

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Oct. 14th 2014:

Next meetings are: 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

Membership dues (\$15.00) for 2015 are presently due. Thanks to all the members who paid their dues in September. If you prefer you may pay at the October meeting or by mail. Please send a check for \$15.00 to Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Margaret Gout, 1398 Lakeville Road, Leonard, MI 18367.

Remember to pay your dues before January 2015. After that date there is an additional Fee.

New Member:

Art Bucholtz –
11367 Oak Grove Ct.
Washington, MI 48094



President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

Fall is now upon us! Christmas is coming soon, so we need to be working on the holiday carvings to trim the Christmas tree, as well as the eagle head canes and comfort carvings. The Christmas ornaments for the tree is also the theme for this month's carving competition. So this is your opportunity to participate in both events (the monthly competition and decorations for the Christmas tree) all at one time.

Remember that October is the month for the tool and carving item giveaway, swap, or sale. Each person brings his items and makes his own deals for giving away, swap, or sale. This will happen at the far end of the cafeteria meeting room. The time will be before the meeting starts from 6:30 PM until the start of the meeting at 7:15 PM.

I would like to thank all the carvers who displayed their carvings at the Orion Township Library during the month of September. The display looked great and we were able to have the March, 2015 show information at the display. Special thanks goes to Paul Blanchard for organizing and coordinating this project.



Upcoming events include the Frankenmuth Carving Show on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at the Frankenmuth High School; the Fruitbelt Carving Show on Saturday & Sunday, November 1st & 2nd, 2014 at the Cass County Fairgrounds in Cassopolis, Mi; and the Dayton Ohio "Artistry in Wood" Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 8th & 9th, 2014 at the Dayton Airport Expo Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Theme Carvings for this 2014-15 season:

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

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2014 Show: By Mike Murdock

O K, I get it. Summer is over; it's now fall. With that being said it's time to think about " Artistic Creations in Wood " What is that you say?? That's our New Name for the March 2015 Metro Carvers of Michigan Annual Carving Show. So, everybody get on the starting line to volunteer.

The following are just a few ideas to get you going. Think about getting a table for the show or share one with your best friend and have some fun doing it. Think about items to bring to the blanket swap and set them out so you don't forget. Ask the place where you work if they want to support our show by being a sponsor. It doesn't hurt to ask!! Pin up show flyers at local advertising boards. Hears a big one, think about items that you want to Sell!!!. We are going to have a table just to sell items, carvers can make small items for kids and sell them for maybe a dollar. I think kids would like that. You could also carve larger items for adults or maybe already have carved something and is now collecting dust so think about selling them. Now you have space to carve something else. We are going to have more people at this show so I'm sure it will sell. More advertising will happen in 2015.

The Metro Carvers of Michigan Show has a proud tradition and our aim is to make each show better than the last. After all, Metro Carvers is the largest carving club in Michigan. I believe the secret to a great show is the organization (which you are all part of) and plenty of Volunteers. We need your help!!! KEEP CARVING

On another item Larry Piotrowski has contacted Josh Guge to carve at the Troy Nature Center in 2015, May 31, June 1,2. He plans to offer a song bird or habitat. Students to decide latter. Cost \$ 150.00. Something to think about.

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

For those who donated carvings to the 2013 FOT (Festival of Trees) project supporting research of Child Hood Diseases' all over Michigan, we are asking for your support again for the 2014 FOT. Although they sell the carving in the Dearborn, MI area the funds support child hood research all over Michigan. Any leftover carvings go to the Detroit Children's Hospital and given to the kids who are in the hospital at Christmas time.

During our 2013 FOT Project, we were very successful and donated over 1700 carvings to this project. They do not tell us how much money they

received for the carvings but I know the Chairperson was very, very, very happy and delivered a lot of carvings to the hospital for the kids.

Our goal this year is for 1000 carvings that will hang on a Christmas tree limb. Last year we asked for any carving regardless of size or date they were carved. This year we ask that you to only send in carvings or wood burnings that will hang on a tree branch regardless of when it was carved.

Please remember that you can turn carvings in at any MWCA activity or send them directly to: Bill Phillips at 5035 Cochrane Rd, Almont, MI 48003. We would like to receive them before the end of October so we can again tag them and deliver them to the FOT people the first week of November.

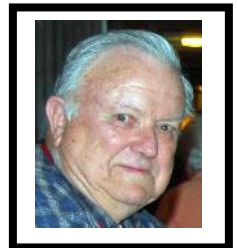
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Note the fall meeting of the MWCA will be held at the Ponderosa restraint in Owasso MI on Oct 4th at 11am. Please check the web site for directions.

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The passing of MWCA President Andy Luckhardt was a very, very sad thing for all carvers and those who knew him. Andy was born on December 7, 1923 and passed away on September 7, 2014 - 90 years young.

You may remember Andy as he attended many of the Metro shows and other carving events for several years. He was a very gentle man who loved carving and the Michigan Wood Carvers. Andy was a founding member of the MWCA working with several Metro club members and others back in the early 1990 establishing the MWCA in 1993.



Andy was a farmer and in later years he loved to work in his rose garden. Andy was not only involved with MWCA but worked with his local Manchester Board of Education and the 4-H club. He was an advocate for gun safety and taught gun safety. He loved fishing in Canada each year with his family and always had time to brag on the big one that got away.

Comfort Carvings Update: By Doug Evans

Over 100 crosses and birds were turned in at the September meeting. One carver, Art Tomes, turned in about 75 of the total. Approximately 8 carvers contributed. Please keep them coming.

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Tom Bailey



Sharon Baker



Paul Blanchard



Rizal Baysa



Sandra Doran



Dawn Laatz



Dwain Lusk



Greg Lutz



Dick Mann



Duane Matlen



Mike Murdock



Bruce Olsen

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sandra Huffman -

Judges: none

Novice

Intermediate

Advanced

Mike Murdock – Vermillion flycatcher

Paul Blanchard – Beer bottle faces

Tom Bailey – Owl

Sharon Baker – Barn relief

Open

Display

Dwain Lusk – Crosses

Greg Lutz – Relief circles

Bruce Olsen – Wolf

Rizal Baysa – Chip carved box

Theme – class project

Sandrs Doran – Relief

Dick Mann – Marlin

Dawn Laatz – Wood burning

Duane Matlen – Charcutures

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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)

President:

Curt Chastain 248-609-5341

Vice Pres.:

Mike Murdock

Secretary:

Harold Green

Treasurer:

Margaret Gout

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Greg Lutz Marcy Larson

Directors:

Bill Ebinger Carl Sikes

Directors:

Rizal Baysa

Show Chair:

Mike Murdock 248-689-5468

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. 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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