

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Paul Blanchard, President

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## NEXT MEETING

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

Next meetings are: Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Jun 7<sup>th</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.*

## TREASURERS REPORT: By Rizal Baysa

### **New Club Members (no pic)**

**Ken Pniewski**– 19830 Meier, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

**Dennis Galli**– (rejoined)

### **In our Memory -**

We were notified that **Art Kapagian** passed away October 21<sup>st</sup>. He was a Metro member since November 1989 and lived in Shelby Twp,



### **Club dues:**

Please pay your club dues (\$15.00) at the next meeting. Or send a check to; Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Rizal Baysa, 5605 Lockwood Drive, Washington, MI. 48094

If you do not pay your dues by the end of 2010, the dues for renewing you membership in 2011 are raised to \$19.00.

When you become a member of Metro Carvers of Michigan, you automatically become a member of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. You will receive a new membership card and your MWCA membership number will be printed on your new card.

## President's Corner. By Paul Blanchard

I am happy to report that all the seats on the chartered bus trip to the Dayton Ohio wood show, Artistry in Wood, have been filled, and that 20 of our Metro members will be attending the November 13 exhibition. This will be the 3rd time I have attended this fantastic show. I know that everyone who will be attending this show for the 1st time will be impressed by all the carvings and presentations.

On behalf of the board of directors and all the officers of Metro Carvers, I want to thank Bill Philips for his many years of dedicated service as our club representative to the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. Bill and his wife Ruth have worked tirelessly for the benefit of Metro and the MWCA and his service is greatly appreciated. And I want to personally thank Bill and Ruth. I want to acknowledge Pat Murphy who has graciously accepted the position as Region 4 representative to the MWCA. Pat is very enthusiastic in promoting the art of wood carving, and will do an outstanding job in representing Metro. Thank you Pat.



Just a little reminder in regards to our Christmas meeting. We are in need of volunteers to help coordinate this activity. Please contact Robaleen Bogden with your suggestions and of course food items for our Pot Luck. Speaking of Christmas, don't forget to see our apparel coordinator, Ingrid Santti for Metro apparel items to put under the Christmas tree. We are still in need of volunteers for the proposed wood carving swap meet. I think the April meeting would be a great time to hold this event. It would be right after our annual show, where you could purchase all those new tools, books and wood and be able to swap your old stuff the following month. Please contact me if you care to help in this effort. We are still looking for ideas and suggestion on ways to improve our club by way of competition, guest speakers, book library, video and any other items. We need your input, please consider stepping up to some of these opportunities.

The annual show is fast approaching, and lets all of us give our show chairperson Mary Jo Brown our support by volunteering to help her and our show and to insure the success of this most important annual event. Please consider carving some items for door prizes and the raffle, and set up, and numerous positions on the days of the show. There are numerous areas that need volunteers

### **Theme carving for this season:**

Nov	Wood burning	Dec	Christmas
Jan	Bark Carving	Feb	Chip carving
Mar	Carver's Choice	Apr	Flowers
May	Caricatures	June	Patriotism

## Carver of the Month – By Harold Green

**Pat Murphy** is a retired Journeyman Toolmaker. He spent 24 years working for LAM Corporation and 20 years with Chrysler

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working at his trade. Since retiring he has had more time to spend carving along with Arlene, his wife.

Pat got his start at carving in a class taught by Joy Yax over 30 years ago at Harsens Island. He went to his first Metro Carving Show when it was held at an ice rink by 10 mile and Evergreen; this was before the show was moved to its present location in Madison Heights. Pat was one of the earliest members of Metro Carvers joining back when Don Hindman was president in the early 80's. His service may have been broken during the time when he was working, but he can not remember when.



Pat and his wife Arlene are both active in Metrocarvers as board members, and Pat recently took over the responsibility as Region 4 representative to the Michigan Woodcarvers Association.

Arlene, Pat's wife has become an excellent wood burner, and accompanies Pat to many of the woodcarving seminars that he attends. Pat does just about every type of carving that there is, but is partial to carving wildlife and songbirds.

Pat believes that the learning seminar at Midland is the best place for a beginner carver to learn the basics of carving, and for the seasoned carver to hone his/her skills. He firmly believes that taking classes from qualified instructors is the best way to become a good carver.

## Guest Speaker - By Paul Blanchard

Our Guest speaker for the November meeting will be a long time member of Metro **Ron Schmidt**. Ron has been a member for over 12 years. He enjoys carving birds of all species. He will be presenting a talk on his long time passion of researching and collecting antique wood decoys. Ron will display and discuss some very interesting stories on his collection of antique bird decoys. Please join us for this informative and interesting discussion. Please bring a friend.

## Events - By Robaleen Bogden

I NEED HELP!! with **viewing the VHS videos** and valuating them. PLEASE! Stop by at our meeting to pick up some. We plan on keeping the good quality VHS videos until we can replace with a DVD. The rest will be sold or trashed. If you have a DVD recorder that can record from VHS this would help greatly.

The **Wood Working Show in Taylor** has contacted me again for our participation. The dates & times for the show are Dec 17<sup>th</sup> (12-6), 18<sup>th</sup> (10-6) and 19<sup>th</sup> (10-4). We need to know before Nov.12<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in representing our club. Please contact Paul Blanchard 248-656-8738. We need to have at least 2 people for each day to stay in the booth. See their web site <http://www.thewoodworkingshows.com>.

**Members with PCs:** We are on the social networking site **FACEBOOK** under groups: "Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan". Also visit the new **Carving Events** web page on our web site [www.metrocarvers.110mb.com](http://www.metrocarvers.110mb.com).

## 2011 Show Report - By Mary Jo Brown

Howdy Carvers! Hope everyone is back to carving now that it looks like fall is really here. Things are progressing as we figure out this show thing. Thank you Carl Sikes for doing the advertising, Curt Chastain for doing the competition, Bill and Ruth Phillips for doing the People's Choice again! Doug Evans is also doing what he has done

before. We really appreciate everything you are helping with! Now we need to get everyone else to start to think of the ways they can participate in the show. Remember this is your club and it's a club show. There are many ways that you all can help and we really hope that more of the members join in to make this a great show.

## Carve Fest VI Results - By John Sabina

The sixth annual Carve Fest was held in Washington Township on September 24th and 25th. The purpose of this event is to get people carving, learning and sharing. Carve Fest VI would have to be considered a major success. Our attendance was down a small amount when compared to Carve Fest 5. Friday's attendance was 95 this year compared to 94 last year. However, Saturday had 84 people sign in versus 111 in 2009. We had ten simultaneous sessions this year compared to a maximum of nine previously.

Sixteen club members who served as project leaders made the ten carving and burning projects possible. These volunteer instructors are the most important ingredients to making Carve Fest work. Instructors sharing their ideas and techniques are what generate participation. A special thanks to Rizal Baysa, Gary Bityk, Paul Blanchard, Mary Jo Brown, Doug Evans, Harold Green, Archie Huggins, Bill Jaquays, Charlie Kreger, Marcy Larson, Arlene Murphy, John Sabina, Paul Shoemaker, Don Schneider, Terry Zobl who joined me as instructors. Any event of this magnitude is only possible with a support staff to cover the many small details. Thank you to Gary Herman, Rizal Baysa, John Sabina and Don Schneider who assisted with set-up and also to Pattie Baysa, Judy Isham, Joanne Mann, Judy Sabina, and Cheryl Sparks who covered registration and lunch sales.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the vendor support provided by Frank and Phyllis Burghy of the Cedar Bird Shoppe, Linda Long of the Tee Shirt Depot, and Bill Jaquays who handles Denny Tools. Besides giving the attendees the opportunity to purchase needed tools and supplies, these fine folks generously donated several items each for our enhanced 50-50 raffles to add to the excitement. Speaking of support, the encouragement and services provided by the Washington Senior Center are a critical resource to Carve Fest. The use of this first-class facility enables the entire event. Debbie Webber and her staff make and serve the excellent lunch. Andy, our hard-working janitor, also deserves special mention. This dedicated staff has one objective - to bring seniors to the Center. They continue to provide outstanding support to our club despite severely reduced budgets.

There will be a Carve Fest VII! The details, while not yet defined, will be revealed as they unfold. Thanks to all who participated. Please plan on joining us again next year.

## MWCA Update: By Pat Murphy

To date 109 students have signed up for the 2011 seminar in Midland. Three new clubs have joined the MWCA including the Linden Woodcarvers, The Oakland Livingston Woodcarvers and The Woodland carvers. The MWCA under the leadership of David & Sally Nye once again plans to do the carving exchange for 2011. They are hoping to get increased participation from more clubs and members from across the state, so start giving some thought to joining in and what to carve. The new MWCA calendars are now available at the price of \$4:00 which includes a \$5:00 gift certificate from Frank & Phyllis Burghy. Bill Phillips will have them at the next meeting. By the time you receive the next newsletter, the Frankenmuth show and the Livonia show will be history, but the Fruitbelt show in Casapollis and the Dayton Wood Carvers Show on Nov. 13 are yet to come.

# Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Theme: Dave Copeman



Master: Dick Mann



Advanced:  
Larry Bauman



Intermediate:  
Dawn Laatz



Beginner:  
Marcy Larson

## Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were  
John Sabina, Don Schneider, Sandy Huffman

### Master

**First:** Dick Mann, Wizard  
**Second:** Ron Copes, Heron  
**Third:** Don Schneider, Icicle  
**Honorable:** Ken Zryd, Abe Lincoln

### Advanced

**First:** Larry Bauman, Mickey  
**Second:** Roger Sonnenfeld, Bird

### Intermediate

**First:** Dawn Laatz, Bark house  
**Second:** Norma Bauman, Muledeer  
**Third:** Bill Gugan, Lure

### Beginner

**First:** Marcy Larson, Snake cane  
**Second:** Don Shook, Pintale duck  
**Third:** Margaret Gout, Bear

### Theme – Caricatures

**First:** Dave Copeman, Bear  
**Second:** Pat Murphy, Wolf  
**Third:** Arlene Murphy, woodburning

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**Facebook site:** Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan

**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:** Paul Blanchard 248-656-8738

**Vice Pres.:** Bob Galanek

**Secretary:** Harold Green

**Treasurer:** Rizal Baysa

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**Directors:** Pat Murphy Arlene Murphy

**Directors:** Gary Bityk

**Show Chair:** Mary Jo Brown 586-808-3835

**MWCA rep:** Pat Murphy

**Carving Events:** Robaleen Bogden

**Newsletter:** Terry Zobl

### 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. Noon-3pm \_\_St. Clair Shrs. Sen. Ctr.

Tue. 1pm-4pm \_\_Chesterfield. Sen. Ctr.

Wed. Noon-3pm \_\_Clinton Twp. 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.



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