

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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## NEXT MEETING

### **Club meeting Tuesday Oct. 8th 2013:**

Next meetings are: Nov.12, Dec.10, 2014 Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May. 13, Jun. 10  
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

Membership dues (\$15.00) for 2014 are presently due. Thanks to all the members who paid their dues in September. If you pay your dues at the meeting, please remember to bring your membership card. Remember to pay your dues before January of 2014. After that date there is a late fee.

### **New Members:**

**Don Magee** - 787 Red River Drive  
Troy M, 48085

**Paul and Gloria Lrla** - 70 S. Edgeworth  
Ave Royal Oak, MI 48067

### **Reinstated Member:**

**Ronald Zoller** - 4857 Calvert  
Troy, MI 48085



Don Magee

## **President's Corner:** By Curt Chastain

The fall carving season is now underway and hopefully everyone is busy with their new carvings. This leads to the monthly carving competition theme. The October theme is Christmas Ornaments for the MWCA Festival of Trees Project. The ornaments are needed to be handed in before the end of October. The Metro Carver's plan is to have them for the October meeting. Bring them in and put them on display like the ones at the September meeting: then leave them for the Festival of Trees people to collect and be sure to get your participation patch.



There are a lot of people that come to the meeting and have the opportunity to be the Carver of the Month. Bill Przybylski has volunteered for the October meeting. Please consider being the Carver of the Month for November and be prepared to volunteer at the October meeting. This is a good method to share your carvings and experiences with the other members of the Metro Carvers.

The plans for a carving class after the Metro Carver Show in March are coming together and once they firm up we will be announcing the class. Again, the club will try to help to defray the cost.

A couple of upcoming shows include the Saline Show Oct. 12 and the Frankenmuth Show October 20. In November there is the Fruitbelt Show Nov. 2 & 3 and the Dayton Ohio Show Nov 9 & 10.

### **Theme Carvings for this 2013-14 season:**

- 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

Now that fall is officially here and the days are cooler and there is less daylight in the evening, our thoughts are perhaps turning to projects we can do inside. What a perfect time to start thinking about and working on some projects for the Metro Carver Show in March...whether it is something to be donated for a raffle prize or maybe finishing up a carving you started but never finished to enter into competition. I know that the show seems like a long way away, but the holidays will be here before we know it and we will all be

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busy doing other things. After the first of the year, the show is only about two and a half months away. You might also be thinking about how you can help with this year's show...perhaps selling raffle tickets, helping vendors unload before the show and load up after the show, watching a vendor's table while they take a break or maybe helping at the Metro Carver table. The more volunteers we have the easier it is on everyone.

Thank you, Pat Murphy, for the phone call telling me that you will be in charge of advertising for the show by putting ads in various carving magazines. By spreading the word about our show, hopefully, it will increase our attendance. See you at the October meeting.

## MWCA News: By Bill Phillips

**Gourd fest up-dates**—the festival which was held on Sept 13-15 in Imlay City MI was a success! We had a lot of Metro carvers attend & we THANK everyone who displayed and sold carvings. We also had Metro members along with other clubs help out with the kids soap & wood burning classes and we also THANK them for that help. We had 6 MWCA clubs attend and we hope this will attract some new members to our carving clubs. Although we had rain for 2 of the 3 days during the festival it did not discourage us carvers – we still had FUN! We had eight (8) campers and a couple who stayed in local motels. Due to the rain we were only able to have one camp fire at our campsites. The festival host had a Saturday evening catered dinner paid by each attendee. After the Saturday dinner Denny Saukenus from Mid MI carvers club took care of the blanket swap. I'm not sure if we will be able to put some photo in this news letter but if not check Metro's or the MWCA web sites.

Talking to the gourd festival host, they think "with the attendance about the same as last year, even with the poor weather, that the festival is growing and could be better next year". As mentioned previously, all profits from the festival goes to support DMC (Detroit Medical Center) in support of Children's Hospital Cystic Fibrosis Center research. We would like to start a list of carvers who would like to attend the 2014 gourd festival. If interested please let Bill Phillips know so he can accept or reject the invitation if we are invited. This will only serve as a survey and not a commitment to attend. We would remind you that you don't have to spend all three (3) day at the display area. You can share a display area which several Metro members did this year. You're invited to attend gourd art classes or sit and carve and talk to attendees.

**Festival of Trees (FOT) up-date.** We think our total so far is close to 400 carvings with promises for more. If my memory serves me correctly we received about 70 carving during the September Metro meeting and we thank everyone who turned them in. If you would like to turn in your carving during the October Metro meeting that would be appreciated. If yours are not finished please try to complete them ASAP. We need time to tag them with the special MWCA business

size card stating that they were made with LOVE IN THE USA in support of the FOT.

For those who did not get the word as to how this program is working please note that all carving will be delivered to the Detroit Medical Center (DMC) on or about November 1st. They will display and sell them in their gift shop with ALL the funds going in support of research of children diseases throughout all of Michigan. Any remaining carvings will be given to the children who are in the hospital on Christmas morning.

We will be talking to the hospital and if they agree we have a Santa volunteer Norm Jepson on Christmas morning. He will deliver the un-sold carvings to the kids in the hospital with the hope that it will brighten their day.

Norm is a professional paid Santa at local stores during the holidays. He is also known as the "TURK MAN" because he made several special knots while in the U.S. Navy. Norm also taught a class making that special Navy knot during Metro's Carve Fest. Norm has made several for the "Lean On Me" cane project and we mount them on Navy veteran's canes.

Keep an eye out for an article in the Metro November news letter. It will list the date, time and location for you to visit the FOT display. They ask for a \$ 5 entry fee which also goes to support the FOT but we are sure you'll find it well worth it and will help put you into the Christmas spirit. The date will be close to Thanksgiving so look for the info in the Metro news letter in November. You will also be able to find the info on the Metro's or MWCA web sites as soon as it is announced.



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## Monthly Carving Display



**Sharon Baker**



**Arlene Murphy**



**Margaret Gout**



**Rizal Baysa**



**Frank Bosco**



**Dwain Lusk**



**Greg Lutz**



**Dick Mann**



**Bruce Olsen**

## Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -  
Dave Copeman Carl Sikes Joe Beaudette

### Master

### Advanced

**Arlene Murphy** – Relief

**Dick Mann** – Fish

**Bruce Olsen** – Lyon

**Margaret Gout** – Owl

### Intermediate

**Sharon Baker** – Moon town

### Beginner

### Display

**Dwain Lusk** – Elk

**Gregg Lutz** – Crest

**Frank Bosco** – Couple on bridge

**Rizal Baysa** – Clock base

### Theme – Class Project

#### The MWCA calendar of upcoming events:

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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**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:** Curt Chastain 248-609-5341

**Vice Pres.:** Mike Murdock

**Secretary:** Harold Green

**Treasurer:** Rizal Baysa

**Directors:** Dave Copeman Marcy Larson

**Directors:** Bill Ebinger Carl Sikes

**Directors:** Doug Evans

**Show Chair:** Mike LePage 586-791-7728

**MWCA rep:** Pat Murphy

**Newsletter:** Terry Zobl

**Webmaster:** 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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