

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

By the time that you read this, the year will be 2010. The end of 2009 marks the end of the Metro Carvers grace period for payment of your 2009-2010 fiscal year dues. The latest word that I have says that 30 members have not yet renewed their membership, although that number may decrease as the end of the year mail arrives.



A few of that number probably just didn't get around to renewing their membership. Maybe they will get "a round tuit" for Christmas. Renewals after December 31 will be subject to a \$4.00 late fee. Probably the majority of those dropping out are doing so intentionally. With the average age of our members, I certainly recognize that some folks are just not physically able to continue. We certainly understand and wish nothing but the best for our former members. Losing touch of old friends is not a very pleasant outlook. Hopefully, some of our former members will update us occasionally on their whereabouts and how they are doing.

On a more positive note, the enthusiasm shown by particularly our newer members adds considerably to our club energy level. The 2010 Metro Show is reenergized. Maybe it was my article in the December newsletter, maybe it was the Christmas spirit demonstrated at our December meeting, or maybe it was the advantage gained by taking a break during the club meeting for sign-ups, but volunteers to work at the show are running well ahead of last year.

The only assignments that are still way behind are volunteers for the club table. Little do people realize that working the club table is one of the easiest assignments at the show. Here volunteers simply answer questions that visitors may have and hand out literature about our club to potential members. You can be seated the whole time. Simply chatting with interested passers-by is not hard work. There will be more opportunities to volunteer as the show approaches, so please consider working at the club table.

In the meantime, here's hoping that your 2010 carving year will be even better than 2009 was.

NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Jan 12th 2010:

Next meetings are: Feb 9th, Mar 9th,
Apr 13th, May 11th, Jun 1st

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

In our Memory

We were informed that Victor Radziewicz passed away. Victor resided in St. Clair Shrs. and was a Metro Carvers member 1st in 1990 and rejoined in 2006. (1998 pic)



New Club Member

Joseph S. Vidican – 1545 Southfield Rd.,
Lincoln Park, Mi. 48146



Members Removed

The following persons have not paid their 2010 dues and will be removed from the active list:

Dean Alcini, Bob Blessman, Jim Cola Sr, Morris Conrad, Bill Corbet, Ralph Dahms, Pat DesChamps, John Detweiler, Mike Dietz, Dennis Galli, Bill King, Ray L'Esperance, Esther MacIntosh, Ronald Mackensen, Alexis Maes, Richard Maes, John Marovich, Charlie McCarrick, Denise Mooney, Bill Murray, Michael Pelletier, Gerald Rogers, Frank Summers, Anna Bernice Uhrin, Carol Warehall, Ronald Wheatley, Paul Yerkey

Theme carving for this season:

Jan	Bark Carving	Feb	Chip carving
Mar	Carver's Choice	Apr	Flowers
May	Caricatures	June	Patriotism

Carver of the Month – Gary Eldred: By Harold Green

When I interviewed Gary after the Metro meeting in December it was late so I got some basic information from him and asked if he could send anything else that he might have to say to me after he had time to think. He did, actually he wrote the entire article. Everything that is in quotation marks is from Gary's own carving self biography. "Gary lives in Rochester Hills and has been carving since about 1995. He joined Metro Carvers this year. He had a long interest in wood working but quickly discovered he could not afford the tools and space like Norm Abrams from New Yankee Workshop. He decided a new hobby was in-order. When he was camping, sitting around the campfire, and whittling he decided that maybe he would like to try carving something instead of just making a pile of shavings off a stick. Later, with encouragement from a friend at work that gave him his



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first official homemade carving knife, he set out to carve something. Quickly discovering that he had no natural talent for this art form, he sought out a carving class. About that same time he saw a short news story on TV about a carving show in Madison Heights. He went and was not only inspired by the fine carvings but he saw a table with carved ducks and a pad of paper that he could sign up for a class from Hans Bolte. Gary has since taken several classes from Hans, Nora Hall, and Floyd Scholz. Gary still considers himself more of a wood hacker than a carver, but he enjoys trying." I will have to add some of my own comments to Gary's article that I disagree with, he is not a "wood hacker", I have seen his work and it is quite exceptional especially the raptors and birds that he has carved. Gary may be new to the club, but he is an excellent carver.

Guest Speaker – Sandra Huffman - By herself

I have been carving for about 15 years and joined Metro Carvers in 1992. I have worked with wood, paint, clay, drawing and sewing since I was a young girl. My uncle hired me as a professional sign painter but my love has become woodcarving. The first time that I ever saw a woodshow was ours and I was so impressed with all of the talent. I came to the next meeting and joined.

I have 4 children, 3 boys, 1 girl and 7, soon to be 8 grandchildren. Hairdressing is my profession and I have been doing that for 30 years. All of the wonderful friends that I have met from our club, I wish for each of you a very healthy and happy Holiday.

Carving Events Coordinator – Robaleen Bogden

The FINE ARTS NIGHT at a Rochester Elementary School Feb 11th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Is looking for artist that are good with kids to showcase their art and to show their talents and maybe give a demo. If they are interested they can contact Barb Anness/Fine Arts chair person email (tbanness@aol.com) She has informed me that they can get a hold of her directly for more info on it



Also, I have the Facebook under (group) and it is Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan. I also made a page under Metro Carvers of Michigan. The administrator name is Wood Carver.

Thanks Robaleen looking4carvers@aol.com

Show Update: By Mike LePage

Hi everyone. It will soon be Christmas and I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year.

Preparations for the show are starting to shape up. The application forms and flyers (9,000 of them) have been printed. The show applications will be sent out after the first of the year. For those not on the mailing list, applications will be available at the January meeting. If you can't make it to the January meeting, phone me at 586-383-1716 (cell phone) and I will mail one to you.

Competition chair person, Curt Chastain, reports everything is a go and he has added a new category-#55 Youth Carving for ages 16 and under. They can enter one carving in competition if they are a Metro Carver member and they volunteer to help at the show. They may also enter a carving if they are assigned to a table.

This year's theme is Country Living with a cash prize for the best table depicting the theme. Hopefully, Sandy Huffman will have a lot of fun with the crazy hat contest. Don't tell anyone but I plan to make a cow pie hat and, yes, I will be the winner this year!

Now we are ready for the show volunteers. John Sabina reported to me that he has a few volunteers but we still need more. So jump in quickly so you can get the job you want. We need everyone's help because without the volunteers there wouldn't be a show.

We will be going to Scottsdale, Arizona for Christmas and will be returning around January 7th. If you have any questions or concerns or want to volunteer please give me a call on my cell phone.

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

The Michigan Wood Carvers Association has been invited to display carvings, wood burnings and intarsia at the Dow Art & Science Museum in Midland, Mi. 1801 West St. Andrew St. Midland Mi. 48640 starting May 29 thru Aug 28, 2010. If you would like to participate please print & fill out the application which is on the Dow web site at www.mcfta.org. Take a photo of the carving, put your name along with the rough size of the carving (on the back of the photo) so they will make sure they have the right size museum display pedestal for your carving. They are accepting applications now so send them in today or before May 1, 2010 which is the cutoff date for applications. Carvings should arrive starting May 17th thru 22nd, 2010.

Thanks to the newly formed Metro committee to assist our Metro members with this MWCA project, I think we will have a lot of Metro members taking advantage of this opportunity. Terry Zobl gave a very good explanation of the project during our December meeting and we had 45 sign up on a tentative list. You can still sign up so the committee will know who would like to attend. They will assist you with the application and other paper work required. Terry Zobl & his Metro committee have agreed to work out the delivery & pick up of the Metro club carvings. If you would like more info please check out the Metro web site at www.metrocarvers.110mb.com & the museum web site at: www.mcfta.org or ask anyone on the committee: Terry Zobl, Paul Blanchard, Rizal Baysa & Pat Murphy.

Ruth & I went to Canada to check out our MWCA Christmas tree containing all the carved ornaments you & others supplied for the Ontario Children's Wish Foundation. The tree was beautiful & we thank everyone for the carvings. The MWCA also donated over 400 carvings to the Operation Homefront for Michigan Vets. They mounted & auctioned off a couple table top trees during a fund raiser they hosted in Ewart in early December. As soon as we get information on how successful both organizations were we will let you know.

The MWCA cane committee received a load of bass wood for eagle head cutouts. Dave Copeman, Pat Murphy & myself worked in Pat's shop planning, trimming & cutting the wood to a rough size for laying out eagle heads. The next step is to lay out the pattern using the pattern on the MWCA web site at: www.mwca.110mb.com, drill the holes & then band saw the cutouts. If anyone would like to help please let us know, we could use the help. I lost count of the blanks but Dave & Pat think we have over 300 blanks available. I'm not sure if everyone knows, but we are fast approaching a total of 700 canes presented to our military heroes. May God Bless them & the carvers working on the "Lean On Me" project.

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Gary Eldred



Dwain Lusk



Gerry Galanek



Rizal Baysa



Archie Huggins

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were
Lee Bodrie, Robaleen Bogden, Sandy Huffman

Master

First:

Second:

Third:

Honorable:

Advanced

First:

Second:

Intermediate

First:

Second:

Beginner

First:

Second:

Theme – Christmas

First: Gary Eldred, Santa dog

Second: Dwain Lusk, Cross

Third: Gary Galanek, Santa

Honorable: Rizal Baysa, Fan bird

Honorable: Lary Lloyd, Raindeer

Honorable: Jim disney, Santa

Honorable: Archie Huggins, Fan bird

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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: John Sabina
Vice Pres.: Paul Blanchard
Treasurer: Rizal Baysa
Secretary: Harold Green
Directors: Larry Lloyd Pat Murphy
Directors: Arlene Murphy Gerry Galanck
Directors: Gary Bityk

Newsletter: Terry Zobl

Show CoChair: Mike LePage & Bill Wolfe

MWCA rep: Bill Phillips

Carving Events: Robaleen Bogden

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
Mon. 5pm-7pm __Woodcraft Store Van Dyke
Tue. 9am-Noon __Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.
Tue. 9am-Noon __Woodcraft Store Van Dyke
Tue. Noon-3pm __St. Clair Shrs. Sen. Ctr.
Tue. 1pm-4pm __Chesterfield. 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.
1st Sat. 9am-Noon __Woodcraft Store Van Dyke



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