

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Sept 18th 2012:

Next meetings are: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 2012.
Jan. 8, Feb.12, Mar.12, Apr.9, May 14, Jun.11,
Jul.9, 2013.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time, libraries
and supply purchases. The Business meeting starts at
7:15 p.m.

Treasurers Report: By Rizal Baysa

In Our Memory:

William (Bill) Kurth, a Metro member since 2005, passed away August 8, 2012. Bill, a Chip Carver, carved at the Sterling Heights Senior Center. Bill was a WWII veteran and received his MWCA Eagle cane #133 Dec 9, 2008.



We also remember John Marovich who passed away in July. John was a metro member from 1998-2009 and served as Vice President in 2005.

Club dues:

Remember that your club dues (\$15.00) are due at the September Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please send a check for \$15.00 payable to "Metro Carvers of Michigan". Send the check to; Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Rizal Baysa, 5605 Lockwood Drive, Washington, MI. 48094 Rizal Baysa (Treasurer):

President's Corner. By Curt Chastain

Circumstances have not boded well for our meetings, the last meeting (June 12, 2012) was cancelled due to a water main break that closed Helen Keller School, and the changing of the date for our first meeting this year (Moved to September 18, 2012). We should be in good shape for the rest of the year with our regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting date. Please Note: If the Helen Keller School is closed due to an emergency (i.e. snow, utility failure, etc.), there will NOT be a club meeting. We will make every effort to let you know, such as in the newsletter if there is enough lead time or a good place to check is on the Metrocarvers' website (metrocarvers.com).



As we start our 33rd year as a wood carving organization, we all have the opportunity to participate in the club functions and activities. In addition, there are many shows, classes, seminars, or events available throughout Michigan where one can meet & socialize with other carvers. One event coming soon is Carve Fest VIII on September 28 & 29, 2012 at the Washington Senior Center. Please check the separate listing of available events in this newsletter. However, the "Whittlin' in the Woods" (Hale, Mi) has been cancelled.

I look forward to a good year but it will depend on everyone's participation and involvement. The planning for next year's Metro Carvers Show, March 16 & 17, 2013, is underway right now. It is a good time to start talking, suggesting, and doing in preparation for this important club event. My summer woodcarving intentions did not all happen as I had planned so I am starting off this year catching up on several carvings started but not finished. I do hope that you had a good summer, kept carving, and are ready for this 33rd year.

THEME CARVING September = Class Projects
The remaining carving themes will be determined at the next board meeting and printed in the newsletter.

Festival of Gourds & Woodcarving.

The Michigan Wood Carvers Association has been invited to join the Michigan Festival of Gourds on September 13, 14 & 15, 2012. The festival is at the Imlay City Fairgrounds which is located on M-53 (Van Dyke) just about ½ mile North of I-69. We have several Metro carvers along with members from other MWCA clubs attending & hope you will join us and display/sell your carvings. If you would like to have a table, or sit and carve at the Metro table, contact: Bill Phillips (810-798-3401).

Carve Fest VIII: By John Sabina

It seems hard to believe, but 2012 will be the eighth consecutive year for the Metro Carvers Washington Carve Fest. This festival of hands-on carving is patterned after the very successful Woodcarvers Roundup that is held in Ewart, MI every June, but the Washington Carve Fest is on a much smaller scale. Carve Fest VIII will be held on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29, 2012. The venue shall continue to be the Washington Senior Center, 57900 Van Dyke Road in Washington Township. The Senior Center is on the east side of Van Dyke, north of 26 Mile Road. The center is in the southeast corner of the Washington Township Office

Doors open at 8:30 AM on both days for coffee and donuts. Carving is divided into two sessions each day, a morning session from 9:00 AM until noon and an afternoon session from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Lunch will be available on site for less than \$5.00. Soft drinks and water will be available all day.

This year's project line-up will feature twelve simultaneous sessions with fewer students per class. Several instructors commented that they were spread too thin with a large number of participants. We are also planning on a broader scope of carving projects. There will be three wood burning sections, instead of two. One session is for beginners, and the other two are at the intermediate level. One intermediate session will concentrate on the light and subtle style while the other will feature the dark and bold style. The wood burning instructors will be Arlene Murphy, Barb Harris, and Marcy Larson respectively. While we will have several "loaner" burners, please bring any that you may have.

There will be three sessions on bark carving and two new sessions on the use of color. Rizal Baysa will be leading a project on a low relief leaf dish, with blended fall colors added. Don Mitchell, a retired illustrator, will be demonstrating the proper approach to mixing all colors from a basic pallet of seven colors. We will also have projects for brand-new carvers taught by Bill Jaquays and some new, very nice Ornaments and Keepsakes in a Box by Paul Balog of the Livonia Carvers. Regular instructors Dick Mann, Pat Murphy, Paul Blanchard, Doug Evans and John Sabina will also have some neat stuff to entice you.

This year we will also feature an Eagle Head Cane competition for the very successful "Lean-on-Me" patriot cane project.

A final list of the instructors and their projects will be available at the September Metro meeting on September 11th. Admission is free. There will be a nominal charge for carving blanks. Tools and carving supplies will be available for purchase. Anyone interested in woodcarving or wood burning is welcome. So plan on joining in the fun.

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Meeting Location: Helen Keller School
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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 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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