

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

September 2014



NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Sept. 9th 2014:

Next meetings are: Oct.14, Nov.11, Dec.9, - 2015
Jan.13, Feb.10, Mar.10, Apr.14, May.12, Jun.9
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 Margaret Gout

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 Mararet Gout, 1398 Lakeville Rd., Leonard, MI. 48367.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

It is time for us all to get together again! This is our 35th year as a woodcarving organization spanning the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century. Now that we have revitalized ourselves over is this summer we can now emerge going strong with our carvings, planning, and continuing education. Hopefully there has been some continued work on our eagle head and comfort carvings during the summer that will keep those programs afloat. However, a renewed effort for these programs is needed in the coming months.

We are all set with the meeting room schedule for September and do not have to wonder as in the past few years. The schedules are being entered earlier. The September meeting is Sept. 9, 2014 at 7:15 PM in the Keller Elementary School cafeteria. As a reminder: If the Helen Keller School is closed due to an emergency (i.e. Snow, utility failure, school function priority, etc) there will NOT be a club meeting on that night. 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 (www.metrocarvers.com).

Our annual woodcarving show "Artistic Creations in Wood", is scheduled for March 21st and 22nd., 2015. Please see Mike Murdock's article as he is ready to go full steam ahead and needs everyone's ideas, cooperation, and assistance.



Upcoming events include the "Spit and Whittle Weekend" Sept. 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2014 at the Evert Fairgrounds; Floyd Rhadigan Cariature Carve-in at Floyd's Studio in Clinton, Mi on Sept. 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2014; the Washington Carve-fest on Sept. 26th & 27th, 2014 at the Washington, Mi Senior Center; and the Tri-City Carvers Wood Carving Show in Saginaw, Mi on Sept. 27th, 2014.

Theme Carvings for this 2014-15 season:

- September- Class Projects.
- October- Christmas Ornaments.
- November- Woodburning.
- December- Christmas.
- January- Bark Carving.
- February- Door & Raffle Prizes.
- March- Relief Carving.
- April- Chip Carving.
- May- Wildlife.
- June- Caricatures.

2014 Show: By Mike Murdock

I have just been told that there are just three more weeks until the kids have to go back to school, so, that means that us older kids have to get it back together too! What I have been convinced of over these last few weeks is that in order to make next years " Artistic Creations in Wood " a signature event is to get more and better advertising. I know that it sounds easy but it

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will take all of us to support this effort. Think about how each of us can do something to get the word out in the community, this is your club and your challenge. I know that working together that we can and will get this done. I thank you all for your input.

I would like to suggest that prior to the opening meeting that we all take the time to review the comfort crosses, comfort birds and eagle heads that have been carved. Look at the details and quality of work and ask questions as to how that was done. This is a learning tool and helps us all. I know that some will say, we do this already and maybe we do, so just entertain me. THANKS

The summer is almost over and I know that all of you are energized and ready share some great ideas so I look forward to our September meeting. See you soon!!

Carve Fest IX: By John Sabina

The tenth addition of the Washington Carve Fest will held on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27, 2014. The location will again be at the Washington Senior Center at 57900 Van Dyke Road. The Senior Center is at the rear of the Township Offices and is north of 26 Mile Road on the east side of Van Dyke. **Carve Fest is a hands-on carving festival and not a show.** There is no admission charge. The only fees will be nominal charges for carving blanks. 50-50 raffle tickets (\$1 each) will be sold for both cash and donated prizes. Proceeds are used to cover facility expenses.

While participants of all skill levels are both invited and welcome, each should bring their own manual tools/woodburner. (Power carving is not permitted.) Vendors will be on-site for tool and supply purchases. The schedule will be the same on both Friday and Saturday: Doors open at 8:30 AM with a morning carving session from 9:00 AM until noon and an afternoon carving session from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Lunch will be available on site.

The passing of Bill Jaquays was a major loss to woodcarving in Michigan and will certainly have its impact on Carve Fest. Bill lead the beginner carver projects for eight of the last nine years and was well known for his variety of small cutouts that were very popular with newer carvers. To attempt to fill this void, instructors from the Washington Carvers will offer three sessions from our "Introduction to Woodcarving" class held twice each year in Washington. These simple projects are specifically

selected to train on the fundamentals of good carving techniques. Unlike the other projects, all needed tools and supplies are provided for these three sessions. A fourth session on the fundamentals of chip carving will also be available for beginners with everything necessary supplied. To provide for cutouts and blanks, Gary Baker will have his considerable selection available for sale.

The schedule of specific projects and instructors is still under development, but below are some of the projects that will be available: (*Watch <www.metrocarvers.com> for added details.*)

- **Keep Sakes In a Box (Paul Balog):**Steps in Process: Finished Samples (34 patterns available):
- **Woodburned Gourd (Dawn Laatz):**This previous project shows the concept. Shape is created with woodburner instead of carving. Carve Fest X will feature a flower motif instead of leaves.
- **Basswood Pliers (Archie Huggins):**This set of movable pliers will be made from one single piece of basswood. Recommended tools are a Xacto handle with a # 11 and a #24 blade. Also required is a 6" or 12" metal ruler. Limited tools will be on hand, but you best bet is to bring your own.**Caricature Longneck Bottle (Don Schneider & Paul Blanchard):**A realistic basswood "longneck" beer bottle blank will be used to create this unique cowboy or fireman design.**Mobius Strip (Jim Reagan):**This mathematically defined strip in three-dimensional basswood has only one continuous surface - a truly unique whimsy.**Woodburning (Arleen Murphy and Judy Sabina):**The ladies will have a number of burners and projects available. Bring your own burner to be sure.**Chip-Carved Icicles (John Saarinen):**John adds some extra detail and special finishes to these Christmas favorites.

Support our Club carving projects

- Festival of Trees ornaments for Childrens Hospital, due by our October meeting.
- Comfort crosses & birds for Hospice.
- Spring Theme ornaments for our show raffle tree.
- Door prizes for our March Show.

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Joe Bieda



Paul Blanchard



Sandra Doran



Richard Dugger



Bob Galanek



Harold Green



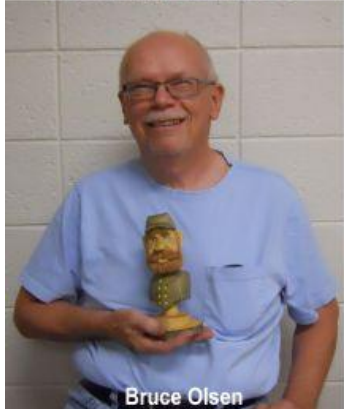
Dwain Lusk



Greg Lutz



Mike Murdock



Bruce Olsen



Carl Sikes



Roger Sonnenfeld

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

Judges:

Novice

Intermediate

Roger Sonnenfeld – Finch

Advanced

Carl Sikes – Irish tenor

Open

Display

Dwain Lusk – Crosses

Greg Lutz – Relief

Theme – Caricature

Richard Dugger – Wizzard

Sandrs Doran – Pinocchio

Bruce Olsen – Reb. soldier

Paul Blanchard – Duck hunter

Harold Green – Elfe & Lady

Joe Bieda – Himself

Bob Galanek – pencil holder

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Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan

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)

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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. 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 __Shelby Shadbush Nature Ctr.



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