

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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Curt Chastain, President

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## NEXT MEETING

### Club meeting Tuesday Jan.12 2016:

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

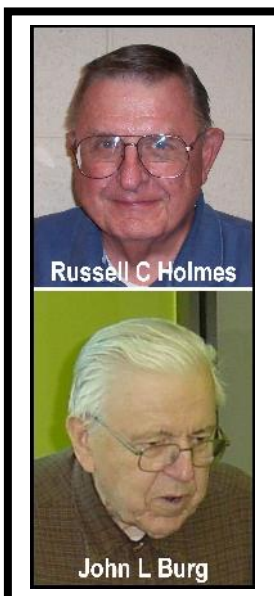
The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social time, libraries and supply purchases. The Business meeting starts at 7:15 p.m.

### Treasurers Report: By Margaret Gout

### In Our Memory:

**Russell C. Holmes**, a Metro member since 2008, passed away in December 2015. Russell was 75 and lived in Troy.

**John L. Burg**, a Metro member since 1987 passed away in December 2015. John was 93 and lived in Royal Oak.



Russell C Holmes

John L Burg

### Rejoined Member

**Bennett Zottolo**— 18152 Teresa Dr., Macomb Twp., MI 48044



December was the last month of 2015 to pay your 2016 Metro Carvers membership due. If you pay in January 2016 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 Rd., Leonard, MI 48367.

### The following have not paid their 2016 dues & will be deleted from the membership roster:

Fred Azelio, John Bell, Ralph Dahms, Harry Henneman, Gary Herman, Sandra Huffman, Norm Jepson, David McDonald, Joseph Miller, David A. Monk, Murphy Michael, Mary & Bill Myers, Bill & Ruth Phillips, Larry Piotrowski, Joe Randazzo, Mike Shall, Mary Lou Tabares, Kenyon N. Zryd

### President's Corner: By Curt Chastain

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!** As we start a new calendar year we look back at the past year's accomplishments but look forward to the challenges of the next. I know that it is a time for me to get more organized and start working on some of the carvings I have planned in my head if there was just enough time.



I believe that everyone in attendance had a very good pot luck. Thanks to all who participated, brought food, or helped out.

The presenter for the December meeting was Mike Azzopardi who is a member of the Michigan Hawking Club. He brought with him his Red Tailed Hawk and his

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Kestrel and gave a very good question and answer session while displaying his birds. There were quite a few pictures being taken and the birds practically posed.

The MWCA calendars will again be available at our January meeting. They cost \$4 with a certificate worth \$5 off on a \$10 or more purchase at the Cedar Bird Shop.

One of the main Board meeting accomplishments announced at the meeting is the acquisition of a digital projector that can be used at our meetings and woodcarving show. We should be receiving the unit in January, 2016.

Upcoming Events: The next event in the New year is the Metro Carvers "Artistic Creations in Wood" show on March 19th & 20th, 2016. The push is on to get busy and make raffle prizes, door prizes, and items for sale for the show. It takes everyone's help to get it done.

## Theme Carving

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

## **Resin Castings-A Suggestion:** By John Sabina

As many Metro members likely remember, our club has quite a few resin castings of many different themes and subjects. These castings can be very useful as "go-byes" in creating your carvings. These castings are stored at Keller School in an upstairs closet along with other club properties. The entire collection is heavy and difficult to display. Thus, they have remained in storage for some time. Curt has recently reviewed them in detail.

Go-byes are only really useful if they are available while you are carving or consulting with another member on a carving. Being able to see

(and perhaps measure) a design while developing your carving can be a lot of help. The reality is that we do not carve at the monthly Metro membership meetings. Thus, the logistics of finding a volunteer coordinator who will bring the entire collection to each monthly meeting for display and possible check out just no longer seems to work. The fact that meeting attendance continues to drop slowly means that the coordinator's efforts produce less and less results. It should not be surprising that we have not had a casting coordinator for some time. The conclusion is that these club assets are currently not very useful to anyone.

In thinking about where our club members actually carve, I concluded that in the six active satellite groups or at home is really where most of the carving occurs. This is where the castings would be useful. Our previous process intended to get the castings to individual homes via a checkout system, but has fallen into disuse due to the aforementioned logistics. Out of sight really translates into out of mind. My thought process is that making the resin castings available to club members through the six active satellite groups is the most logical approach.

If we could find one volunteer at each satellite location (Clinton Township, St Clair Shores, Shadbrush, Troy, Warren Stilwell, and Washington) we could divide the casting assets into six equal-size but different groups and then assign them to each of the satellite locations. Periodically, the site coordinators would exchange their collections. If this were done three times per year, (every four months) each site would have access to the entire collection rotation every two years. Even individuals who do not regularly attend satellite groups could find go-bye help closer to their home.

Making these club assets more readily available to club members would be the result. Reducing the size of the job might make the issue of finding volunteer coordinators less daunting. Each site could develop individual "guidelines" for availability and check out. We might lose a few pieces over time, but returning the value to our members outweighs the risk. What do you think?

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Larry Bauman



Clair Boussum



Sharon Hill



Dwain Lusk



John Saarinen



Bernie Wozniak



Red Tailed Hawk



Kestrel

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Monthly Carving Competition  
Coordinated by Sharon Hill -

## Beginners

## Intermediate

## Advanced

## Peoples Choice

**Bernie Wozniak** – Relief female

**Dwain Lusk** – Intrisa figures

**Clair Boussum** – Intrisa cross

## Theme – Christmas

**John Saarinen** – Ornament

**Larry Bowman** – Ornament

**Art Tomes** – Spoon

**Sharon Hill** – Forest scene

## Metro Carvers of Michigan

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**Facebook** Metro Wood Carvers of Michigan

**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.

Thur. 9am-Noon \_\_Warren Stillwell Manor

Thur. 9am-Noon \_\_Washington Twp. Sen.Ctr.

Thur. 6pm-9pm \_\_Shelby Shadbush Nature Ctr.



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