

Metro Carvers of Michigan

Volume 38 Number 09 Curt Chastain, President November 2016



NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Nov. 1st 2016:

Next meetings are: Dec.13, - 2017 Jan.10, Feb.14, Mar.14, Apr.11, May.9, Jun.6

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 Margaret Gout

Rejoined Member

David L. McDonald – 30686 Marrocco Dr. Warren, Mi. 48088

Remember that your club dues (\$15.00) are due. If you cannot attend the meeting please send a check for \$15.00 payable to "Metro Carvers of Michigan", % Margaret Gout, 1398 Lakeville Road, Leonard MI 48367.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

As I described in the past meetings, we had to change the meeting dates for both the November 2016 and June 2017 meetings. The November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. These are now on the Keller Elementary School Calendar.

This year the President, Vice-President and Secretary are not going to run for re-election for next year, there are also two Board Members whose terms expire and will have to be replaced, and the Show Chairman (who that has done the last several years of shows) will not do the 2018 show. Now is the time to get involved and work with the current person doing that responsibility so transitions for next year can happen seamlessly.

Next month at the December 13, 2016 meeting we will have our annual pot luck dinner. Please come to the November meeting and sign up at the entrance table for an item to bring to the pot luck.



Upcoming Events

- There is a Sauder Village Carving Show, October 29th & 30th, 2016 at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. Contact for information is 800-590-9755.
- The Fruitbelt Woodcarvers Carving Show is November 5th & 6th, 2016 at Cass County Fairgrounds, Cassopolis, Michigan. Contacts for information are 269-663-6096 and 574-825-2450.

Theme Carving

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| • November | Woodburning |
| • December | Christmas Carvings |
| • January | Bark Carving |
| • February | Door & Raffle Prizes |
| • March | Relief Carving |
| • April | Chip Carving |
| • May | Wildlife |
| • June | Caricatures |

Carve Fest XII Report By: John Sabina

Carve Fest XII was held at the Washington Township Senior Center on September 22-24, 2016. By all accounts this twelfth annual event was a smashing success. A special thank you to my planning committee of Dick Mann, Paul Blanchard, and Rizal Baysa for their guidance and help.

Typical of most carving events of late, Carve Fest attendance was down from previous years. Our attendance was 57 people on Thursday, 70 on Friday and 39 on Saturday. These numbers included 82 different people with about 1/3 participating for 3

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days, another 1/3 for 2 days, and the last third for 1 day. The 82 people included 38 Metro members and 44 non-members, so our outreach to other clubs and the community continues. One disappointment was that Frank Burghy, our carving supply provider, was ordered by his doctor on the day before to stay off his feet for 10 days due to a foot issue and thus the Cedar Bird Shop was unable to attend. Despite the disappointment, I am pleased to report that the respite worked and Frank is back on his feet and doing well.

The strength of any carving festival is determined by the quality and diversity of the projects. Here our thirteen instructors leading twelve projects clearly shined. The response from participants was very enthusiastic. Gary Baker lead carvers doing Christmas Ornaments; Rizal Baysa lead Chip Carving; Gary Bityk covered Bark Carving Miniatures and Paul Blanchard did Spoons. Jim Foster (from Piqua, OH) brought a number of well-received relief carving projects while Dawn Laatz and Ingrid Santti covered wood burning. Dick Mann offered a choice of two caricatures, a woodsman or a wizard; Pat Murphy



covered wooden chains; Jim Reagan carved basswood pumpkins in the round and John Saarinen lead carvers on a number of different kinetic Russian toys including a rooster that pecked and a bear that typed on a computer. The writer lead Introduction to Woodcarving for beginners, while Don Schneider showed seven carvers how to carve and tune Native American flutes.

Carve Fest XII was well received by both carvers and the Senior Center Staff who were pleased to see the activity and the community engagement. Carve Fest XIII will return to the two-day, Friday and all-day Saturday format to be held on September 23 and 24, 2017. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us.

MWCA cane program By: Dave Copeman

In May of 2007 the Michigan Wood Carvers Association became involved in the "Lean On Me" Patriot Cane program. The program provides a free cane to any Michigan Combat veteran.

Carvers from around the state have supported this program by a number of means; the most important is the carving of Eagle Cane Heads.

To thank the carvers for their support a special "Patriot Cane Carver" patch was developed and every carver received a patch for that first Eagle Head carving.

Because of the continued support by Michigan wood carvers this program continues today and many Michigan Combat veterans have been honored with a free cane.

Over the years a few carvers have shown overwhelming support for this program by carving a large number of Eagle Cane Heads and because of that, a special "Appreciation" patch has been developed to thank them for their effort.

Any carver that has carved 50 or more Eagle Cane Heads for the MWCA Patriot Cane program will be awarded this special patch.

Eligibility for this special patch will be determined using the MWCA Cane Log. Eagle Cane Head carvings that have been received but not yet used will also be included in the count.

A second patch was also developed for carvers that have carved an additional 50 Eagle Cane Heads.

A certificate will also be included with this special "Appreciation" patch.



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Monthly Carving Competition
Coordinated by Sharon Hill -

Beginners

Jim Strohmeyer– Lilly spoon

Intermediate

Jean Martin– Woodpecker relief

Advanced

Display

Clair Boussum– Owl

Keith Harris– Native flute

Carl Sikes– Duck

Dave Copeman– Cane handle

Theme – class project

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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: Margaret Gout

Directors: Greg Lutz John Saarinen

Directors: Bill Ebinger Carl Sikes

Directors: Rizal Baysa

Show Chair: Mike Murdock 248-689-5468

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. 1pm-4pm __Chesterfield. Sen. Ctr.

Thur. 9am-Noon __Warren Stillwell Manor

Thur. 9am-Noon __Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.

Thur. 6pm-9pm __Shelby Shadbush Nature Ctr.



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