

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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## NEXT MEETING

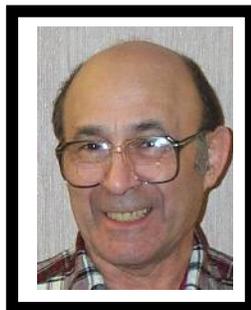
### **Club meeting Tuesday Mar. 11th 2014:**

Next meetings are: Apr. 15, May. 13, Jun. 10  
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:**

Phil Trupiano, a Metro member since 1993, passed away February 01, 2014. Phil was an active club member who served as President from 1997-09 to 2000-06 and assisted with newsletter mailing for many years. Phil carved with the Warren Stilwell Manor carving group.



### **President's Corner:** By Curt Chastain

The next few months are very important to our club and its continuing success. The first important event is the Metro Carvers of Michigan "Artistic Creations in Wood" show on March 22nd & 23rd, 2014. It is most relevant to the group because it is our most important financial income event. Without this being successful many of the recurring events of the Metro Carvers would

not be possible. This includes the partial funding and organization of carving classes, monthly competitions, educational speakers, raffle prizes, newsletters, etc. Our show counts on the Metro Carvers members to take on the many tasks that the show requires. If you haven't signed up to volunteer please do so. One area that needs much help this year is door prizes. Mike LePage says we are really in need of them. Turn them in to Mike soon. Also, get your application and check into Barb Wolfe for your table at the show.



The time line for our annual show includes having the 2015 (March 21st & 22nd, 2015) advertising flyers available at the 2014 show and the hall reserved. The flyers are being prepared but the contact will be the Metro Carvers mailing and email addresses. Someone needs to step forward to be the show chairman or a couple of people to co-chair this event.

Shortly after the show (in May) are the annual elections for people to lead the organization. This is the annual election of the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for a one year term and for three Board Members for two year terms. Please let Harold Green know of your candidacy for the ballot preparation.

### **Theme Carvings for this 2013-14 season:**

- March- Door Prizes
- April- Chip Carving.
- May- Wild Life.
- June- Caricature

### **2014 Show:** By Mike LePage

By the time you receive this newsletter, the show will be less than a month away. Hopefully, if you getting a table at the show, you have mailed in your application and payment because it must be received by March 6, 2014.

Thank you to Pat Murphy, the Sterling Heights Group, Sharon Baker, and Dwain Lusk for their donations of door prizes. If you are working on a door prize or forgot to bring your door prize to the last meeting, please bring it to the March meeting. We can certainly use more door prizes.

Thanks, Terry, for volunteering to sell raffle tickets. We still could use another volunteer on Saturday from 10-noon, noon-2, and 2-close. On Sunday we need one volunteer from 10:30-noon, noon-2, and we need two volunteers for 2-close.

We have one spot for selling tickets for the show at the table in the lobby...Saturday 2-close. We need volunteers to attend the Metro Carver Table. One volunteer on Saturday from noon-2 and two volunteers from 2-close. Sunday, we need two

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volunteers from 10:30-noon, one volunteer from noon-2 and two volunteers from 2-close. There is also a need for volunteers to give vendors, exhibitors, and ticket sellers a break. Two volunteers are needed Saturday 10-noon, and one volunteer noon-2. Sunday we need two volunteers from 10:30-noon, one volunteer from noon -2, and one volunteer from 2-close. We desperately need some volunteers to help people unload before the show and load after the show. Right now, Rizal is the only person who has volunteered to help.

If you have volunteered for past shows and have volunteered for this show, thank you very much. If you have thought about volunteering, but just didn't get your name on the list, please do so at the next meeting. Try it, you might like it!! Remember, this isn't my show, this is our show and the more people who volunteer to help the easier it is for everyone. As the saying goes..."Many hands make light work." See you in March with the volunteer sheets ready to be signed!

## People Choice Competition Rules by Bill Phillips

With the Metro show just around the corner, I hope everyone will have a carving which can be put into the Metro's Peoples Choice Competition. We only have a couple simple rules for this competition. They are: the carving must be yours and carved within the last two (2) years. You can, if you so desire, enter your carving after the judging is finished inside and move it into the Peoples Choice. You have to remember that you may lose a few votes because visitors start voting as soon as the show opens, but it's still a lot of fun, so put you're best carving in.

We will again offer our YOUTH an opportunity to join in our Peoples Choice display and Competition. We ask that they abide by the same rules as noted above and that they have NOT reached their 18th birthday.

## Raffle Projects by Mike Murdock and Marcy Larson

The bird carving project was scheduled to be completed by the end of January and here it is the end of February. I had a few bumps along the month of January which set my time line back. The good news is that I am putting the finishing touches on the Bird Branch this weekend. Time sure goes by when one is retired. I want to thank all the bird carvers who submitted a bird, all the carvers at Shadbush who provided guidance as to how the birds should be mounted on the branch and to Curt Chastain for helping with the base construction. This project turned out to be very interesting and fun with all the input from the birds that arrived. Not all birds found a place on the branch that was provided but not to worry, another branch is on the way. Time is short to have them on a new branch by show time so this gives me a head start for the next show. I hope to help lead this same project for 2015. When all the Metro Carvers review the finished, "Bird Branch" I expect to get feedback with suggestions to expand and continue this project. Thanks again to all who helped.

On another note Larry Piatrowski is heading up a bird carving project with Josh Guge to carve a Carolina Wren at the Troy Nature Center on May 12th, 13th & 14th 2014. He

has nine people signed up and is looking for an additional six more. He can be contacted at 248-879-1994.

Mike Murdock

Wow, Hard to believe that it's almost showtime! I want to thank all of you who carved ornaments for the group tree raffle project. We really are a talented bunch of carvers. You all turned in some great carvings. It's going to be a fun tree! I hope to have the tree at our March meeting for everyone to see. I might just get a raffle ticket or 3 for it myself. See you at the show.

Marcy Larson

## Clinging Cross - Comfort Bird: By Doug Evans

I am happy to announce that the Michigan Woodcarvers Association has recently adopted a new State wide project. The Michigan Woodcarvers have teamed up with Hospice of Michigan to help give extra "comfort" to patients and patient's families during very difficult and trying times.

This project is known as the Clinging Cross and Comfort Bird Project. Both of these projects are to be held in the palm of the hand of a patient for its soothing effect. They have been proven to be a stress reliever and offer a noticeable calming effect.

The Board of Metro Carvers gave their support to this project and I am organizing efforts to give the project a presence in the Metro Detroit area. The Woodwackers Carving Club in Big Rapids launched this project and already are seeing some fantastic results.

I have spent the last few days tracking down the right people at several Hospice of Michigan offices to introduce this project to. This is maybe newer to them than it is to us. Communication lines have been established and relationships and procedures are being developed.

What we do know is that Crosses especially are needed. We need you to carve us a few (lots?). We also need some inventory by the March membership meeting. At the meeting, I will have patterns for the Crosses and the Birds. We will be starting with the Crosses and introducing the Birds as we get this all going in Metro Detroit. Several of you heard me introduce this idea at our last membership meeting. The project was so new to me; I received my materials 10 minutes before our meeting!

The pattern for both the Clinging Cross and the Comfort Birds is also available on the MWCA website at <http://www.miwoodcarvers.com>. Terry Zobl did a great job adding information to support this great project. (Thanks Terry!)

To minimize confusion, let me reemphasize MWCA has partnered with "HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN". There are 77 Hospice organizations in Michigan. Hospice of Michigan is one of the 77 groups but the largest or second largest Hospice organization in Michigan. Saying HOSPICE alone is not accurate.

We are just getting rolling with this folks and we don't have all the answers. Please be patient with us but please, please carve some crosses as soon as you can and get ready to jump on some Comfort birds too!

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Clair Boussum

Dwain Lusk

Greg Lutz



Dwain Lusk



Roger Sonnenfeldt

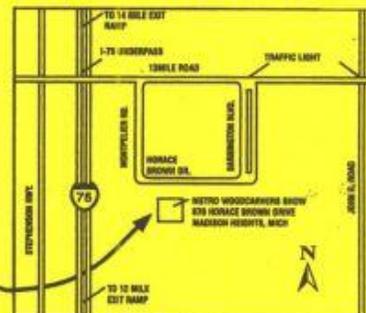
## Metro Carvers of Michigan 34<sup>th</sup> Annual 2014 Wood Carving SHOW

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 • 10 am - 5 pm

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 • 10:30 am - 4 pm

\$4.00 per adult - Children 12 and under free

- Raffle and Door Prizes
  - Peoples Choice Competition  
-vote for your favorite carving
  - Observe judges select winners
- Events for the Family • Great Food Available  
"Lean On Me" recipients free with the cane



**METRO WOODCARVERS SHOW**  
876 Horace Brown Drive - Madison Heights, MI  
(South of 13 Mile, Between I-75 & John R Road)

Show Chairman:  
Mike LePage (naturecarver@sbcglobal.net)  
586-791-7728

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## Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -  
Judges: Lee Bodrie, Robaleen Bogden, Sandy Huffman

### Advanced

Greg Lutz – Relief

### Intermediate

Roger Sonnenfeldt – Bird

### Beginner

### Display

Clair Boussum – Intarsia

Dwain Lusk – Intarsia

### Theme – Show carving

Dwain Lusk



Clinging Crosses

Comfort Bird

## Metro Carvers of Michigan

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### Web Site

[www.metrocarvers.com](http://www.metrocarvers.com)

### Meeting Location:

*near 12 mile & I-75*

Helen Keller School  
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:

Curt Chastain 248-609-5341

### Vice Pres.:

Mike Murdock

### Secretary:

Harold Green

### Treasurer:

Rizal Baysa

### Directors:

Dave Copeman Marcy Larson

### Directors:

Bill Ebinger Carl Sikes

### Directors:

Doug Evans

### Show Chair:

Mike LePage 586-791-7728

### 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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