

Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

November 2015



NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday Nov. 10th 2015:

Next meetings are: Dec.8, - 2016 Jan.12, Feb.9, Mar.8, Apr.12, May.10, Jun.14

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 our club dues (\$15.00) are due. 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 Margaret Gout, 1398 Lakeville Rd., Leonard, MI. 48367.

President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

The MWCA calendars will be available at our November meeting. They are again at a \$4 cost and is the only money raising effort by MWCA each year. Get yours at the door when you come to the meeting November 10, 2015.

Can you believe that is now time to start planning for Christmas? The Metro Carvers plan is to have our annual Christmas Pot Luck at the December 8, 2015 meeting along with our carving theme of Christmas carvings. There will be a signup sheet at the door at the November 10, 2015 meeting for what pot luck item you plan to bring to this meeting.

Several libraries have requested a carving display which is good public relations for our club and promoting our show. The display for the Auburn Hills Library is for the month of November. The plan is to place the carvings in their four display cabinets on Monday, November 2, 2015 between 10 AM and 12 PM in the morning and remove them on Monday, November 30, 2015 between 10 AM and 12 PM. If you have signed up, please bring them as shown above but closer to 10 AM is preferred. Please come with your carvings even if you didn't sign up.



Upcoming events include the Dayton, Ohio "Artistry in Wood" Show which is on Saturday, November 14th, 2015 from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, November 15th, 2015 from 10 AM to 5 PM. The show is at the Airport Expo Center, 3900 McCauley Drive, Vandalia, Ohio.

Theme Carving

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

2016 Metro Show: By Mike Murdock

The month of November I will be meeting with Lamphere High School to review the proposed signage for "Artistic Creations in Wood" 2016- The 36th Annual Wood Carving Show March 19th & 20th. I hope to be able to share all the details with our club at the next meeting. I also have a meeting with a sign company who will provide a cost estimate for the banner. I am sure that this sign will be used for many years to come. America's Finest, printing company, is next on the agenda. I am meeting them later in the month to have all the new show applications, rules of competition, and other items printed for 2016. The applications will be mailed out to all who participated in last year's show, the first of the year, January (2016). Once again I want to THANK ALL of those individuals who volunteered for last year's show and again for this year. I know that I have to fill in the Peoples Choice competition slot so if there is an individual who will do this please step

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up and let me know. I am also looking for Judges for the show. If you know of someone please contact me.

During our last club meeting the "Show Theme" category was discussed and a suggestion of "Roses" was proposed along with "Salute to the Troops" was made. Give this some thought, and give me your feedback at our club meeting in November.

The last item is I am asking for all club members to continue to carve door prizes and item for sale at the show. This was a very important issue last year and you all came through. The club made money doing this and once again, "I THANK YOU ALL".

Carve Fest XI - By John Sabina

Carve Fest XI, held on September 24, 25 at the Washington Senior Center was another successful event. 77 people registered for Thursday and 86 people registered for Friday. A total of 116 different people attended the event. Co-chairman Dick Mann and I were concerned that attendance would be down due to the change to a Thurs-Fri format and previous confusion over the scheduled weekend. Since our prior average attendance was 92 on Friday and 86 on Saturday, our attendance was down a bit. But, those who did attend enjoyed the event and we received many very positive comments. New faces at the Washington Carvers Tuesday and Thursday carving sessions continue to increase.

Our volunteer instructors did a very fine job and are really the strength of this event. A big thank you goes to: Rizal Baysa, Gary Bityk, Jim Foster of Piqua OH, Dawn Laatz, Arleen Murphy, Pat Murphy, Jim Reagan, John Saarinen, Judy Sabina, Ingrid Santi, and Don Schneider who along with Dick and I were our instructors and project leaders. Special thanks also to Gary Baker and Archie Huggins who volunteered to lead projects but had to withdraw for medical reasons. Our vendors all reported encouraging sales. Mention should also be made of Paul Blanchard, Gary Baker, and Butch Isham who provided organizational assistance during the event. Special thanks also go to Julie Munn, our Senior Center coordinator, Idalia Ferrero, Judy Isham, Cheryl Sparks, and Lauren Teper who helped with the preparation and serving of lunch.

Carve Fest relations with the Senior Center Staff have always been always very positive and improved even more this year. The Senior Center would prefer a Thursday-Friday format, as Saturday staff overtime is not required. However, we know that no Saturday session means that carvers who work weekdays and students who are in school cannot participate. Our concern is that we have no real data to even infer how large this problem actually is. After good discussions with the Julie Munn and director Becky Hopp (who are employed by the Romeo, Washington, Bruce Parks and Recreation Department) the following conclusions have been reached:

- Carve Fest XII will be held in 2016

- We will move to a 2½-day format (Thursday, Friday, Saturday AM only – September 22, 23 & 24, 2016.) This will minimize the staffing overtime issues and allow us to get real data on both the total number of Saturday participants and a measure of those who can only attend on Saturday.
- By reconfiguring the lunch tables late Friday afternoon, we will add a carving display area for Saturday morning. This will promote carving interest in non-carving visitors who are potential new carvers.
- In order to allow for much broader publicity, projects and instructors and schedule will be completed and published much earlier in 2016. Our intent is to have them published for the Metro Carvers Show in March. This will let us inform the 1000+ show attendees of the Carve Fest opportunities.

In summary, Carve Fest XI was a very successful event and Carve Fest XII promises to be even better.

"Lean On Me" Cane - By Dave Copeman

On May 15, 2015 a request for a "Lean On Me" cane was received from Lora Herrmann, Postmaster – Irons, MI. for Duane E. Dewey. Duane served in the US Marine Corps during the Korea Conflict and received the **Congressional Medal of Honor**. He earned the Nation's highest award for heroism on April 16, 1952, when although already wounded, smothered an exploding enemy grenade with his own body to save the lives of his comrades. The finished cane was sent to Lora July 13, 2015 for presentation to Duane.

The research for the cane was done by Harold Joseph, the shaft was prepared by Terry Zobl, the cane was finished and assembled by Dave Copeman using an Eagle Head carved by Harold Green.

Each Team members received a very nice thank you card, a medallion honoring Duane and a photo of President Eisenhower presenting the award to Duane.



CORPORAL DUANE E. DEWEY, USMC

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Paul Blanchard



Bruce Olsen



Barb Harris



Sharon Hill



Dwane Matlen



Dwain Lusk



Greg Lutz



Mike Murdock



Arlene Murphy

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Monthly Carving Competition
Coordinated by Sharon Hill -

Beginners

Intermediate

Dwane Matlen – Bear

Advanced

Mike Murdock – Red Poll bird

Peoples Choice

Paul Blanchard – Native American

Bruce Olsen – Horse

Barb Harris – Woodburning

Dwane Lusk – Christ at door

Greg Lutz – Relief

Arlene Murphy – Woodburning

Marcy Larson – Bird in progress

Theme – Wildlife

Sharon Hill - Ornaments

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

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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.

Thur. 9am-Noon __Warren Stillwell Manor

Thur. 9am-Noon __Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.

Thur. 6pm-9pm __Shelby Shadbush Nature Ctr.



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