

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Sept. 10th 2013:

Next meetings are: Oct. 08, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, 2014 Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun.

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

Treasurers Report: By Rizal Baysa

Remember that your club dues (\$15.00) are due at the September Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please send a check for \$15.00 payable to "Metro Carvers of Michigan". Send the check to; Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Rizal Baysa, 5605 Lockwood Drive, Washington, MI. 48094.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

Summer's Over! Fall is Upon Us!! Welcome back to the next carving season of Sept. 2013 through June 2014. The Royal Oak Schools have had a lot of changes this summer with their computer systems and the facilities/transportation offices. We have been up to the last minute in finding out when our Sept. meeting time will occur. It will be on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013, at 7:15 PM. We will be on the schedule for the rest of year on the 2nd Tuesday of each month through June 2014. However: If the Helen Keller School is closed due to an emergency (i.e. snow, utility failure, school function priority, etc.) there will NOT be a club meeting. We will make every effort to let you know, such as in the newsletter (if there is enough lead time) or a good place to check is on the Metrocarvers website (www.metrocarvers.com)

This is our 34th year as a woodcarving organization and we need to keep our group strong and knowledgeable. If you know of

someone that is interested in carving or carves in one of the carving groups that is not a member of Metro Carvers, please invite them to join. We have tried to make it worthwhile to be a member, such as discounted class tuition for a woodcarving class. (We plan to try to have another discounted class this year.) We also try to have topical speakers on subjects relating to wood carving or similar skill attributes in art that can apply to wood carving. If you or anyone that you know will speak on such a subject please let any officer or board member know. One way to share knowledge is to participate in the "Carver of the Month" which I hope that everyone can participate this year.

Our annual show, now "Artistic Creations in Wood" is scheduled for March 22 and 23, 2014. A group project is envisioned for the Raffle. We need suggestions as to what the project should be very soon to allow time for completion. (Note: the last project was a civil war chess set) Also, any planning for the show will require resources so please be available to assist as well as at the show.



This is a repeat of last year's newsletter, but it is still appropriate: "I look forward to a good year, but it will depend on everyone's participation and involvement.... It is a good time to start talking, suggesting, and doing I do hope that you had a good summer, kept carving, and are ready for this 34th year."

Theme Carvings for this 2013-14 season:

- Sept- Class projects..
- Oct- Christmas ornaments for "Festival of Trees".
- November- Woodburning.
- December- Christmas.
- January- Bark Carving.
- February- Door and raffle prize for Metro Show.
- March- Exchange for "Carvers Exchange".
- April- Chip Carving.
- May- Wild Life.
- June- Caricatures.

2014 Show: By Mike LePage

Hello fellow carvers. Can't believe it is September already and that the Metro Carvers Woodcarving Show is only seven months away. I know it sounds like it is a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. This year, I would like the Metro Carvers Club to be a major part of our advertising committee. To have a successful show, we need to spread the word so people are aware of our show, especially this year, because it is not the usual weekend. I would like everyone to promote the show through your place of work or clubs or organizations to which you belong. We will have flyers to pass out to promote the show.

I am also open to any new ideas that you may have to make the show even better. If you have some ideas, please bring them to the September meeting, email me at naturecarver@sbcglobal.net or give me a call at 586 383 1716. Will be waiting to here from you.

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Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and that you have set aside some time for carving. Hopefully you may have carved something that could be donated to our table for the raffle or for prizes for the ticket drawings. Thanks, in advance, for your help in this area.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Carve Fest IX: By John Sabina

The Washington Carve Fest is rapidly approaching. Our ninth consecutive rendition of this fun event (hence the name!) will be held on Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Washington Senior Center. This event is modeled after the Woodcarvers Roundup held each June in Evart, MI.

Our intent is to offer carvers the opportunity to expand their horizons by trying something different without the expenses of long-distance travel and overnight accommodations. In fact, we make every effort to keep the costs low. There is no entry fee.

Volunteer instructors offer a variety of classes and projects for only a material charge. We insist that class charges remain low and do not allow the thinly veiled instructor fees added to the material costs sometimes seen at other events. Lunch and beverages are available on-site. We do hold a 50/50 raffle each day. These \$1.00 tickets (or 6 tickets for \$5.00) also are used for donated door prizes. Tool and supply vendors will be on hand for any items that you may need.

Our instructor list is coming together nicely with a good variety of projects. Gary Bityk, Dawn Laatz & Ingrid Santti, Rizal Baysa, Dick Mann, your author, Arleen Murphy & Barb Harris, Marcy Larson, Pat Murphy, Paul Blanchard, and Norm Jepson will be leading projects. Several projects will be Christmas tree ornament related and thus will mesh well with the MWCA Christmas tree-decorating project. A complete list of the instructors and their projects will be available at our September club meeting.

The Washington Senior Center is located at the rear of the Washington Township Offices that are located at 57900 Van Dyke (on the east side north of 26 Mile Road.) This year's event will feature a special challenge - Van Dyke Ave is being widened to add a center left -turn lane from 26 Mile Road north to West Road (about a 3/4 mile stretch that is directly in front of the Township Offices.) Construction of this section is not scheduled for completion until November. While traffic is being maintained during the road construction, short delays due to flagmen reducing traffic to one-lane in alternating directions are not uncommon. Please allow 15 extra minutes in your travel plans, just in case.

Our schedule will be the same on both days. Doors open to carvers at 8:30 AM each day. Coffee, donuts and bagels will be available. The morning carving session will run from 9:00 AM until Noon. Lunch and door prize awards are from Noon to 1:00 PM. The afternoon carving session then runs from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. So please mark the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you at Carve Fest.

MWCA News: By Bill Phillips

Hello— We would like to remind those who did not get the word about the two MWCA projects which are coming up very quickly.

First of all on Sept 13, 14 & 15, 2013 at the Imlay City MI. Fairgrounds which is located on Van Dyke (M-53) just north (1/2 mile) of I-69, it's the "Festival of Gourds".

If you would like to take part or visit the Michigan Festival of Gourds please consider this a personal invitation. Several of our METRO members took part in it last year along with four (4) other MWCA clubs and we had a good time. They have camping, motels and of course lots of places to sit down and have a meal or snacks.

You don't have to spend all three (3) days but you're more than welcome to spend as much time as you wish. You can sit at the Metro display table and carve, talk to visitors and walk around checking out the other carvings and gourd displays. During this three (3) day event you will also have the opportunity to enjoy a gourd carving/burning class of your choice. You can check out the classes offered by going to www.michiganfestivalofgourds.com and sign up on line.

We are also looking for some help teaching kids (could also be some adults) how to soap carve and wood burn. All materials will be provided by the MWCA so if you would like to have some fun & enjoy helping kids learn our hobby please let Bill Phillips (810-798-3401) know ASAP. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off the Metro club and maybe get some new members.

The other project the MWCA is supporting is the FOT (Festival of Trees). This is in support of the research of children's deceases throughout ALL of Michigan. We ask that you carve Christmas tree ornament(s) and turn them in during the Metro club meeting in September or October or at any MWCA function on or before mid October.

As a "Thank You" for supporting this program the MWCA will award you with a beautiful approx 3 1/2" oval embroidered FOT patch for your carving vest, shirt or jacket showing you "Carved for the kids".

The carvings will be sold in the hospital gift shop or raffled off at the FOT (Festival of Trees) gala event around Thanksgiving time in November 2013. The carvings that are not sold prior to Christmas morning will be passed out to the kids who are in the hospital on Christmas Day. This is a win-win for not only our carvers but for the future of all of our children who are in need of medical attention to help find a cure of children diseases. Again check with the Metro Club Leadership or the Metro or MWCA web sites for more info. The FOT (Festival of Trees) will be hosting an open house of their Christmas display during the months of November & December. They do charge a nominal visitor fee (which also supports the program) to view the display. We will keep you informed of the dates and time (Nov-Dec) you can visit the display as soon as it is announced.

The FOT is looking for volunteers' to work during the display time so if you're interested in this contact Bill Phillips @ 810-798-3401. I can't think of a better way to get into the Christmas Holiday spirit than to join other volunteers' working a 4 hour shift at the display, can you?

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Display



Archie Huggins



Dwain Lusk



Greg Lutz



Dick Mann



Bruce Olsen



John Saarinen

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -
Judges Sandy Huffman & Lee Bodrie

Master

Advanced

John Saarinen – Cane

Gregg Lutz – Logo

Intermediate

Beginner

Display

Dwain Lusk - Ram

Bruce Olsen – Ram

Theme – Flowers

Dick Mann – Slim Caricature

Archie Huggins – Goofy

The MWCA calendar of upcoming events:

Sept – 6-8 Evert Spit & Whittle
Sept 13-15 Gourd festival in ImLay City
Sept -13-15 Rhadigan carve-in
Sept 28 Tri City club show
Sept 27-28 METRO Washington carve fest
Oct 5th MWCA State board meeting in Lansing
Oct 12 Saline club show
Oct 20 Frankenmuth club show
Nov 2-3 Fruitbelt club show

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Web Site

www.metrocarvers.com

Meeting Location:

near 12 mile & I-75

Helen Keller School
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)

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Terry Zobl, Marcy Larson

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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