



Wood Shavers

The Newsletter of the

Metro Carvers of Michigan

February 2020

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th

Lamphere High School

**Doors open at 6:30 PM. The Business Meeting
starts at 7:25 PM**

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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<u>Facebook</u>	Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan
<u>Meeting Location</u>	Lamphere High School 616 W.13 Mile Rd Madison Heights, MI 48071
<u>Meeting Day</u>	When the school dictates which Tuesday (no meeting in July & August)
<u>Meeting Times</u>	7:25 PM (doors open at 6:30)
Club Dues:	\$15.00 with an email news letter, \$ 20.00 with hard copy.
Mail check to:	Metro Carvers of Michigan c/o Jim Strohmeyer 819 Lloyd Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48073

Hello Fellow Carvers

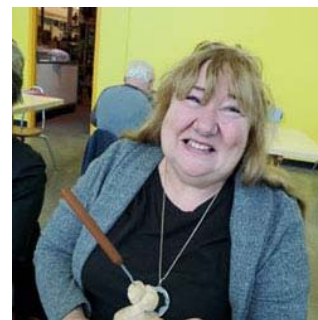
We had an interesting meeting for January. We voted in our new Treasurer - Jim Strohmeer . Thank you Jim ! Bill Womack is our newest board member starting in February . Thank you Bill.

Our call still goes out for our Show Chairmanship positions so that we can have our show in 2021. We need two volunteers to sign up for this position at least by our February meeting. Sign-up sheets will be at our meeting for volunteers in the many positions available to make our show run great. Please donate carved door prizes .

Mike Murdock is our club mentor for birds so see him with your bird questions.

See you February ,

Yours,
Sandra Doran- Your Prez



**Are your Sept 2019-Sept 2020 dues past due??
To continue your membership, please mail a
check (payable to Metro Carvers of Michigan) to:
Metro Carvers of Michigan
c/o Jim Strohmeyer
819 Lloyd Ave
Royal Oak, MI 48073
Please provide your full name, mailing address,
email and phone number for updating our mem-
bership list.**

Board Meeting Minutes

1/07/2020

Meeting started 6:10

Board members in attendance

Sandy Doran, Bill Myers, John Sabina, Don Miller, Rick Laird, Mike Murdock, Sandy Huffman, Jim Strohmeyer, Curt Chastain, John Saarinen, Fred Azelio,

Business

The Board voted to appoint Jim Strohmeyer as Treasurer with Sandy Huffman as an alternate

Question if MWCA dues are paid up

Found after meeting that yes we are paid until March of 2020.

Treasurer needs to make sure we are in compliance with Federal and State requirements. Things like club registered as a non profit.

Club Incorporation

Doug Evens volunteered to assist with this.

Show chair understudy needed by next meeting or there will not be a show next year.

Suggestion to hold meetings on Saturday mornings. Thought being that some members who would like to attend meetings cannot drive at night. Maybe Sterling Heights library?

Show prep is going fine

Proposed that club provide muffins rather than the Lions Club providing donuts. This would be a cheaper option.

Members at large voted to have a thermos with logo rather than patch for the show 40th anniversary celebration.

Meeting close at 6:55

Meeting minutes submitted by Bill Myers, Secretary

Club Officers

President:	Sandra Doran 248-252-8968
Vice President:	Sandra Huffman
Secretary:	Bill Myers
Treasurer:	Jim Strohmeyer
Directors:	Gary Eldred John Saarinen Don Miller Bill Womacck Curt Chastain

Club Volunteers

Show Chairs:	Fred Azelio Pat Murphy
MWCA Rep:	Pat Murphy
Web Page:	John Sabina
Newsletter:	Rick Laird 248-291-6563 ricklaird1@comcast.net

Carving Groups Location and Times

Mon	8:30-11:30 AM	Troy Community Center
Mon	12:00-3:00 PM	Sterling Hts. Senior Center
Mon	9:00-Noon	Warren Stilwell Manor
Tue	9:00-Noon	Washington Senior Center
Tue	1:00-4:00 PM	Chesterfield Senior Center
Thur	9:00-Noon	Warren Stilwell Manor
Thur	9:00-Noon	Washington Senior Center
Thur	6:00-9:30 PM	Shelby Shadbush Nature Center

My neighbors were yelling so loud at their kids to clean up their rooms that out of fear even I started cleaning my room

Starting your first Whimsical Bark House

The first thing people say:

- I could never do that (try)
- Do you have a pattern (No, I sketch)
- How long does it take (The more you do, the less time)

Steps:

- 1.) Choose a piece of bark. Start with one 5 or 6 inches high. Clean of back with a 1" # 3 gouge or chisel.
- 2.) Remove the rough exterior with the same tool. Bark will dull your tools quickly because of the sand and grit embedded in it.
- 3.) Start by creating the general shape of your house. I start with the roofline, about 1/3 of the bark.
- 4.) You will find at this time the wood starts talking to you. By adjusting your house to the bark, which means you start to incorporate the elements of the bark into your design.
Hold your bark up to view it to identify the top and bottom of your house. You may also want to cut a 15° angle off the bottom to give your house a whimsical slant. Resist conformity. No mistakes, only adjustments. No straight lines. Think outside the box.
- 5.) Start sloping the edge of the roof. Slant each edge inwards. Give some curves to your roof line. Each roof line does not have to start from the same distances down from the peak of the roof and the peaks should vary off center of your bark
- 6.) Layout cornices on each side of the roof about ¼ inch.
- 7.) Shingles start at the bottom of your roof. Draw wavy lines to identify shingle lines about 3/8 of an inch apart. Using a detail knife with a thin blade follow the wavy line with a stop cut. Using a ¼ inch # 3 gouge, start at the bottom of the wavy line and cut up about 1/8 " to the next wavy line to show depth of the shingle.
- 8.) At this time, you can start to trim your gable by using a detail knife and cutting down about ¼ inch. Remove bark inside the gable.
- 9.) Windows and doors:
You can now start to layout windows and doors. Start simple using your detail knife to cut out edge and remove bark inside. Only leave one mullion to start with. You can add window and door moldings by using your detail knife to cut the width of your molding. Remove bark on outside of molding with ¼ "# 3 gouge.
- 10.) To finish your first house, you can add 1/4" vertical siding by using a small V tool.

Take notice of old houses, take pictures for future reference. Look at all size and shapes of windows, doors, dormers, additions. Start collecting references of stylish houses in books. For example, Painted Ladies, children's books, movies. When you see a house you like, pause and take a picture. Read books on other types of carvings and finishing.

I could be a morning person.. If morning was sometime around noon

Old people at weddings always poke and say “you’re next.” So I started doing the same thing at funerals.

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, “I’m sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger.:

A three legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces, “I’m looking for the man who shot my paw.”

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. “But why?” they asked as they moved off. “Because,” he said, “I can’t stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.”

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused novacaine during a root canal? He wanted to transcendental medication.

