

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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## NEXT MEETING

### Club meeting Tuesday Mar 9<sup>th</sup> 2010:

Next meetings are: Apr 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Jun 1<sup>st</sup>

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.*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

Canceling the February club meeting was a tough decision to make. The weather forecast was looking very poor with the heaviest snow predicted right about the time our members would be driving to the meeting. The February meeting was our best opportunity to cover many show details. With the weather forecast, our attendance was bound to be light. So, we erred on the side of caution and cancelled the meeting. Our club has limited abilities to contact people on short notice. Terry Zobl put a cancellation notice on the club website, we called a number of members, and Keller School agreed to put a sign on the rear door. I want to apologize to anyone who braved the elements for nothing.



Show preparations are humming right along. Curt Chastain has the carving competition under control, Bill and Ruth Phillips are running the People's Choice selection, Larry and Delores Lloyd are covering the Club Carving Raffle, Doug Evans is coordinating the door prizes and running the blanket swap on Sunday morning, Carl Sikes has lined up a

number of interesting carving demos, Frank Bosco is covering Saturday night hall security, Marie Gasior will photograph the winning carvings, Keith Harris will prepare the show article for Chip Chats, and our featured carver, Dick Jacobs, will have a nice display.

The show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 20 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM and on Sunday, March 21 from 10:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Exhibitors may enter the hall at 7:00 AM on Saturday and at 8:00 AM on Sunday. The hall will be open for early display set-up from 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM on Friday afternoon. *(Please note that hall security will not be present until Saturday morning.)*

Sunday morning will feature an exhibitor breakfast served by the Lions Club (\$6.00 each by reservation only.) Following breakfast, the blanket swap is always fun. The purpose of these Sunday morning activities is to give the exhibitors a chance to interact and review the show without the confusion of a visitor crowded hall.

Mary Jo LePage reports that table rentals are going well. Our members and visitors will have plenty of opportunities to gather ideas and to purchase needed carving tools and supplies. Co-chairs Mike LePage and Bill Wolfe have some interesting ideas for our carving contest that should be fun. We even have two volunteers, Mary Jo Brown and Ed Oneil to co-chair next year's (2011) show. Worker sign-up is looking good. I will have written instructions for volunteers at the March meeting and will mail those instructions to any volunteers who do not attend the March meeting. (Our monthly meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> will be only 11 days before the show.)

Now is the time for the final publicity push. Mike LePage has plenty of fliers. Many have been circulated already. Contact Mike if you need any more fliers. This would be a great time to contact any local newspaper, radio, or cable TV stations to ask for a public service announcement. Don't forget to tell your family, friends, and neighbors, as word of mouth is some of our most effective publicity. Just before the show is always a busy time of the year. All indications are that this, our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Metro Carving Show, will be another great one. Thank you all for your support.

### Theme carving for this season:

Mar	Carver's Choice	Apr	Flowers
May	Caricatures	June	Patriotism

## Guest Speaker - By Paul Blanchard

Our guest speaker for March will be Robert Strimple a retired school teacher a beginning wood carver who builds, exhibits, instructs and sells puppets and marionettes. Robert will have examples and advice on the construction of a very unique hobby. It will be a very informative and interesting to everyone. Please be sure to attend our February meeting. Bring a friend.

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## Carver of the Month – **Charlie Kreger:** By Harold Green

Charles Kreger is a retired from the East Pointe school system as a power plant engineer. He currently lives with his wife in East Pointe, and they have two children. Charles started carving in 1990 when a friend introduced him to the Sterling Heights Senior Center wood carving group. He attends the carving sessions there on Monday afternoons from 12:00 to 3:00. He has also had some newspaper articles written about him in some northern Michigan papers.



Charles carving style spreads over a wide variety of subjects, but lately his favorite subject is bark carving. At January's meeting he displayed a Nome condominium complex made from bark. The detail was great, doors even opened and closed. He carves mostly for fun and self enjoyment. Winning blue ribbons and contests are not really why he carves.

## Show Update: By Mike LePage

By the time you get this newsletter, the Metro Carvers Show will be less than a month away. Even though the February meeting was canceled due to weather, that didn't mean that preparations for the show came to a halt. Preparations are continuing to be made to have a successful show.

Our main concern now is advertising. Show flyers were going to be available at the February meeting, but since there wasn't a meeting, that didn't happen. We need people to help distribute flyers. If you can help in this capacity, please give me a call (586-383-1716) to arrange for you to get some flyers. Also, pre-sale tickets are available. I would like to get as many out as possible before the March meeting. If we wait until the meeting, it is only four days until the show. Contact me if you can help with selling some pre-sale tickets. Thank you to Abrasive Brokers for again sponsoring the pre-sale tickets for the show.

If you are thinking about getting a table for the show (or sharing a table) don't wait too long. The March 1st deadline is rapidly approaching. As of now, we have over eighty tables spoken for.

We are also in need of door prizes and special raffle prizes. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We just received in the mail a beautiful fan bird from David and Sally Nye to be used in the special drawing. Thanks, David and Sally. We are happy to have them at our show, again, this year.

I had a meeting up in Washington with some of the Metro Carvers. We came up with some different activities for the show that I will share with you at the next meeting.

If you are having a table at the show, remember to be thinking about our theme "Country Living" so you can decorate your table. Who knows...you might be a winner. Also, join in on the fun and put on your thinking cap to come up with an idea for the silly hat contest. Thank you, Sandy Huffman, for agreeing to do this again.

**Carving Demos during the Show** is being coordinated by Carl Sikes and Tom Hunter. So far they have recruited the following demonstrators: Paul Blanchard – Scrimshaw, Gary Bityk – Bark Carving, Rizal Baysa – Fanbirds, Ron Schmidt – Antique Decoys, Terry Zobl – Basket weave pattern, Dick Jacobs – Caricature,

Cheryl Dow – wood burning. They would like to offer more subjects so if you are interested contact Carl Sikes 248-588-1575.

See you at the March meeting..

## Raffle Carvings Needed: By John Sabina

One issue has apparently fallen through the cracks relative to the upcoming Metro show. We have made no real mention of carvings suitable for raffle prizes. Our practice has been to offer several carvings in a bucket raffle scenario. Here show patrons may purchase raffle tickets for \$1.00 each and then place those tickets in a container for the specific carving that they would like to own. Each purchaser of tickets can put one ticket in each "bucket", or all of their tickets in one bucket, or any combination thereof.

Larry and Delores Lloyd have run this club raffle for some time and have graciously volunteered to run the raffle again this year. The club raffle is a source of additional income for our club. In order to properly plan the raffle and display each carving, the Lloyds would like to know who carved each donated piece, as well as the title of each piece as applicable.

By the time that you read this, most club members will not have time to tackle a new carving to donate in time for our March 20<sup>th</sup> show. So, please review your carvings that were done previously to see if you have one that you would be willing to donate for the raffle. Raffle carvings tend to be nicer pieces than standard door prizes. If you have a carving donation that would be suitable, please call Larry Lloyd at 586-771-1723 to make appropriate arrangements. Knowing what is coming in advance of the show makes the planning job much easier. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

## Carving Events Coordinator – Robaleen Bogden

**Michigan festival of gourds** has opened up their festival to include wood carvers/burners. If anyone is interested in participating in there festival, you can go to there web site [www.michiganfestivalofgourds.com](http://www.michiganfestivalofgourds.com) and find more information. The festival is Sept. 17-19 @Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City.

Gary Bityk announced that Carvers are needed to Demo & **Promote Woodcarving to our Veterans on March 10<sup>th</sup>** from Noon until? at the **Veterans Hospital in Detroit** (John R, near Wayne State Univ.) This is a chance to show your carvings and create some interest in this hobby for our Veterans to enjoy. If you are available contact **Salvano Salvador 248-345-7580**.

## MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

The first of the MWCA wood carving exchange called "WOOD ART" is up & running. This program is chaired by David & Sally Nye. I'm sure most of you know them from the Round –Up along with carving shows displaying and teaching how to carve the one piece fan birds. I understand they will be attending our Metro show later this month. My I suggest that you stop and say "Hi" and check out their beautiful fan birds.

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. 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

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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](http://www.metrocarvers.110mb.com) & the museum web site at: [www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org) or ask anyone on the committee: Terry Zobl, Paul Blanchard, Razil Baysa & Pat Murphy. Please remember anyone winning a blue ribbon at our show this month can put it into the Midland competition or if you don't want to compete you can put it into the display only and not compete.

If you would like to participate please print & fill out the application which is on the Dow web site at [www.mcfta.org](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

The MWCA cane committee has a few more eagle head cutouts available and are in need of the finished eagle heads for our veterans. We hope to have some available at the Metro show so ask Dave Copeman, Pat Murphy or myself. 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.

As a reminder following the Metro show on March 20<sup>st</sup> & 21<sup>nd</sup> we have the MWCA annual meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> (everyone is invited to the meeting) and the Greater Lansing show on April 17. Then in May we have the Kalamazoo Valley show on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> -- then the Sunrise (Oscoda) show on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> followed by the MWCA Learning Seminar where you can receive instructions from some of the best instructors we can find. If you would like more info please let me know. expose them to the many aspects of woodcarving. Be a recruiter!

## MWCA exhibit at the Dow Museum

MWCA members are invited to exhibit one carving, woodburning or intarsia at the Dow Museum in Midland between May 17 and August 29, 2010. You can submit one item. You can enter it into the Exhibit, or, if it is a Blue Ribbon winner it can be put into the Juried Competition. For Metro members wanting assistance there is a committee ready to help; (Terry Zobl, Rizal Baysa, Paul Blanchard, and Pat Murphy). We will have applications available and will arrange for delivery and pickup of your entry. Your entry must be adequately packed for maximum protection as we will not be responsible for damages. If your entry is too large or fragile you must handle the transportation to and from the museum.

Because there was no meeting in February the process timeline for committee help is amended as follows:

1. **Fill out and sign** the application, with a picture of your entry, at the **March** meeting or at the Metro show. See Terry Zobl to get a form.
2. Bring your boxed entry to the **April** club meeting for pickup.

3. Your box must be strong and reusable and labeled as Metro Carvers Club with your name, address, phone, and picture of your entry on the outside.
4. Your entry must be labeled (label not showing) with your name, address, and phone number.
5. Your entry will be available for you to pickup at the **September** Club meeting.

Anyone willing to help with the delivery and/or pickup of these entries to the Museum in Midland please inform one of the committee members.

Below is a facsimile of the Application Form that will be available for you to fill out at the March Meeting or Show. A **picture of your carving** is also required at that time.

### Michigan Wood Carvers Association State-Wide Open Exhibit Application Form ( ) *check one* Juried Contest Application Form ( )

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature shall constitute agreement to all conditions and terms of this project and procedure.

Artist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Carving  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimensions: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional comments / descriptions if applicable  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MWCA Membership Carving Exchange

"Wood art" projects along with artist biographies will be exchanged between MWCA members. This exchange is open to all members of the MWCA. The purpose is for us to have fun becoming acquainted with fellow members as well as whiling away this winter's cabin fever doing a "wood art" project. The subject matter of the project is the member's choice so long as it is appropriate and tasteful. Keep in mind that small is better since it will be sent via postal mail.

Registration is required by the end of February (or early March when you get this newsletter). You need to send your Name, Address, MWCA member number, Phone number, Email, and Club Name.

Contact: Wood Art Coordinators ASAP.

David & Sally Nye  
2160 66th St.  
Fennville, MI 49408  
Ph: 269-543-4755  
Email: Columbus@accn.org

In April they will inform you of your exchange partner and the address where to mail your Art project.

## Monthly Carving Competition

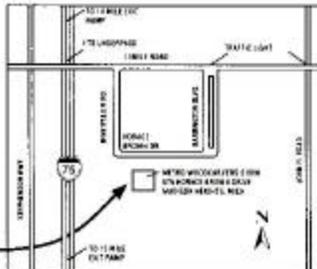
Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

No meeting in February

### METRO CARVERS OF MICHIGAN 30th Annual Wood Carving Show

March 20th, 2010 • 10 am — 5 pm  
March 21st, 2010 • 10:30 am — 4 pm  
\$3.00 per adult - Children 17 & under free

- Raffle & Door Prizes
- Seminars for the carver • Tool sharpening demo
- Live carving competition on Sunday
- Peoples Choice Competition - vote for your favorite carving
- Observe Judges select winners
- Events for the family • Scouts in uniform FREE
- Great Food Available



#### METRO WOODCARVERS SHOW

876 HORACE BROWN DRIVE • MADISON HEIGHTS, MI  
(SOUTH OF 13 MILE, BETWEEN I-75 & JOHN R. ROAD)

Show Co-Chairmen: Bill Wolfe (wwolfe26@yahoo.com) • 248-547-1539  
Mike LePage (naturecarver@sbcglobal.net) • 586-791-7728  
Registrar: Mary Jo LePage (mjlepage@sbcglobal.net) • 586-791-7728

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**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1597  
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**Web Site URL**

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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 Bodgen

#### 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.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 9am-Noon \_\_ Woodcraft Store Van Dyke



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