

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Jan.13 th 2015:

Next meetings are: 2015 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

December is the last month of 2014 to pay your 2015 Metro Carvers membership dues. If you pay in January 2015 you will have to pay a late fee and your dues will be \$19.00. Please send your dues to : Metro Carvers of Michigan, % Margaret Gout, 1398 Lakeville Road, Leonard, MI 48367.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

Happy New Year !! In the past I noted that this was a traditional greeting to celebrate a new time period. However, in the case of the Metro Carvers, it marks the MIDDLE of our meeting season (a football half time as such). As we look forward to the second half, we have many opportunities to learn and participate. It is also the count down to our annual Metro Woodcarvers "Artistic Creations in Wood" Show.

The learning part is the opportunity for a bark carving class by Gary Bityk at his home on South Blvd., east of Livernois, on March 23, 24, 25, 2015. The applications are available at our monthly meeting on the entry table. A person needs to get their application for this class and a check made out to Metro Carvers of Michigan to Margaret Gout at the January meeting to insure a place in the class (limited to twelve). After that time (if we are not filled) we will be soliciting outside the Metro Membership. Remember it is \$150 for non-members and only \$125 for Metro members. All sign ups need to be completed by the February 9, 2015 meeting.

There is also a class by Josh Guge in May that is sponsored by Larry Piotrowski . Call him at (248-899-1994) for information on this class. The MWCA also sponsors classes at the Midland Learning Seminar on May 18 thru 22, 2015 at the Midland Fairgrounds, Midland, Michigan. Call Pat Murphy (810-392-3642) for information on these classes.



Participation has many aspects such as sharing your carvings in the competition or display at the monthly meetings, volunteering to help at the annual woodcarving show, participating in Library displays promoting our carving work and show, the promoting of the show with flyers and word of mouth, participating in the weekly carving sessions at one or more of the carving sites, helping others or just seeking help at these carving sessions, etc. etc. etc.

Since we are entering the winter season, a reminder that if the Helen Keller Elementary School is closed on our meeting day, there will NOT be a meeting. All efforts will be made to let you know if this happens, but the best way is to check our web site at (www.metrocarvers.com)

Our club runs, operates, and succeeds because of the people in the club. Keep up the good work for the second half of the meeting season.

Theme Carvings for this 2014-15 season:

- January- Bark Carving.

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- February- Door & Raffle Prizes.
- March- Relief Carving.
- April- Chip Carving.
- May- Wildlife.
- June- Caricatures.

2015 Show: By Mike Murdock

Here we are, at the starting line for the 2015 “ Artistic Creations in Wood “ show. The holidays are over and I hope that everybody had a wonderful time.

We need to focus on a few things that still need to be done. Those of you that are going to have tables will need to complete your projects for display. All others will need to step up and support the show by carving doors prizes. Many different kinds of blanks are available, just contact Curt Chastain, Terry Zobl, or myself and we will get them to you.

All those individuals who are going to have a table this year, (2015) will receive a coupon from WOODCRAFT which will give you \$5.00 off your purchase of \$50.00 or \$10.00 off your purchase of \$100.00, expires April 30, 2015. Also, there is an additional coupon from Creative Corner on 66780 Van Dyke, Washington, Mi. offering 20% off the regular price of your purchase. They carry artist supplies, paints and custom framing. This coupon expires April 30, 2015 as well.

The show applications will be mailed out the month of January so continue to carve and think about sharing a table with someone else, you'll have FUN, and maybe even learn something about each other.

I always try to inject some humor in my monthly letter; this way I don't have to beg for more tables and more carving items. Your support which all of you have given to me has been just wonderful and I thank you. There are just a few items left that I need to address which will be taken care of at our next meeting. In the mean time, keep carving and good health to all.

Mike Murdock E-mail <mike23a@outlook.com>

2015 Peoples Choice: By Bill Phillips

Hello Metro Members. Can someone tell me what happened to the year 2014?? It seems like I was just getting used to dating things with the 2014 year and now we have to get in the habit of writing 2015. What is going on, time is flying by faster and faster and I'm not finding any extra time to carve, are you?

Anyway let's all slow down and take a few extra minutes to carve and enjoy our carving friends and family more this year.

I'm sure the Metro club will have another big carving show this year if we ALL help. During one of our Metro meetings our new show chairman Mike Murdock asked for people to sign up as helpers. Ruth & I said we would help with the People's Choice again and we will be recruiting some helper. It's a long day standing and talking to people and asking them to vote for what they think is the best carving on the display. If you would like to help with this part of the show please let us know.

We would like to have you join in and put one of your carvings into the display. When people first walk into the show the first thing they see is our display and a lot of them just stand and enjoy the display of carving even before they come into to see what new carvings are on your table, so please plan on putting a carving into People's Choice during the 2015 show.

The rules for our People's Choice are very simple. All we ask is that the carving be one that you carved during the last 2 years. It can be something you did on your own or in a carving class, it doesn't matter. We also ask that your name not be visible. So start now (the first week of 2015) and get something your proud of for the display.

MWCA Cane Program: By Dave Copeman

The MWCA “Lean On Me” cane program has now provided more than 2700 canes to our Michigan veterans. This accomplishment was only possible because of the participation by the members and clubs of the Michigan Wood Carvers Association. The back log of more than 250 applications of a few years ago is now well below 100 and there is a good supply of Eagle Heads on hand. Carvers should now focus on the quality of the Eagle Head they are carving and not the quantity. If you need a break from carving Eagle Heads try working on a Comfort Cross or Comfort Bird for the Hospice program. Patterns are available on the MWCA web site miwoodcarvers.com or contact Doug Evans the Metro Carver coordinator for the Comfort Carving program.

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Sharon Baker



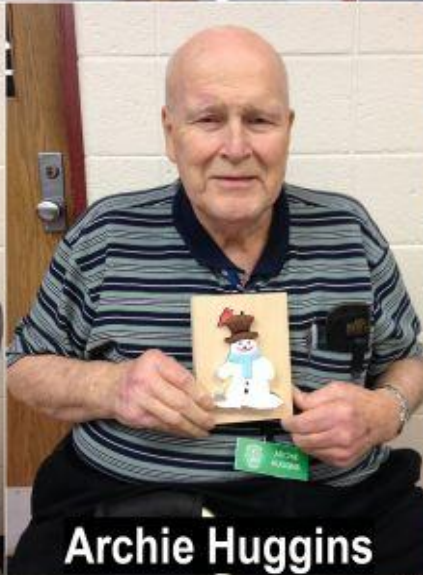
Rizal Baysa



Art Bucholtz



George Eldridge



Archie Huggins



Dwain Lusk



Dick Mann



Bruce Olsen



Don Schneider

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Sharon Baker -

Beginners

Art Bucholtz – Racoons in tree

Roger Sonnenfeld – X-mas sign

Intermediate

Advanced

Robaleen Bogden – Various X-mas carvings

Display

Bruce Olsen – Intarsia – Owls

Rizal Baysa – Juniper Cane

George Eldridge – Carving in progress

Marcy Larson - Woodburning –Wolf

Duane Lusk – Intarsia – Nativity scene

Dick Mann – Santa Kaleidoscope

Archie Higgins – Snowman

Theme – woodburning

Sharon Baker – X-mas scene

Robaleen Bogden – Tree in frame

Dick Mann – Caricature

Don Schneider – Santa Bottle stopper

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Meeting Location: Helen Keller School
near 12 mile & I-75 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

Directors: 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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