

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Paul Blanchard, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Apr 10th 2012:

Next meetings are: May 8th, Jun 12th

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

Rejoined Member:

Frank Albright - 2308 Starr Rd., Royal Oak, Mi., 48073

President's Corner: By Paul Blanchard

I am happy to report that from the conversations I have had with numerous exhibitors, guests and members of Metro that we had a very successful wood carving show this past March. I believe the attendance was up quite a bit and the carvings were excellent. I know there appears to be a substantial interest in our carving hobby. From the number of song birds, raptors and decoys that I saw, I believe we are in the midst of a revival in bird carving in general.

A special thank you to Mary Jo Brown for performing an outstanding job in coordinating all the numerous jobs that are required to make for a successful show. I know Mary Jo



and her entire team did a great job and without their great efforts the show wouldn't have been successful.

Our first annual name tag contest is well under way and Doug Evans stated that he had given out over 60 blanks at the show. I am anxious to see the creativity that our members show at the competition which will be held in May.

Speaking of May please remember that our annual election will be held at our May meeting. It is not too late to submit your name to the nominating committee. Please contact any officer of the club to submit a candidate's name.

Theme carving for this season:

Apr Flowers

May Caricatures

June Patriotism

Show Review: By Doug Evens

Another year another Show in the history books. The 32 annual show was truly unique. To the best of my knowledge we have never had a show when we had blue skies, no rain and the upper 70's to help distract our general public. Even with this beautiful weather, preliminary reports tells us weren't down very many visitors.

Hats off to C & G papers for not only running a story on us in Madison Heights & Hazel Park but giving us press in the Warren Weekly too! Without this extra PR "bonus" we would have struggled in this Summer time weather.

Mary Jo & Larry Brown did an excellent job once again in organizing

the event.

Kudos to them and the Club

members as a whole. I

heard much less

grumbling

and the atmosphere

was very positive at the show.

The Eagle Head Competition for the Lean On Me canes was a very nice touch and introduced some new blood into the Show. Great competition and many new eagle heads resulted due to the hard work of Bill Phillips, Terry Zobl and Dave Copeman. Thank you gentlemen!

The winners of the Carving Competition, Eagle Head Competition, Carvers Choice, and Peoples Choice are listed in the following show reports. Congrats to all the big winners, thanks to all who helped, thanks to Mary Jo & Larry once again and start carving—next year's show is only 11 ½ months away !! Mary Jo needs a rest so she gets to wait until next month to post her article about the Show.



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Show Competition Review: By Curt Chastain

The 2012 Woodcarving Show was held March 17 & 18 and had a good turnout of carvings entered in the competition. There were seventy carvers that entered 158 carvings (Both numbers approximately the same as last year). The judges were Gerald Grusendorf, Tom Grile, and John Barany. They awarded 47 Blue (1st), 34 Red (2nd), 25 Yellow (3rd), and 25 White (Honorable Mention) Ribbons/Pins.

From the 1st place category carvings the 3rd Best of Show was a Western Mountain Bluebird by Bernie Wozniak, the 2nd Best of Show was a card playing caricature by John Karalunas, and the 1st Best of Show was a brown trout by Ron Copes.

A listing of the complete competition results and pictures can be found on <www.metrocarvers.com/show>.

Eagle Head Competition Review: By Dave Copeman

This year the Metro Woodcarvers Show included an "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition". Forty Two eagle heads were entered into competition with an additional Seventeen for display only. The MWCA cane committee agreed that this first competition was a great success. The carvers entering the competition received their first "Eagle Head Cane Competition Patch". Four winners were selected by "People's Chose" voting during the Saturday/Sunday show. Gary Eldred, Richard Hanson, Bill Przybylski and Joe Randazzo were the winners of the competition and each received a \$25.00 gift certificate, redeemable for tools or other item, from the Cedar Bird Shoppe. Photos of this competition are posted on the new Metro Carvers web site: <www.metrocarvers.com/show>.

The Greater Lansing Carving show, April 28th, is the next scheduled Eagle Head competition. Enter the competition" and receive your first or an additional "Eagle Head Cane Competition Patch".

For details of clubs that are including this competition in their show program visit the new MWCA web site: <www.miwoodcarvers.com>.

Peoples Choice Review: By Bill Plhillips

Listed below are the results of the voting for People's Choice and the Carvers Choice display Competition. We want to thank all the carvers that entered into the competition. We think this was one of our best People's Choice displays. Many comments were made by guests that "they enjoyed the show, but voting for People's Choice is getting harder to do because of the quality of the entries into competition". "THANK YOU CARVERS" you helped make our show.

People's Choice winner:

(we had a total of 42 carvings in the display)

1st place - Harold Joseph (saw whit owls)

2nd place - Gerald Grusendorf (big hawk)

3rd place - Clifford Lendhal (bark carved turtle)

Total votes cast on Saturday - 441

Total votes cast on Sunday - 236

Total for both days = 677

Special note: we had an additional 56 ballots cast for People Choice compared to 2011 show.

Carver's Choice winners:

(we had 61 carvers participate in the voting)

1st place - Gerald Grusendorf (big hawk)

2nd.place - Harold Joseph (saw whit owls)

3rd place - Bill Phillips (civil war cannon)

We would like to thank Elaine Bogden, Robaleen Bogden, Arlene Murphy and Ruth Phillips who took care of the voting of People's Choice and Carvers Choice. They spent a lot of time & effort making visitors feel welcome to our show. They also had help counting the voting ballots by Myrna Miller, Mary Jo LaPage & Ingrid Santi. The People's Choice display team wants to thank all the carvers who put carvings into the competition which allowed them to make a beautiful display.

As a reminder for next year's show we encourage carvers to bring their kids, grandchildren or neighbors kids, who you are teaching how to wood carve, with you to the show. Have them help you with your show table display and take part in the show. If they help you we would like them to join us in the people's choice youth carving display. Although they are displayed with the big carving display we keep track of the youth carvings (under the age of 18 years old) and have them compete against other youth carvings. We need to encourage our youth & we think this will help get them into carving as a hobby or, who knows, maybe even a profession

We would also like to report on the number of youths who took advantage of the Metro's soap carving classes. As you know the soap carving kits were supplied free by the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. We also know, by remarks from the parents, "kids look forward to participating in this program during the Metro show each year". Our hope is that this will spark an interest in carving and that some day the kids will enjoy carving as an adult.

Last but not least—I for one want to THANK MARY JO and LARRY BROWN our show chairpersons for a job "WELL DONE"!! We all appreciated all the work they put into organizing and directing the METRO show for us.

www.metrocarvers.com: By Terry Zobl

I am happy to report that Marcy Larson has volunteered to help out as my backup webmaster for our Metro Carvers web site. I have asked her to build and maintain a web page for each of our Social Carving Groups. This should be fun for all of us to view. You can link to these pages on <www.metrocarvers.com/groups>. She will be looking for at least one person from each carving group to be her contact to send her pictures and notes to post on their page. Marcy's e-mail is <marcy.l99@gmail.com> so please contact her and give her some interesting stuff to post.

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Ron Copes

Frank Albright

Georgia Boyse



Sandra Huffman

Rizal Baysa

Larry Bauman

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

Judges were – Dwain Lusk, Frank Bosco, Sandy Huffman

Master

First:

Advanced

First: Frank Albright, Eagle pyro.

Second:

Intermediate

First:

Beginner

First:

Theme – Carver's Choice

First: Ron Copes, Owl
Second: Margaret Gout, Gourd
Third: Marcy Larson, Viking
Honorable: Larry Bauman, Clown
Honorable: Bob Galanek, Eagle cane handle
Honorable: Phyllis Gurney, Paddle
Honorable: Roger Sonnenfeld, Nuthatch

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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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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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