

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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John Sabina, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday May 11th 2010:

Next meetings are: 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 - Frank Bodrie

We were informed that Frank Bodrie passed away in April. Frank and his son Lee Bodrie joined Metro Carvers in June 1993. At that time they were into fish carving and created an interest among many Metro members to also carve fish.



New Club Members (No Pics)

Brian Thibodeau – 3283 Norfolk Ct., Shelby Twp., MI 48316

Robert Strimpel – 36725 Harwick Ct., Clinton Twp., MI 48035

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: By John Sabina

The 2010 Metro Carvers Show, our 30th annual, is now history. By all available data, our latest show was a tremendous success. Our attendance, revenues, and number of tables were all very solid. The atmosphere was electric and I have received many positive comments from club members and non-members, spectators and demonstrators. I attempted to recognize the efforts of our many workers at the April meeting. Even with some workers not present, a substantial portion of the meeting attendees were standing to receive our round of applause. This was a great team effort. I, for one, want to express

my appreciation to everyone whose contributions made our show a complete success.

The Metro Carvers of Michigan is a very good carving club. We are the largest club in the Michigan Woodcarvers Association and show leadership in many statewide endeavors. Our contributions to the Patriot's Cane program are well known. We are well represented at MWCA meetings, turned in a large number of Christmas ornaments, and I am sure will be well represented at the Dow Museum this summer.



Let's now turn our attention to the next important step to maintaining the strength and direction of our club. That step is the election of officers and directors for the 2010-2011 carving year that starts in September. A ten-person executive committee runs the business of the club. This committee includes a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, five directors, and the immediate past president. Officers are elected to a one-year term while the term of each director is two years. This year only two director positions are up for election as Gary Bityk, Pat Murphy, and Arlene Murphy have another year on their current terms.

Our annual elections are ordinarily held at the May membership meeting. Last year we held our elections in June. Our nominating committee, after checking last year's newsletters, has been working toward a June election. At this point we have no fewer than 20 names on the nomination list. That number breaks down as follows: President – 4 candidates, Vice-president – 9 candidates, Secretary – 1 candidate, Treasurer – 1 candidate, and Director – 4 candidates. (Please note that this is the total list that has not been verified.) Twenty candidates are far too many to show on ballots. **Thus, we will move the elections to the June meeting to allow the nominating committee time to verify and refine the nominations and print appropriate ballots.**

It has been my honor and a distinct pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. I am very appreciative of the strong support that I have received from you, the membership. Keeping up with the schedule generated by my numerous commitments in this and several other organizations has become burdensome. Thus, I have decided to cut back in the interest of sanity.

Selecting the right people for our club executives is an important piece in maintaining both continuity and our club leadership. Since very few individuals would consider running for club office without some experience in club operations, choosing your officers and directors wisely is of paramount importance. **Club officers and directors represent the pool of future leadership for our club.** Besides evaluating each candidate's suitability for their current duties, one should assess each candidate for their long-term leadership potential. Having Metro executive committee members with strong leadership potential is the best way to insure the future of our club. **So please, come to the June membership meeting and vote.**

Theme carving for this season:

May – Caricatures, June – Patriotism

Guest Speaker - By Paul Blanchard

Our speaker for the month of May will be Ben Linderman a fellow Metro member. Ben has been carving domestic and exotic hardwoods for nine years. He has carved over 23 different types of hardwoods. Ben loves the colors of the exotic hardwoods and has worked with them for many years. Ben has participated in 10 wood carving shows, 28 fine art shows and several knife shows. He has been on the front

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page of the Detroit Free Press and was featured in Newsweek magazine. Ben will be presenting a most informative talk about his experience and knowledge of hardwoods.

Carver of the Month – Carl Sikes: By Harold Green

Carl Sikes has been a body shop owner (J & M Collision) since 1978, before that he was a dealership service manager in the body shop and service areas for 21 years. Currently two of his three children work with him at his business.

Carl initiated his interest in wood carving with a visit to Frankenmuth and conversation with a wood carver in one of the shops. His most inspirational person in wood carving was George Keilhoffer when he took a class from him along with Paul Blanchard. They drove to Frankenmuth every day for the period of the class. Carl joined Metro Carvers in November of 1997. He has been very active in the club and has volunteered a lot of time in the annual shows and other club activities. He also has contributed a lot to the "Lean on Me" cane project for veterans.



Carl has carved just about every form of carving that there is, but his favorite is doing busts of people and relief carving. Carl has given away about 50 canes to friends and seniors who need them. He carves regularly at the Troy Community Center on Monday and Shadbrush Nature Center on Thursday evenings. Carl also likes to make wine when he isn't carving, working, or active in community affairs.

Carving Events Coordinator – Robaleen Bogden

The **Romeo Victorian Days** is May 15th 8am-5pm. Any that are interested in doing that as a group contact me or if you want to do it on your own call 586-752-6863 (Stu Walters) You will need your own table and shelter. You may be able to sell your stuff also.

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, has offered our group to participate as an exhibitor at there 2010 Outdoor Expo. All that are interested please contact me to get this arranged. There will be no electric, but there maybe shelter available, and picnic tables.

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area—2010 Outdoor Expo
On Saturday June 5th, Pontiac Lake Recreation Area will be hosting an Outdoor Expo, starting at 10 a.m. at the beach area. For more information on the park or the events call (248) 666-1020 or visit friendsofpontiaclake.org. Motor Vehicle Permit, available for purchase at the park entrance and headquarters. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A nonresident annual is \$29 and a nonresident daily is \$8.

2010 Metro Show Results : By Keith Harris

Metro's 2010 show marks the 30th Anniversary showcasing the works of carvers from the area. It was another great show with 1056 visitors attending. This year there were 157 entries in the competition submitted by 62 different carvers and wood burners. There were 42 first place winners, 35 second place winners, 28 third place winners and 16 honorable mentions. These results are about the same as last year's competition. Our thanks go to the judges Jerry Grusendorf, Gary Gracey and Tom Grile for their hard work. Competition winners were Ron Iacobelly, Joe Beaudette and Ed Sowulewski. People's Choice winners were Joe Beaudette, Clar Elzerman and Gary Bityk. Carvers Choice winners were Joe Beaudette, Gary Bityk and Paul Blanchard The featured carver this

year was Dick Jacobs. Our hats are off to the hardworking show committee that put on a great show again this year. Next year's show will be held on March 19th and 20th 2011. Pictures of the Show are posted on the web site SHOW page, www.metrocarvers.110mb.com,

2011 Metro Show – Mary Jo Brown

We had a great 2010 show! Now we need to start working on the 2011 show. The theme for this show is - Woodstock Hippy Days (or is that Daze?). Think back to that groovy time of peace, love, and flower power! Larry Brown and I passed out flyers to put on your tables when you are participating in any show between now and September. If you need more or didn't get any at the April meeting then you can download them at the website. Thank you to all who volunteered for the 2010 show and we look forward to working with you again for the 2011 show. A special thank you to the ones that stepped up and said they would work on the 2011 show again like they have in the past. This was and is greatly appreciated! I have your names in my note book and will be checking in with you all at a later date. Well on that note it's off to start working on door prizes! Happy carving to everyone. Have a safe summer and I'll see you in September! (In case you are wondering, work will keep me from the next 2 meetings.)

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

By the time we receive this news letter the Midland Art & Science Museum display will be closed to accepting applications & photos. Don't forget to bring or ship your carving to the museum during the week of May 17-22nd

The next carving event is the MWCA Learning Seminar in Midland - May 17-21 & they still have some openings. If you would like to attend or have questions please call Bill Phillips 810-798-3401. Following that event is the Evert wood carvers round-up on June 9-12. Then it's the Floyd Rhadigan seminar at Evert June 14-18.

We mentioned during our Metro April meeting that the Lean On Me cane project was going to host a club/regional competition. The rules are simple – carve the most eagle heads & do the best you can with each of them. Metro is in region 4 which consist of Metro & both Port Huron clubs & we hope to have some eagle heads that represents our club & the region. Please consider carving some eagle heads & sending them via a fellow Metro carver or you can bring them to the Evert round-up June 9-12th. We will also be teaching eagle head carving at a class during the round-up. I'm sure most of the Metro carvers know how to carve an eagle head but if you think you could use some help stop in & check out the class. We will have free cut outs & eagle eyes available during this class. Please remember the material is free as long as you return the finished head to the cane committee so we can send them on to a vet.

Listed are the rules/categories for the eagle head competition: Realistic painted head. Realistic unpainted, Artistic/Imaginative, Open mouth (screaming eagle) - Best of Best from above. Most entries by one carver (acceptable quality), Best of Regional Rep (most entries from all the clubs within each region)-(acceptable quality), Best Club (4 best carvings from 4 different carvers of the same club)

We think this will be a lot of fun & I hope you will help Metro win for the most & best eagle heads from all of the regions. Don't forget we have 9 regions within the state so please help Metro & region 4 win.

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Theme: Ken Zryd



Master: Elaine Bogden



Advanced: Gail Sarteli



Intermediate: Tony Mazzola

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were
Frank Boscco, Ben Lindman, Sandy Huffman

Master

First: Elaine Bogden, Intrisa boot
Second: Carl Sikes, Relief ram
Third:
Honorable:

Advanced

First: Gail Sarteli, Pendent turtle
Second:
Third:

Intermediate

First: Tony Mazzola, Woodcarved cane

Beginner

First:
Second:

Theme – Door Prize

First: Ken Zryd, Flowers & basket
Second:
Third:

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Meeting Location: Helen Keller School
near 12 mile & I-75 1505 N. Campbell Rd.
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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 Chair: Mary Jo Brown
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.
1st Sat. 9am-Noon __Woodcraft Store Van Dyke



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