

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Paul Blanchard, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday May 10th 2011:

Next meetings are: Jun 7th

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 / Reinstated Club Members

Dennis Elliott - 428 Edmond, Royal Oak, MI 48073

Reinstated-
Frank Albright,
Jim Bowsher,
Robert Jackson



Carved Eagle Heads – By Dave Copeman

Metro Carvers Eagle Head competition at the June meeting. Eagle head carvings turned in at the May meeting will be entered into the June competition.

President's Corner: By Paul Blanchard

I hope everyone enjoyed our April meeting which featured our 2nd swap meet. A big thank you to Tom Hunter and Bill Przbilski who helped in setting up and coordinating this event. I would greatly appreciate any and all feed back (pro or con) in regards to this event.



I want to thank Mike La page for volunteering to be the carver of the month for our May meeting. Mike is always ready and able to assist in the ongoing success of our club.

We will be holding our annual election of officers at our May meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting and to vote for the candidates. We will be voting for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and three board members. Nominations are being accepted for all the mentioned officers. You can call me or Harold Green to have your name or any club members name placed on the ballot.

Our guest speaker for our May meeting will be Mr. Mike Brynes. Mike is a very talented artist and has had numerous showing of his many talents. At various art centers and art show. Mike is a member of the American Society of Marine Artists, the National Maritime Historical Society, the Great Lakes Historical Society and the Royal Oak Arts Council. Please join us at our May meeting for a great evening of enjoyment. Bring a friend..

Theme carving for this season:

May Caricatures June Patriotism

Carver of the Month – By Harold Green

Mike Lepage has been a great supporter and member of Metrocarvers since he joined twelve years ago. During his membership he has been the show chairman for ten of those years. He has been retired from Aramark for ten years after thirty two years of service.



Currently Mike teaches carving at the continuing education program in St Clair Shores. He has done this for 12 years after taking over from Frank Claeys.

Mike's favorite type of carving is song birds and ducks. He would recommend patience, practice, classes, and going

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to shows to see what others are doing to improve woodcarving skills.

Events - By Robaleen Bogden

Hello fellow carvers, I have a few requests from groups looking for carvers.

Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society [www.ocphs.org] is looking for a few carvers July 30 12:00-5:00pm, for there Summer Ice Cream Social. This would be outside and the theme is RALLY AROUND THE FLAG. This would be a great opportunity for us to promote our club. Bruce Olsen a Metro Club member has already agreed to participant, it would be great if a couple other members would also join him. Admission, ice cream & cake for exhibitors are FREE, for all others it's \$5 per person or \$10 per family up to 5 people.

Cub Scouts needing our help: please offer your time to help a Cub Scout pack of 10, earn there Merit Carving Badge. They need help in showing how to carve a bear out of soap, Dec. 6, 2011, 6:30-8:00 pm. Place: Macomb County Library [north branch], 24 ml rd & Romeo Plank.

REMINDER: South Oakland Art associations [www.sooaklandart.com] meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the 1st Monday of the month, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067. The church is on the east side of Campbell between 11 Mile Road and 12 Mile Road. September 12th 7:00-9:00pm our Metro Club members Paul Blanchard, Gary Bityke, & Harold Green will be their guest speaker. Looking for a few more members to join them to show other forms of Art. Mike Byrne Vice President of South Oakland Art Association will be our guest speaker in May. Should be very interesting and informative.

If you would like to participate in any of these activities, get a hold of me or email me, looking4carvers@aol.com

2011 Show Report – By Curt Chastain

Well, the Thirty-first Annual Metro Show is now history. Some important historical facts will follow. There were 167 entries in the competition from 69 carvers all were of very high quality. This resulted in a big job for the three judges (John Barany, Jerry Grusendorf, and Ed Reynolds) to decide the placement in each category and the best of show. The Best Of Show winners were Mike Murdock with an open wing Sanderling shore bird (Best of Show), Cliff Lindhal with a bark carved turtle (2nd Best of Show), and Richard Lamphier with a realistic, small sized cowboy (3rd Best of Show). Start planning now for your entries for the 2012 Metro Woodcarvers Show, March 17th and 18th, 2012.

2011 Show Report - By Bill & Ruth Phillips

Listed below are the results of the voting for People's Choice and the Carvers Choice display Competition. We want to thank all the carvers that

entered into the competition. We think this was the best display and it made (by comments when guests were asked to vote) it a very hard choice to make. "THANK YOU CARVERS" you helped make our show.

People's Choice winners:

(we had a total of **46** carvings in the display)

1st place - Larry Piotrowski (open wing owl)

2nd place - Jason Haight (bark carving castle)

3rd place - Jerry Grusendorf (turtle)

Carvers Choice winners:

(we had **84** carvers participate in the voting)

1st place - Gary Eldred (owl)

2nd place - Joe Randazzo (flying pheasant)

3rd place (tie) - Gary Grusendorf (turtle) & Larry Piotrowski (open wing owl)

Total votes cast on Saturday - 361

Total votes cast on Sunday - 260

Total for both days = 621

We would like to thank Elaine Bogden, Arlene Murphy along with Ruth Phillips who took care of the voting of People's Choice and Carvers Choice. They spent a lot of time & effort making visitors feel welcome to our show. They thank all the carvers who put carvings into the competition which allowed them to make a beautiful display.

We would also like to report on the number of youths who took advantage of the Metro's soap carving classes. As you know the soap carving kits were supplied free by the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. We also know, by remarks from the parents, kids look forward to participating in this program during the Metro show each year. Our hope is that this will spark an interest in carving and that some day the kids will enjoy carving as an adult.

Last but not least—I for one want to THANK MARY JO and LARRY BROWN our show chairpersons for a job" WELL DONE"!! This was the first time in chairing the METRO show & I appreciated all the work they put into organizing and directing the METRO show for us.

MWCA Report - By Pat Murphy

M.W.C.A. seminar now has 135 students signed up. I have the new plastic rulers that were purchased by Michigan woodcarvers for distribution to all their members, I'll have them at the next Metro meeting. The election of officers for the M.W.C.A. was held at the April meeting and the leadership remains the same with the exception of Vice President which is now vacant. If any one would be interested the job please contact either Andy Luckhardt or Patrick Murphy.

Metro Carvers of Michigan Monthly Carving Competition



Theme:
Dwain Lusk

Intermediate:
Don Shook

Display:
Sandra Huffman



Bill & Ruth Phillips honored by
MWCA for 9 years of outstanding
service as Vice President

Dave Copeman honored by
MWCA for outstanding service
on the Veteran Cane Project

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman - Judges were
Gary Galanek, Sandy Huffman

Master

First:
Second:
Third:

Advanced

First:
Second:

Intermediate

First: Don Shook, Bark house
Second: Bill Gugan, Walking stick
Third: Frank Cataldo, Cross
Honorable: Roger Sonnenfeld, Cane

Beginner

First:
Second:
Third:

Theme – Flowers

First: Dwain Lusk, Reflections

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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)

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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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