

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

November 2014



NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Nov. 11th 2014:

Next meetings are: 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

If you have already paid your 2015 membership dues, thank you. Please remember 2015 membership dues need to be paid by January 2015. After that date there is a late charge of \$4.00 and membership dues go to \$19.00.

Please send a check for \$15.00 to Metro Carvers of Michigan, c/o Margaret Gout, 1398 Lakeville Road, Leonard, MI 48367.

Rejoined member: Butch Usham

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

The year 2014 is rapidly moving along and Christmas is coming very soon. Please bring any more of the Christmas ornaments to the November meeting. Traditionally the December meeting is our Christmas pot luck. There will be a sign up sheet for what you will want to bring. In addition we need a volunteer to organize the table, get cups, plates, napkins, etc. and make the coffee. Please volunteer and see me at the November meeting.

Last month I thanked all the carvers that were in the last summer's display at the Orion Twp Library. We have now been asked back to display our carvings at the Rochester

Hills Public Library for the month of January, 2015. Anyone interested in participating please sign the sheet at the entrance table at the November meeting. Along with our show flyers in the cabinets this is a good way to promote our club and especially our March 2015 "Artistic Creations in Wood" show.

The main activities for the 2015 show are about to get in full swing. Right now we have plenty of flyers and hopefully are working on raffle prizes (maybe we can also talk more about this at the November meeting). The volunteer list was started at the October meeting so please check with Mike Murdock to get on the list. Show applications should be out in January (if not before). Let's make this a great show! so check Mike's article in this newsletter.



We will have the 2015 MWCA calendars available at the entrance table at the November meeting. They cost only \$4 and have a \$5 off coupon inside from the Cedar Bird Shop (Frank Burghy). This calendar features a memorial to Andy Luckhardt.

There are not many upcoming wood carving show until 2015, but we do have many holidays. Have a good holiday season, but don't forget the December 9, 2014 pot luck meeting...

Theme Carvings for this 2014-15 season:

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

2015 Show: By Mike Murdock

As I work on the "Artistic Creations In Wood" 2015 Annual Wood Carving Show it is heart warming to see different things fall into place and different individuals step forward and volunteers fill in the necessary slots to make our show a success.

I have made contact with C & G Newspapers and believe that this is the way to go as it relates to get proper advertising about our Wood Carving Club and our upcoming 2015 Show. I will make a proposal to the board in November as to the community coverage and cost.

At our October meeting Terry Zobl and John Sabina have stepped forward and volunteered as coordinators for the Door Prize Table. Dwain Lutz and Clar Elzerman are covering the Ticket Table. The Blanket Swap, which is always fun to watch and participate, will be covered by Doug

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Evans. Doug is also coordinating with the Lions Club for food preparation through out our show. Rizal Baysa and Tom Samanen are helping with off loading materials for show individuals to their tables. The Eagle Head Table will be manned by David Copeman. Keith Harris will be writing an article to the Chip Chat magazine. Marie Gasior will continue to provide our pictures. Robaleen Bogden is collecting raffle items. Bill Phillips has stepped up to cover the People's Choice Table at the front entrance. I can't thank all of these individuals enough for their support.

This is a great start to keeping our proud tradition. Be aware though that there are still some open slots to be filled with other volunteers so as we move forward I'll be asking. Thanks again to all,
You're Show Chairman for 2015

MWCA Update: By Bill Phillips

Hello Metro carvers. Please remember the FOT (Festival of Tree's) raises funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan. They will again be selling our carvings at the Dearborn Ford Community Center during the week of Thanksgiving. They need some carvings in order to support the children and we are a little short of the total number of carvings.

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.

I received a box of gourds painted and ready for us to tag from Gloria Marlow (a member of Metro) at our meeting in October and they are beautiful--THANK YOU GLORIA!

Please remember that you can turn carvings in at the Metro meeting on November 11th which is the last date we are able to receive carvings.

Comfort Carvings Update: By Doug Evans

At our October membership meeting, 21 crosses and 1 Comfort bird were turned in. A very nice effort by the membership!

Right after our membership meeting, I met with Hospice and dropped off Comfort crosses and birds. For two different locations, I dropped off a total of 30 crosses and 40 birds. This donation should hold them until the end of November. They were quiet appreciative of our efforts and I thank you all for your support.

Currently I have about 20 birds in inventory but we are now officially out of crosses. I have contacted a few folks who I know have a few crosses in progress so I can at least

have a few in inventory for future requests. I hope you will help and bring a few to our November meeting. Thanks again for your support.

Carv Fest X recap: By John Sabina

The 2014 version of the Washington Carve Fest (Carve Fest X!!!) was held on Friday and Saturday, September 26-27. This event was modeled after the Woodcarvers Roundup held each year in Ewart, MI on a smaller scale. Our intent was to offer local carvers the learning opportunities and the fun of a carving festival without the travel and lodging expenses. Both the numbers and the impressions from this 10th annual event suggest another successful endeavor.

First, let's look at the participation numbers: This year saw 84 participants on Friday and 68 people on Saturday for a total of 105 different people. The attendance figures are up slightly from last year, a positive trend. Fifty-six of the 105 people were Metro Carvers of Michigan members. While this is down one from the 2013 number, it bodes well for club participation when one considers that several of our "regular" attendees were traveling this year and thus not available.

Further looking at numbers, the 2014 edition featured 20 instructors leading 17 different projects. The 2014 instructors were: Gary Baker*, Paul Balog, Gary Bityk, Paul Blanchard, Rizal Baysa, Archie Huggins, Dawn Laatz, Dick Mann, Arlene and Pat Murphy, Jim Reagan*, John Saarinen*, Judy Sabina*, Ingrid Santti, Don Schneider, Don Shook and myself. (The asterisk denotes first-time instructors.) Six of the projects were new this year.

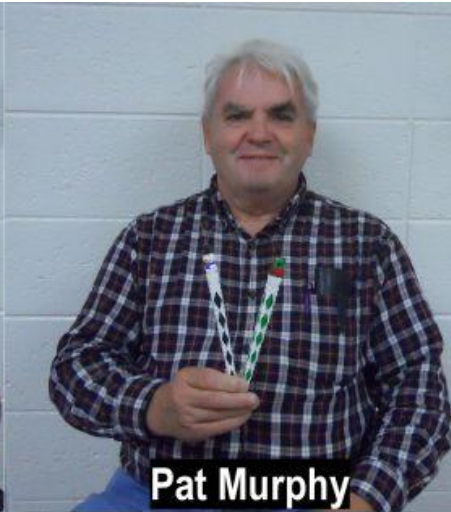
But beyond the numbers, one had only to look around the rooms to sense the enthusiasm and excitement of the participants. Our two-day, four total session format means that most participants have to chose from multiple desired projects. Proof of this is the number of wooden pliers and moebius strips being carved at regular Washington Senior Center carving sessions since Carve Fest. We have also been pleased to see some new faces in the Washington semi-weekly carving sessions since Carve Fest. I suspect that other satellite Metro Carving groups are seeing similar trends.

While I want to thank all who attended, special thanks must go to those who are behind the scenes efforts that make Carve Fest possible. Our committee includes Paul Blanchard, Rizal Baysa, and Dick and Jo Anne Mann. While the entire Parks and Recreation Department and Senior Center provide support, I especially want to thank Becky Hopp and Julie Munn for their tireless efforts. Of course, everyone appreciated being able to purchase needed tools and supplies from Frank and Phyllis Burghy of the Cedar Bird Shop. Unloading, displaying, and reloading all of their wares is a much-appreciated labor of love. Everyone's effort promoted woodcarving and that is what we are about!

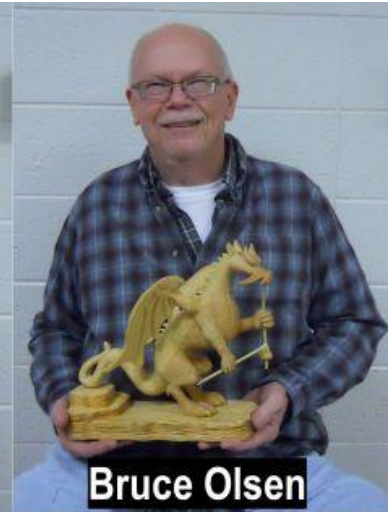
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Bill Przbylski



Pat Murphy



Bruce Olsen



Richard Mann



Greg Lutz



Paul Blanchard



Rizal Baysa



Sharon Baker

Metro Carvers of Michigan Presents

"Artistic Creations in Wood"

**2015 - The 35th Annual
Wood Carving Show**

March 21st, 2015 10 am - 5 pm

March 22nd, 2015 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 w/ cane



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

Show Chairman - Mike Murdock 248-689-5468
millicb@wowway.com

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sharon Baker -

Advanced

Sharon Baker – Cats in window

Paul Blanchard – St. Francis

Display

Bill Przybylski – Owl

Greg Lutz – Relief

Bruce Olsen – Dragon

Rizal Baysa – Buzzard

Theme – class project

Dick Mann – Santa

Pat Murphy – Icicles chip carved

2015 Show Raffle & Door Prizes: By Terry Zobl

Robaleen Bogden will Chair the Raffle and Terry Zobl and John Sabina will Co-Chair the Door Prizes. We are working together to plan some changes which will include fewer raffle items and having some carvings for sale to the customers. We are still discussing plans for the sale of carvings but at this time we need help from the membership to build an inventory. In addition to door prize carvings, which are usually quite nice, we want to build a large inventory (hundreds) of items that will be sold for \$1 to \$5. These would be simple carvings and wood burnings that will be a bargain for the customers, especially if they have kids, and give them a good feeling for attending our show.

Robaleen reminds you to turn in carvings for the Spring Theme Raffle Tree and let her know if you are planning to turn in a different Raffle item. We will let you know more in the future as our planning develops.

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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:

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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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