displaying their quality works, so, we will be competing against their talented members. We need to show them that the "Metro Carvers of Michigan" is not just a large organization, but an organization of imaginative and artistic creators of wood based art. Please talk to one of the club officers to find out how you can help in making this a successful exhibit for the Metro Carvers. There will be two exhibitions, one open and one juried. For more in depth information, see the Bill Phillips article on the Dow Museum exhibit. That article is contained in this issue.

Keep it Sharp! A dull tool gets you a dull carving.

# Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Theme: Arlene Murphy



Master: Dwain Lusk



Advanced: Dick Mann



Intermediate: Mary Jo Brown



## Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were  
Joe Beaudette, Bill Przybylski

### Master

**First:** Dwain Lusk, Turkey  
**Second:** Tony Stangis Sr, Relief  
**Third:** Jim Disney, Caricature  
**Honorable:** Bob Galanek, Humming bird

### Advanced

**First:** Dick Mann, Cypress Knee  
**Second:**  
**Third:**

### Intermediate

**First:** Mary Jo Brown, Chipcarve plate  
**Second:** Norma Bauman, Wood burning  
**Third:**

### Beginner

**First:**  
**Second:**  
**Third:**

### Theme – Wild Life

**First:** Arlene Murphy, Parrots  
**Second:** Sandra Huffman, Tiger  
**Third:** Marcy Larson, Eagle  
**Honorable:** Bill Myers, Frog

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**Meeting Location:** Helen Keller School  
near 12 mile & I-75  
1505 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:** Rizal Baysa  
**Secretary:** Harold Green  
**Directors:** Larry Lloyd Pat Murphy  
**Directors:** Arlene Murphy Gerry Galanck  
**Directors:** Gary Bityk

**Newsletter:** Terry Zobl  
**Show CoChair:** Mike LePage & Bill Wolfe  
**MWCA rep:** Bill Phillips  
**Carving Events:** Robaleen Bodgen

### 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.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 9am-Noon \_\_Woodcraft Store Van Dyke



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