

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Paul Blanchard, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Dec 14th 2010:

Next meetings are: Jan 11^h, Feb 8^h,
Mar 8^h, Apr 12^h, May 10^h, Jun 7^h

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

Club dues:

If you did not pay your club dues (\$15.00), please do so at the December meeting. If you prefer to pay by mail please send a check for \$15.00 payable to your woodcarving club, "Metro Carvers of Michigan". Send the check to; Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Rizal Baysa, 5605 Lockwood Drive, Washington, MI. 48094.

If you do not pay your dues by the end of 2010, the dues for renewing your membership in January, 2011 are raised to \$19.00. If you let your membership lapse and decide to rejoin Metro Carvers at a later date, you will lose any service years that you had accumulated in your previous membership.

As a reminder, the following members have not as yet paid their 2011 club dues;

Paul Agnew, Jim Bowsher, Jim and Beth Bryan, Terry Berkeybyle, Jim Conley, Bill Cordell, Terry Crawford, Tony DiLaberte, Jim Disney, Bill Ebinger, Doug Evans, Stewart Evanson, Ronald Grimes, Sid Huene, Robert Jackson, Dick Jacobs, Richard Kazmierczak, Mark Kedzior, Kevin Kennedy, Mike Kennedy, Ben Linderman, William Lowe, Richard Maes,

Richard Miller, Denise Mooney, Michael Murphy, Edward Oneil, Marianne Podgorski, Tim Ries, Bob Rock, Steven Russo, Gail Sartele, Ron Schmidt, Harold Schrock, Jim Schwab, Jim Shannon, Marta Sobko, Mira Stefaniuk, Brian Thibodeau, Joseph Vidican, Carol Warehall, Ron Zoller

When you become a member of Metro Carvers of Michigan, you automatically become a member of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. You will receive a new membership card and your MWCA membership number will be printed on your new card.

President's Corner: By Paul Blanchard

I want to personally thank all the members who generously signed up to provide food for our pot luck Christmas meeting. I would especially like to thank Robaleen Bogden for graciously volunteering to coordinate the set up and making sure we have everything in place for what would appear to be a successful first attempt at a very different approach to this annual Christmas meeting. Please come hungry and enjoy this festive occasion. We plan on the food being available no later than 7:00 pm, and we will probably start the meeting at 7:45 in order to allow enough time for socializing.



As a suggestion why not mingle with fellow members other than your customary gathering of friends. A suggestion was made that everyone bring in a carving as a conversation starter, (not necessarily for competition or display) when you are seated to partake in the abundant food.

I was one of the 25 Metro members who took advantage of the opportunity to take the chartered bus trip to the Dayton Ohio "Artistry in Wood" woodcarving show on November 13. Along with 30 some members of the Livonia and Saline clubs it was a very successful outing. The day was long but extremely enjoyable, especially to the folks attending for the first time.

Speaking of shows our annual show is approaching extremely fast. Please do not hesitate in volunteering in some way to make the show a great success. Mary Jo Brown our show chairperson is working very diligently to ensure that this annual event will be a great success, but she can only succeed with the support of all of the Metro members.

Progress is being made on several areas of concern in our club procedures, and the board and officers will be reporting on these items.

For all the members who will be unable to attend our Christmas meeting, I along with all the officers of the Metro club wish each of you all the blessings of a joyous and peace filled Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Theme carving for this season:

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

Carver of the Month – By Harold Green

I first met **Paul Blanchard** at GM more years ago than I care to remember right now. He worked in the fleet office in Engineering; the most memorable thing about the meeting was that he had numerous carvings in his work area. His dedication to carving was noticeable because you could always find him carving during the lunch period, and the telltale wood chips around his desk during the day. Paul has been retired for 14 years now after 39 years with GM. He has four children, and six grandchildren. Not bad for fifty years of marriage.



Paul has been a past president of Metrocarvers, and now is the current president again. This says a lot about his interest in promoting the club, and keeping it a viable organization. When there is work to be done in the club, Paul can usually be found in the thick of things.

Paul has been carving since 1985, when he started with decoys. He has progressed since then to doing about every type of carving there is. Realistic, birds, animals, and caricatures all fit into Paul's skill sets. Advice that he would pass on to new carvers would be to practice a lot, take classes from people that are experts in their field, and keep your early carvings to track your progress. Also, do not be afraid to try things that are new, be open to learning.

Events - By Robaleen Bogden

Starkweather Art Gallery of Romeo is looking for teachers for a variety of artistic classes available for the spring term. You would be \$paid for this. They are looking for a wide variety of specialties including performance arts, kid's crafts, WOOD CARVING, and more. Starkweather is especially excited to welcome woodcarvers into the community! Classes would start in January and go through the end of April. Slots are available for one day classes as well as ongoing weekly kid's classes, up to 8 weeks. They work with your schedule as well as desired age group. They promote the classes to hundreds of students, as well as encourage individual promoting however the instructor sees fit. They still would like your contact for there future sessions. Summer classes are from May-August, you would need to contact Christine by February for them. They also have fall classes.



Please contact Event Coordinator Christine LeTourneau. PH#586-336-9649 OR

e-mail: michigan_art_girl@yahoo.com Starkweather on the web - <http://starkweatherarts.com/>

Thank you so much 4 all those that took videos home to review. We still have 40 of them that need to be reviewed. The video store will be closed for our December meeting, so please don't bring any back until our January meeting.

2011 Show Report - By Mary Jo Brown

Things are progressing along quite nicely at the moment. Got everything to the printers and should have the flyers for this meeting. Thanks Mike for the help you gave to us with the printer. I know the holidays are busy for everyone but hopefully you all will still find some time to carve some door prizes and maybe even a raffle prize. We would really like to have about 10 or so raffle prizes this year. Thank you Sandy Huffman for your donation to the raffle. If you don't know she donated her carving from the last competition to the raffle. We hope everyone has a safe, fun, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Around and About: By Rizal Baysa

"Leave the driving to Them"

On Saturday, November 13th, 47 members of the Livonia, Saline and Metro Carvers of Michigan clubs boarded a bus for a trip down to Dayton, Ohio for the 29th annual show called "Artistry in Wood". It is the largest Wood Carving and Wood Working show in the United States and is considered the premiere wood related show in the Midwest.

The Metro members boarded the bus at the Oakland Mall and we proceeded to Livonia and then to Saline to pick up the rest of the passengers. Arriving at the place of the show around 10 o'clock we proceeded inside a very large hall to find over 200 exhibitors and vendors. The show hall is about 5 to 6 times larger than the hall we use for our own Metro show.

On exhibit were, thousands of chip, bark, found wood and caricature carvings. Wood workers had tables, chairs, and even custom guitars. Exhibitors from our Metro club included Doug Evans, Gary Bityk, and Edgar Potestades. From the MWCA there was Andy Luckhardt and Floyd Rhadigan.

The featured exhibit was a tribute to John Burke, who passed in January 2010. He was a master woodcarver and inventor of the Burke sharpening system.

This is my third year for attending the "Artistry in Wood" show and although previous exhibitors were there, there were also some new exhibitors. So there were many new things to see.

The bus trip to Dayton cost each passenger \$20, but it was certainly worth the money to have someone else do the driving. The trip was enjoyable, donuts were plentiful and there were a couple of 50-50 raffles. And, of course, you got a chance to meet members of the Saline and Livonia clubs.

Our thanks go to John Sabina who helped coordinate for Metro Carver's and thanks to Rick Serylo of the Livonia Carvers for his efforts in chartering the bus.

If you have a chance to attend next year, it would be time well spent and you wouldn't even have to drive.

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Theme: Sandra Huffman



Advanced: Mary Jo Brown



Intermediate: Gary Eldred



Beginner: Margaret Gaut

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were
Elaine Bogden, Arlene Murphy, Sandy Huffman

Master

First:
Second:
Third:

Advanced

First: Mary Jo Brown, Chip carved cross
Second: Roger Klaft, Bear

Intermediate

First: Gary Eldred, Broad wing hawk
Second: Joe Randazzo, Pheasant
Third: Anthony Mazzola, Toy Soldiers
Honorable:

Beginner

First: Margaret Gout, Bird
Second: Jay Hoisington, Wolves
Third:

Theme – Woodburning

First: Sandra Huffman, Reflections
Second: Barb Harris, Celtic Lady
Third: Jay Hoisington, Dragon
Honorable: Marcy Larson, Frog
Honorable: Bob Galanek, Indian
Honorable: Kathy Riske, Indian
Honorable: Norma Bauman, Eagle

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Meeting Location: Helen Keller School
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1505 N. Campbell Rd.
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Meeting Day: Second Tuesday of each month.
(No Meetings July & August)

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

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Directors: Pat Murphy Arlene Murphy

Directors: Gary Bityk

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MWCA rep: Pat Murphy

Carving Events: Robaleen Bogden

Newsletter: Terry Zobl

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
Tue. 9am-Noon __Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.
Tue. Noon-3pm __St. Clair Shrs. Sen. Ctr.
Tue. 1pm-4pm __Chesterfield. Sen. Ctr.
Wed. Noon-3pm __Clinton Twp. 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.



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