

# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

## NEWSLETTER

April 2015



Meetings and Open Carving - First and Third Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



### From the President:

Spring is finally here! The crocuses are blooming, the trees are starting to bud and my garage is calling for its annual cleaning. I hope everyone kept well over the winter months, and that you are ready to enjoy the warmer weather. I know I look forward to carving on the deck and letting the wood chips fly without worrying if they will end up all over the house from the cats and dogs playing in them.

#### The Doane Experience

In March members of the Doane committee met at Doane and toured the Communications building. We are excited that they have added an elevator to the building as this opens up some new classrooms for us. Classes are filling up so if you have not registered you may want to get your registration in soon.

#### Fall Show

Plans for the Fall Show are moving along. There have been a few proposed changes in categories this year that will be discussed in a later edition of the newsletter. We hope to have the registration form in the May newsletter.

A correction from last month, our featured carver is Roger Nadrachal, his name was misreported in the last newsletter.

#### By-Law Update

At the last meeting the board presented proposed by-law changes to the club at the general meeting. Printed copies were distributed for those present to review. We are proposing to combine the General Secretary and Recording Secretary positions since there is currently only a need for one secretary. We have updated the club committees as well and cleaned any language resulting from these changes throughout the by-laws. A copy of the proposed changes will be posted on the club website. We will be voting on the by-law changes at the April 4th meeting.

#### April 18th Meeting

There will not be a club meeting on April 18th. The church has an event scheduled for that date.

I look forward to seeing you at club, happy carving!

Maria

## Carving Opportunity

Kirt and Linda Curtis are teaching a power carving class in Glenwood, Iowa on April 17th, 18th, and 19th

The class will be an Elk pair bust in Butternut

If you are interested contact George Bledsoe 712-310-4154

**Club Officers** - **Maria Mulherin** - President

**Rich Wagner** - 1st VP

**PJ Driscoll** - 2nd VP

**Judy Nygard** - Recording Secretary    **Ken Kult** - Treasurer

Board Members: **Denny Rourke, Larry Putnam, Mike Hawkins, Tom Paskach, Jeff Westerfield**

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## Not Exactly Carving but it is made from wood.....

I have been working on a project lately that I am trying to get done. It is something for a very special person in my life. It is almost done just needs a little sanding and the finish. I know it isn't woodcarving but we are pretty proud of our little sweetie. We are all pretty excited and it's a competition on who gets to hold her. It is a new thing for Katy and Zac as well, but they are doing a great job and little Lakelyn is in great hands. Now I better get back to work on the crib.....



# *It's show time*

*Time to show off all that hard work*



Glen Fischer



John Keyser



Mike Hawkins



Mike Hawkins



Vince

## It's a Show and Share Double play



Tom Paskach



Allen Scott



Phillip Johnson

### **New Club Mailing Address & Snowbirds**

**P.O. Box 540314, Omaha, NE 68114**

If you have a winter address, please be sure to let us know so we can mail you the February newsletter to your current address.

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## Club Calendar

April 4 - MAWA Club Meeting

April 18 - NO CLUB MEETING

Please help us keep our calendar current. If you know of surrounding woodcarving shows or events that would include woodcarving, submit them to your website and we will include them on our calendar.

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## Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 18-24 2015

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### *On a Personal Note* - *Sandy Floral*

In Memorial - It is with sadness we report the passing of Art LaTurno. He will be remembered by many Doane attendees for his piano playing during lunch. Art also attended many of our Fall Shows coming to Omaha from St. Louis, MO. Please keep these members in your thoughts:

Jim and Pat Joyner who recently experienced a fire in their home

Get Well soon Tom Paskach and Virginia Stewart!

#### Hospitality

Just a reminder to our members to please contact Sandy Foral with information regarding club members who have passed, are ill and could need the support of the club, or have a happy event they would like to share. You may reach her at 402/553-3440.

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I attended the Cedar Valley Wood carver's show in March this year. They moved the show to a new venue and judging by the comments I think they hit a home run. It was a great show with good lighting and plenty of parking. The crowd seemed to like the new location and I had a great time with a great group of people. They have a really active club and everyone is really fired up about woodcarving, and that's fun to be around. If you get the chance check it out next year.

I apologize for my horrible photographs it didn't due the show justice, I will try to improve next year.

## The Doane Experience 2015

**Have you sent in your registration form yet? What are you waiting for?**

### *Random Thoughts.....*

Wow, another month, another newsletter. The time seems to get away from me as it seems I just finished the last newsletter.

We are having Kirt and Linda Curtis coming to teach a class in April I am looking forward to that. They are excellent teachers and we always have a great time with them. I am currently working on a wolf (well its on my bench) and for me that's kind of where the process starts. It can sit there for quite some time however..... I really enjoy carving animals and all the classes I have taken with Kirt and or Linda have turned out really good. My friend PJ has done many animals and I like to look at those when I go to his house. The show in Cedar Rapids was a great time as always and it was fun visiting with all the folks there. I enjoy seeing what people are carving and of course if I am able to be part of the process by providing wood for them that is even better. I have been working on sawing basswood and have another trip planned to pick up some more logs. I am working on some idea's for my website, I want to keep it more updated and perhaps expand to selling wood over the internet. As far as wood goes I just picked up some walnut logs, I was working on the lights of the trailer on Sat. The meeting with the logger was set for Sat but I rescheduled to Sun wanting to have the lights fixed. The trailer wiring provided harder then I thought so I went Sunday with no lights and no electric brakes (not a good thing from past experience). It all worked out fine picked up the logs although guy loading could have gotten a little closer to the trailer deck before he dropped them. The trip home was uneventful, Zac went along for the ride. We were about mile from home and spun the tread off one of the trailer tires but made it home safe and sound. I managed to unload the logs and get the tire off for replacement. I knew this was going to happen, when I was picking up the logs the logger said "You carry a spare with you?" right then I knew it.....Jinxed the lot was cast!!! Oh well that's sawmilling George





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