

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday May 13th 2014:

Next meetings are: 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

Elections for the board of Metro Carvers will take place in May. Metro Carvers of Michigan is our club and we all need to give our support in some manner. Please give some thought to supporting our club by running for an office on the board.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

The 2014 Metrocarvers Show was a success. Thanks to everyone for all their work and help. A few highlights of the show results follow:

- The total income was down due to lower attendance and fewer table sales.
- The income from the raffle prizes was up, mainly due to the two group projects. (The "Birds on a Tree" was 2/3rd of the increase.)
- The overall expenses were almost exactly the same as in the past.
- The number of entries in the competition were down due the lower table sales (one table = possibility of 5 entries).

- Bottom line was that the show ended in the black and was a success.

We are already starting to get ready for the 2015 Show led by Mike Murdock, the 2015 Show Chairman. Mike is putting together a plan to make this show even better than any in the past. See the 2015 article for more information and your part in this show. Please lend him your support and help.



There is still time to be included in the Midland Seminar Sponsorship Program. If you have not attended a Midland Seminar class or if 2011 was the last time you attended a seminar class, you can complete a sponsorship form and give it to the Metrocarver's Treasurer (Rizal Baysa). He will give you a check for \$25 made out to the MWCA. You can then send your application for a class along with the check to the MWCA and your check for \$125 made out to the MWCA. The MWCA then matches the sponsorship \$25. Therefore the \$175 class fee is reduced to \$125 for you. Forms are available through Pat Murphy (Metrocarver's representative to MWCA) or Bill Phillips (the MWCA Vice President). I also have some sponsorship forms but not class applications.

The Metrocarver's annual elections will be held at the May 13, 2014 meeting. This election is for the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) for a one year term and for three (3) Board Members for two year terms. The Metrocarvers needs to keep moving forward with new ideas and everyone's participation. Curt Chastain has indicated that he WILL run again for President, Mike Murdock has indicated that he WILL run again for Vice-President, Harold Green has indicated that he WILL run again for Secretary, and Rizal Baysa has indicated that he WILL NOT run again for Treasurer. Three (3) people have indicated that they WILL run for the open Board Member positions. We still need people to run for any of these offices and especially for the Treasurer position. Please let Harold Green know of your candidacy for any of these positions for the ballot preparation before the next meeting or at the meeting for write-in.

Upcoming carving events include the MWCA Wood Carvers Seminar May 19 through 23, 2014 at the Midland County Fair Grounds. Then comes the Evert Roundup June 4 through 7, 2014 followed immediately by the Creative Woodcarving Seminar June 9 through 13, 2014. Both of these last two events are held at the Evert, Michigan Fairground.

Theme Carvings for this 2013-14 season:

May - Wildlife Carvings (Birds, Animals, Fish, Etc)
June - Caricature Carving

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2014 Show Review: By Mike LePage

Now that the Metro Carvers show is over, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the people who volunteered to help with the show. Whether you sold admission tickets, sold raffle tickets, helped people load and unload, worked the Metro Carver table, gave people a break when they needed one, gave a mini seminar, helped with the People's Choice awards, provided coffee and donuts each morning, arranged for music during the show, or helped in other ways that I might not even know about, everything was greatly appreciated. Thanks to the members who are always there ready to help with a smile and a special thank you to the first time volunteers. Hope you enjoyed volunteering and will be considering volunteering, again, next year.

Also, Terry Zobl and Marcy Larson did a super job promoting the selling of raffle tickets for the two featured items. I am pleased to announce that these two raffle items were won by Metro members. The ornament tree was won by Robaleen Bogden and the Birds on a Branch was won by Gregg Hornung. Both were very happy with their prize.

With everyone's help, we had a successful show.

2015 Show Kickoff: By Bill Ebinger

Metro Carvers of Michigan and their new annual carving show chairman Mike Murdock are enthusiastically beginning plans for next year's "Artistic Creations in Wood". President Curt Chastain and the Board of Directors have dedicated new efforts to making the March 2015 carving show, bigger, better, and a "must attend" event. President Curt thanks all those who attended this year's show and participated as exhibitors. Attendance and participation levels were low but we still realized a profit.

Mike Murdock has challenged the Board with a year long planning calendar. To make "Artistic Creations in Wood" a signature event in the metropolitan area we need support from our entire membership and we need to begin now. The current goal is to gather information and ideas from members which will help design a plan to expand the show. Efforts are being made to attract more exhibitors, and more guests. Mike's goal is "100 exhibitor tables and 1500 guests". We can do it with your help. Our show survey had limited response but comments were positive. We need to build on this.

The efforts of the Board this month are to focus on gathering information. You may share your ideas with Mike Murdock at 248-689-5468 or by email at millieb@wowway.com. Please contribute your thoughts before next month's meeting, May 13. This is a very energized effort to make our 2015 show the best ever. We look forward to hearing from you!

Comfort Carving program: By Doug Evans

Thanks to all for all of your support and carvings for the Comfort Carving program. I'd like to thank you for the carvings you turn in at the April meeting as I will not be there. April 15th and the tax deadline will keep me away-my apologies. Please keep the crosses and birds coming as Hospice and the patients they serve really appreciate your efforts.

Here is a note from Hospice, I recently received thank you all!

"I would like to thank you and the Metro Carvers on behalf of the Hospice of Michigan Staff of the Southeast Region. They are such a beautiful gift, and are already bringing our patients such comfort. Just today, one of our social workers gave a cross to a patient whose husband recently died and it seemed to really cheer her up. Thank you again for thinking of our Hospice of Michigan patients. "

Eagle Head Carvings: By Dave Copeman

The 2014 Metro Woodcarvers Show included another "MWCA Eagle Head carving competition". This year (32) eagle head carvings were entered into competition with an additional (22) for display. Carvers entering the competition receive an "Eagle Head Cane Competition" patch". Three winners were selected by 157 Judges (People's Choice) voting during the Saturday/Sunday show. The three winners were: Wesley Stewart from the Midland Wood Carvers, Jeanne Schairer from the OWL Wood Carvers and Gary Eldred from the Metro Wood Carvers. Photos of this year competition and the show will be posted on the Metro Carvers web site: <www.metrocarvers.com/show>.

2015 Show Raffle: By Robaleen Bogden

The shows 2014 Christmas decorated tree was a success. Thank you again I was the lucky recipient. I am going to pay it forward by getting another tree. I offered to Head this project for the 2015 show. My offer was accepted at the April meeting and a discussion for the theme of the tree was made for spring. Spring ornaments should be no smaller than 2" and no larger than 5" and no thicker than 2". I am looking forward to the many spring flowers, decorated eggs, bunnies, bambies, birds, squirrels, butterflies anything that is spring. Caricature spring ornaments most welcomed also.

After the meeting I got together with Gloria Irla-Marlow and we decided to work together on the Spring Theme project and not do a separate fall project so that there would not be too many trees in the show raffle.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! This club is AWESOME!! Robaleen Bogden

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Tom Bailey

Gary Baker

Clair Boussum



Greg Lutz

Sharon Baker



Carl sikes

Roger Sonnenfeldt



Gloria Irla-Marlow

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

Advanced

Clair Boussum – Intarsia

Greg Lutz – Relief

Intermediate

Sharon Baker – Box

Beginner

Display

Gary Baker – Duck

Carl Sikes – Old Man

Gary Baker – Duck

Tom Bailey – Wolf

Roger Sonnenfeld – Bird

Theme – chipcarving

Phyllis Gurney – Cross

Metro members are invited to join our Facebook page, managed by Robaleen Bogden, titled: Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan

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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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Vice Pres.: Mike Murdock

Secretary: Harold Green

Treasurer: Rizal Baysa

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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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