

Metro Carvers of Michigan

Volume 39 Number 06 Curt Chastain, President June 2017



NEXT MEETING

Club meeting Tuesday June 06th 2017:

Next meetings are: Sept. 12th. unconfirmed
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: Steve Brandon

Years of Services patches will be handed out at our June meeting. The following Metro Carver members will receive patches.

5 Years

Duane Matlen , John Saarinen, Pauline Flaga, Norm Jepson.

10 years

Larry Brown, Bruce Olson, Kathleen Riske, Tom Samanen, Bernard Wozniak, Ron Zoller.

15 Years

Gary S. Bitytk, Ingrid Santti, Kenyon N. Zyrd.

20 Years

Clar Elzerman, Carl Sikes, Arthur & Jean Tomes.

25 Years

Paul Blanchard, Sandra Huffman.

Past President: Curt Chastain

Summer is coming (I think)!! This is the last monthly meeting until September, 2017. The two month layoff is a good chance to enjoy the better weather and get ready for the 2017/2018 carving season. I want to thank all those who have helped me during the past five (5) years. I have gotten a lot out of Metro Carvers and plan to continue to participate. I have several interests that I have either short changed or avoided. I now plan to be more active in one of those interests and that is to carve more. I have just finished my annual class at the MWCA Learning Seminar which is about all the carving I have been able to do in the past. It has left me anxious to do more. You can take this summer to get yourself charged up too. Again thanks for the help and see you in the next carving season.



The results of the club election at the May meeting are: Doug Evans – President, Pat Murphy – Vice Pres., Harold Green - Secretary, Don Miller and Jean Martin - Board of Directors.

Theme Carving

- June Caricatures

President Elect: Doug Evans

Well gang, I'm back! In my mind Metro Carvers is the best carving club in the State of Michigan (so I had to support it this election!) I hope a bunch of you agree.

My personal thanks, and on behalf of the club, thanks and appreciation for the fine job Curt has done over the last five years. He deserves a break!

We are thankful for the other members who ran for a position on the Board. Some of you I have worked with in the past and others I have not. Either way, it is our responsibility to continue to lead this club in a way we all can be proud of. The Board, the entire membership should never forget this.

The two things I'd like to focus on this year are:

- 1) Have more fun
- 2) Build our membership

That's it for now. Hang on for the ride. It should be awesome!



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Washington Carv Fest XIII: By John Sabina

Shortly after joining the Metro Carvers, I attended my first Wood Carvers Roundup in Ewart, MI in 2004. This very informal and relatively low cost event provided an energizing experience in carving and was a lot of fun. People and instructors from around the mid-west and beyond provided a broad and varied pallet of projects. The Metro Carvers very well supported the roundup, but the travel and lodging expenses prevented many from making the trek to Ewart.

In 2005, a small group of Metro members who also carved at the Washington Township Senior Center decided to stage a similar, though smaller, event locally. The first Washington Carve Fest was held outside in the gazebo behind the Washington Township offices in early October. We decided on a Friday and Saturday, two-day format and arranged to use the adjacent Senior Center as a backup for poor weather. The mornings proved to be rather cool and the event moved mostly inside. That first event featured five simultaneous projects during each of the four carving sessions. A total of 82 people (43 Metro members and 39 non-Metro members) participated.

The first event was considered a total success and we immediately laid plans for Carve Fest II in 2006. We planned an indoor event and moved to the last Friday and Saturday in September to avoid member conflicts with archery deer season that began on October 1st. Carve Fest has continued each year through 2016, through three different directors of the Washington Senior Center, several different day formats (Fri-Sat; Thurs-Fri; Thurs-Sat), and expanded space in the Senior Center. Attendance over ten years of data showed a low of 82 people to a high of 172 people in attendance, while the number of Metro members attending showed a low of 43 and a high of 72. Saturday attendance was higher than Friday attendance only once. Clearly, Carve Fest involves many non-metro members as well and the Saturday sessions allow non-retirees to participate.

Carve Fest attendance is showing lower numbers, not unlike Metro Carvers and other clubs throughout the state. Reduced attendance notwithstanding, we see the Washington Carve Fest as an important effort to energize woodcarving and build the participation and membership of both the Metro Carvers and the Washington Carving group. Thus, we are pleased to announce that Carve Fest XIII will be held in September of 2017. We will return to our best format of a two-day Friday-Saturday event on the last FULL weekend to avoid the archery deer season issue.

So, Carve Fest XIII will be held on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23, 2017. The location will continue to be at the Washington Senior Center located at the rear of the Washington Township Offices. The address is 57900 Van Dyke Road and is on the east side of Van Dyke,

north of 26 Mile Road. Event hours on both days will be doors open at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts. The morning carving session will be from 9:00 AM until Noon. A lunch break will be from Noon to 1:00 PM. (Lunch will be available for purchase from the Senior Center.) Then, the afternoon carving session will run from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Admission is free with a nominal charge for carving blanks. Tools and carving supplies will also be available for purchase.

Prospective Instructors so far include: Rizal Baysa, Gary Baker, Gary Bityk, Paul Blanchard, Jim Foster (Piqua, OH), Norm Jepson, Dawn Laatz, Dick Mann, Pat Murphy, Jim Reagan, John Sabina, Don Schneider, and Don Shook. Please contact the writer if you would like to lead a project. As always, volunteer instructors are offered their choice of leading one, two, three, or four carving sessions and may specify the maximum number of seats available for their project.

As specific carving projects are finalized and scheduled, the project schedule will be found on the Metro website www.metrocarvers.com. Please put the dates on your calendar and joins us in September for the fun.

Design new MWCA Patch: By Pat Murphy

25th Anniversary Patch design guidelines

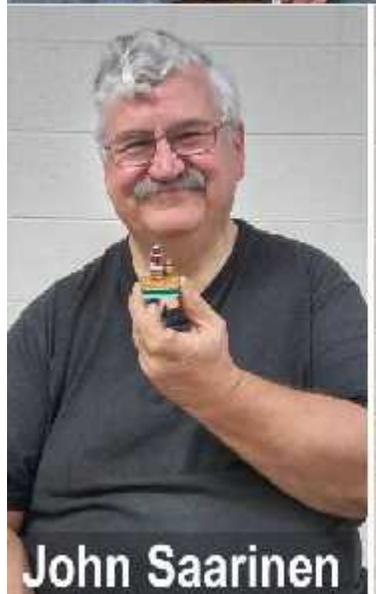
- Art work must look good when reduced to the maximum size.
- Maximum Size 3" X 4" or 4" X 3" rectangle or 3 1/2" Circle.
- Or design a "Ribbon" to apply under our existing patch that indicated our 25th anniversary.
- Maximum of 5 colors.
- Open to everyone. IE, you, your spouse, your grandkids, art students at your local high school or college...

Mail your entries to:

Sandy Maleitzke, 18561 20th Ave., Marion, MI 49665

Entries must be received by September 30, 2017. Entries will be voted on at the October general membership meeting. The winner will receive a \$50.00 check from MWCA. All art work becomes the property of MWCA. New patch will be available about the same time as the new 2018 calendar.

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Monthly Carving Competition

Coordinated by Mary Lou Tabares -

Theme:

Ron Zoller - Mountain Lion - 1st
Art Bucholtz - Dear & Tuck - 2nd
Bob Galanek - Sweet Tooth - Honorable Mention

Intermediate:

Roger Sonnenfield - Red Bird - Honorable Mention (no picture)

Peoples Choice:

Keith Harris - (Untitled Bust) - 1st
John Saarinen - Forced Retirement - 2nd
Dave Copeman - Eagle Cane Head - Honorable Mention
Andy Jowarski - chip carving, pic below



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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:

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:

Pat Murphy and Fred Azelio

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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