

# Metro Carvers of Michigan

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## NEXT MEETING

### **Club meeting Tuesday Sep. 13th 2016:**

Next meetings are: Oct.11, Nov.8, Dec.13, - 2017  
Jan.10, Feb.14, Mar.14, Apr.11, May.9, Jun.13  
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

### **Reinstated Member**

**Ken Zryd**– 2089 Hammond Pl. E. Traverse City, Mi.,

Remember that your 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 Mararet Gout, 1398 Lakeville Rd., Leonard, MI. 48367.

### **President’s Corner:** By Curt Chastain

It is September, 2016 and this summer is over! The two month layoff is past and the 2016/2017 carving season is upon us. The first meeting of the fall is on September 13, 2016. This will be our regular time of the month, however the date must be confirmed by the City of Royal Oak Schools. They usually do this late in August or early in September. We will try to let you know if there any changes as soon as we know.

We were asked to have a table, etc at the “Huron Valley Art Festival” but the event was cancelled a couple of hours

after starting due to heavy rain. John Saarinren and Paul Blanchard attended, reported a lot of interest, and were asked back to a fall/winter Huron Valley Show. (They allow sales at this show). If you are interested in participating please contact John Saarinren.

We have a lot of reference materials available but we do not have many people helping with handling the loan out process. Robaleen Bogden has done a very good job handling the DVD’s, but no one is handling the Books and GoBys. If we are going to keep these in circulation someone needs to step forward to handle this process.

Speaking of stepping forward, this year is the last for several of the Officers, Board Members, and Show Chairman. Now is the time to get involved and work with the current office holder so that the transition to new personnel for next year can happen seamlessly. As we go forward this year, the plan is to highlight the Officers, Board Members, and Show Chairman duties at the monthly meetings. All of these have been highlighted on-line in the Metro Carvers Procedures Listing and these will be used as the basis for this review.



We are already working on the 2017 “Artistic Creations in Wood” Metro Carvers 37th Annual show.

If you have any ideas for the show please contact Mike Murdock. Note: this is a very good time to become involved for the next Show Chairman since much of the planning for the 37th Annual Show (2017) includes planning for the 38th Annual Show (2018).

### **Upcoming Events**

**BIG CHANGE !** For those that attend the Dayton Show, the location and date have changed. The Expo center that they have used for a long time has been sold to the Dayton Airport and is no longer available. As a result the Dayton Show, “Artistry in Wood”, will be held at the Roberts Centre located at 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. The weekend of September 3rd and 4th was booked for 2016 (That date is the Labor Day Weekend). More information is available at [daytoncarvers.com](http://daytoncarvers.com).

There is the “Spit and Whittle” Social Carving Weekend at the Osceola County Fairgrounds in Ewart, Mi on September 9 & 11, 2016.

There is a “Rhadigan Carve-In” at Floyd’s Studio in Clinton on September 16-18, 2016. Contact Floyd Rhadigan at 734-649-3259 or [www.fantasycarving.com](http://www.fantasycarving.com) if you are interested.

Carve Fest XII is Thursday, September 22, 2016, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM; Friday, September 23, 2016, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM; and Saturday, September 24, 2016, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (Noon). This is held at the Washington Senior Center at 57900 Van Dyke Road, Washington, Mi 48094. Check the Metro site for additional information at [www.metrocarvers.com](http://www.metrocarvers.com)

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## Theme Carving

- September      Class Projects
- October        Fall Holiday carvings
- 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 summer is almost over, that means that it is time to get back in the swing of things !!!!! I hope all had a good time this summer and survived the heat which we had so far this year. Don't complain, !!!!! Snow is coming. That said, I must remind everybody once again that I will be the Show Chairman for 2017. Someone has to step up and carry flag forward. I will be ordering all the necessary paper work for the 2018 show following by the end of the year. Our last club meeting this year is the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016. There's approximately 91 days left this year before I get a name, to put on all the forms for the 2018 show chairman position. If the Metro Carvers of Michigan Club is to continue, members will have to step forward and fill the necessary positions. We need a Show Chairman for 2018. I will help support that individual for a smooth transition. It is not that hard, it just takes time to get everything done. At the present , I just don't have it. I want to, " THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ". This is your SHOW.

## Carve Fest XII Project List": By John Sabina

<i>Instuctor(s)</i>	<i>Project</i>
Gary Baker	Christmas Ornaments (plus large variety of cutouts for sale)
Rizal Baysa	Chip Carving
Gary Bityk	Bark Carving Miniatures
Paul Blanchard	Spoons
Jim Foster (Piqua, OH)	Relief Carving
Dawn Laatz & Ingrid Santti	Woodburning
Dick Mann	Caricature Woodsman or Wizard (carving and painting)
Pat Murphy	Wooden Chains

Jim Reagan	To be announced
John Saarinen	Russian Toy
John Sabina	Beginner Woodcarving (tools supplied)
Don Schneider	Native American Flute (carve and tune)

## Metro Members Extend Outreach by: John Sabina

Several Metro members have been demonstrating their love of carving to well beyond club members. Gary Bityk was a featured instructor at the MWCA Learning Seminar in Midland (May) and the Woodcarvers Roundup in Evert (June.) Gary also instucted cottonwood bark carving at the Woodcarvers Summer Camp in Bremen, IN (August.) John Sabina taught chip carving at the Buckeye Round-up near Piqua, OH (July) and will offer an Introduction to Chip Carving class at the Washington Senior Center through the Romeo-Washington-Bruce (RWB) Parks and Recreation Department in October. Paul Blanchard has taught our "Introduction to Wood Carving" class in both Lake Orion (May) and White Lake (June.)

Gary Bityk, who has won several awards in the prestigious Dayton Show, has also been encouraging and teaching his amazing bark carving techniques to many Washington carvers at our regular Tuesday and Thursday morning carving sessions. As a result, a larger group of people has been producing some outstanding bark creations.

Mr. Don Shook, one of Gary's progenies, is demonstrating his bark carving talents in ArtPrize 2016. ArtPrize is a radically open international art competition decided by public vote and expert jury that takes place each fall in Grand Rapids, MI – and it's all free and open to the public. (See [www.artprize.org](http://www.artprize.org) for complete details.)

Don is a Metro member from Romeo who was raised in Caledonia, MI. His ArtPrize entry in the 3-D Category is entitled "Whimsical Dutch Village" and will be on display from September 21 – October 9, 2016 at: Swift Printing, 404 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

We certainly wish Don good luck in the competition and hope our club will support his effort. One must register in Grand Rapids to vote and can only vote in person. Don's Vote Code is 62887. ArtPrize is a BIG deal, well worth a trip to Grand Rapids. Next page is a photo of Don's entry:

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**Monthly Carving Competition**  
Coordinated by Sharon Hill -

## Beginners

## Intermediate

## Advanced

## Peoples Choice

**Art Bucholtz**– Cowboy

**Don Miller**– Buffy

**John Saarinen**– Ornament Icicles

## Theme – wildlife

### **MWCA “Patriot Cane Program”:** By Dave Copeman

From June 2007 thru August 2016 3464 canes have been completed. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the “Patriot Cane Program” program. Without your help and support this program would not have continued. Without your help and support this program could not continue. As you can see the Cane Teams have been very busy this summer. We always use more Eagle Heads.

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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 John Saarinen

**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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