

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday June 11th 2013:

Next meetings are: Sept. ??, Oct. ??, Nov.??

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

New "Years of Service" patches have been ordered.

With any luck we will have them by the June meeting.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

The big announcement of a name for the annual Metro woodcarving show happened. There were thirty-five (35) name entries. At the May board meeting they were reviewed (name entries only) and reduced to four finalists. The show committee selected from this group that the name shall be "**Artistic Creations in Wood**". The winning entry was submitted by Rizal Baysa who was awarded a gift card to Woodcraft.



At the May meeting the Boy Scouts that meet at Helen Keller School did finally get to see the carvings that we had brought in for display. Sorry that the

logistics did not work well. However, they were very appreciative and said that several of the scouts were now interested in getting their Woodcarving Merit Badge.

The results of the May Election are as follows:

President	-	Curt Chastain
Vice-President	-	Mike Murdock
Secretary	-	Harold Green
Treasurer	-	Rizal Baysa
Board Member	-	Bill Ebinger
Board Member	-	Carl Sikes

I hope everyone enjoyed Dennis Fox of Metalmorfik who gave a talk about casting (can be of a wood carving) using several methods and materials. Thanks to Dennis for giving a free small casting which was won by Bill Phillips in our door prize drawing.

I have received an email about a store in St. Clair, Mi. that is looking for anyone interested in selling unique and high quality woodcarvings on Consignment. If interested, contact Jane Hewitt or Nancy Lozon at 810-356-1664.

The next Metro Carvers Board Meeting will be June 3, 2013 at the Sterling Heights Senior Center at 12:30 PM.

As we come to the final meeting for this woodcarving season, there are still many activities that can keep you involved during the summer. There is the Michigan Wood Carvers Learning Seminar May 20th thru 24th in Midland, the Evert Roundup June 5th thru 8th in Evert, Creative Carving Seminar June 10th thru 14th in Evert, Wood Shaving Days July 20th and 21st at Hartwick Pines State Park, Gladwin Carriage Festival August 9th thru 11th at Gladwin County Fairgrounds, Spit & Whittle Social Carving Weekend September 6th thru 8th at Osceola County Fairgrounds in Evert, and the Festival of Gourds & Wood Carving September 13th thru 15th at the Mid-Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City, Mi.

Enjoy your summer and we can all look forward to the next carving season that starts in September. Keep carving!

Theme Carvings for this season: June - Caricatures

2014 Show: By Mike LePage

Wow! I can't believe that it is the middle of May already and summer will be here before we know it. The first weekend in May I attended the Sunrise Show in Oscoda.

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Once, again, Shirley Torrey did a great job putting on the show.

First of all, I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Mary Jo and Larry Brown for all of their efforts and hard work they did for the last several years putting on the Metro Show. I know it takes a lot of work and lots of help from many volunteers to make the show a success, and they did a great job making the shows a success.

Now that the nice weather has finally arrived in Michigan (at least for the time being!) it might be a good time to set up a place outside to carve. It is never too early to start carving some things to be used as raffle prizes and door prizes.

If anyone has any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions to improve the show, we are always open to new ideas. You can contact me at 586-383-1716 or e-mail me at naturecarver@sbcglobal.net. Hope to hear from you!

Remember to mark your calendars that the show next year is the fourth weekend in March and NOT the third weekend. Together we can make it the biggest and best show yet! See you at the June meeting.

Calling All Instructors: By John Sabina

May seems awfully early to be talking about Carve Fest IX to be held in late September, but you will not see this until June, our last meeting before summer break. Carve Fest, our ninth edition, will be held on the last Friday and Saturday in September (the 27th and 28th) at the Washington Senior Center. The schedule will remain as in previous years: Doors open at 8:30 AM with the morning carving session from 9:00 AM until noon. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00, followed by the afternoon carving session from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The same schedule will be used on both days.

Dick Mann, my co conspirator, has just returned from his winter travels so many of the specific details have yet to be finalized. But rest assured that the concept of hands-on carving and wood burning at minimal cost will be repeated. Vendors with both tools and supplies will be on hand as well. We expect to have twelve simultaneous projects during each carving session.

To fill each of the 48 available session slots with a diverse array of projects will require a number of volunteer instructors. Hence the title of this article - we are looking for volunteers to lead the carving/burning sessions. Projects can be one to four sessions long. A project does not have to be completed in the time allotted, but sufficient directions have to be provided to allow the carvers to finish later. Each instructor can specify how many students he/she will work with in any one session. Eight students per instructor seem to be a practical maximum, but we are flexible. Each instructor has to bring sufficient blanks and materials for their specific number of participants. Multiple instructors can work together.

Our goal is to have a mix of previous projects and new projects. There is a lot of carving talent among our Metro members. So please put on your thinking caps and come up

with an idea or two that you would be willing to lead. Please contact me at 248-224-2902 or jsquareds@att.net with your proposal. Leading a project is not hard and it definitely promotes woodcarving and related skills. After all, promoting carving is the purpose of our club!

MWCA News: By Bill Phillips

Hello—during the May Metro meeting we discussed a couple of MWCA projects. We know not everyone was able to make the meeting but we would like to remind those who did not get the word about the two MWCA projects. First of all on Sept 13, 14 & 15, 2013 in Inlay City MI. we're looking for those who would like to take part in the Michigan Festival of Gourds. Some of our METRO members took part in it last year along with about 4 other MWCA clubs and we had a good time. What we are asking for is for anyone who would like to rent a display area to contact Bill Phillips or any of the club leadership and we will help you with the registration or you can check the Metro web site and fill out the form and send it in per the info on the form. We only have room for 19 display area's that are about 8ft wide X 10ft deep with electrical outlets on the back wall. The display area's rent for \$15 for all three days & we encourage you to bring items to SELL. You can rent tables/chairs for about \$10 per set (for the 3 days) or you can bring your own. It is set up much like a regular carving show. You will have the opportunity even if you don't rent a display space to join in and take a gourd carving/burning class put on by professional instructors. Most classes are for only a few hours & are very economical. They also have camping, motels and of course lots of places to sit down and have a meal or snack.

We are also looking for instructors who can teach a carving class for a couple hours or days which ever they feel comfortable with. The instructor sets his/her price for the material and instruction. Again if interested please contact Bill so we can get you listed on the web sites. We will need this info ASAP so come on instructors lets help some non-carvers learn a new hobby. Who knows we may get some new METRO club members from your involvement in this project.

Another project is the MWCA support of the FOT (Michigan Children's Hospital- Festival of Trees). This is in support of the research of children's deceases throughout ALL of Michigan. We ask that you carve a Christmas tree ornament much like we did a few years back in support of Chipping Away Company in Canada who mounted them on a tree which was raffled off at an event in Canada. This year we are supporting the FOT (Michigan- Festival of Trees) with all donations supporting all Michigan's Children's Hospital research. The carvings will be sold in the hospital gift shop or raffled off at the FOT (Festival of Trees) gala event around Thanksgiving time in November 2013. The carvings that are not sold prior to Christmas morning will be passed out to the kids who are in the hospital on Christmas Day. This is a win-win for not only our carvers but for the future of all of our children who are in need of medical attention to help find a cure of children diseases. Again check with the Metro Club Leadership or the Metro or MWCA web sites for more info.

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Monthly Carving Display



Sharon Baker



Norm Jepson



Roger Sonnenfeld



Dwain Lusk



Bill Przybylski



Greg Lutz



Rizal won Show naming prize



John Sabina



Gail Sartele

Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

Master

Advanced

Bill Przybiski, Duck

Paul Blanchard, Eagle

Gail Sartelle, Bobbl head dog

Greg Lutz, Sign

Intermediate

Fred Z., Bark lighthouse

Roger Sonnenfeld, Chickadee

Beginner

Sharon Baker, Tree

Norm Jepson, Crazy spiral

Theme – Flowers

John Sabina, Box

Item for sale: By Mike LePage

Brand new still in the box Jet Air Filtration System,
3 speed, remote control,
built in timer, 1/5 HP,

Retail price \$420.99, On line price \$369.99

Mike LePage's price \$275, Phone, 586-791-7728

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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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Secretary: Harold Green

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Directors: Bill Ebinger Carl Sikes

Directors: Doug Evans

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MWCA rep: Pat Murphy

Newsletter: Terry Zobl

Webmaster: Terry Zobl, Marcy Larson

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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