



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

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Mailing Address

Mid-America Woodcarvers

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

April 2012

Welcome April and Happy Easter to you. The weather here has been unusually warm and everything has turned from the grays and browns, to a beautiful green. I am finally able to go outside and carve. Nothing beats sitting on the deck carving on a nice piece of wood. Soon the quiet of the moment will be masked with the sound of lawn mowers.

Your board and committee members have been busy. The meeting on April 7th promises to be a great time. The annual garage sale will allow members to bring in unwanted tools, books or uncarved projects, to either trade or sell with other members. In addition we are hosting a face carving project. Each person taking the class will move between stations learning to carve eyes, ears, noses, and mouths. Under the guidance of Ken Armsbury, P.J. Driscoll, Mike Hawley, and Dean Paulson, I am sure everyone will pick up at least one new technique.

On May 6 we will be hosting the annual MAWA Picnic. Kathrine Bledsoe has taken on the challenge of working out the details, but it promises to once again be a good time.

The annual fall show planning has begun and I am happy to announce that Mike Hawley has been chosen for this years featured carver. Look for an article on Mike in an upcoming issue.

Maria Mulherin has been busy and redesigned our fall show flyer as well as your clubs Information brochure. Both of these now have a more modern flair and contain great information. I hope to share these with you in the next issue. In addition to the new flyers, Thad Tinder has agreed to serve on the advertising committee. He has some fantastic ideas and I think with his involvement we will have a fantastic turn out this year.

Also we are always looking for hand carved Christmas ornaments to place on our Christmas tree at the fall show. You can bring them to Doane with you, or send them to our Post Office address.

The Doane Experience planning is rolling along. Classes are filling up so if you have not registered yet you may want to get that registration in soon. Also remember to let Sherry know if you would like to purchase a t-shirt. She promises no purple! The Doane committee will be heading to Crete in April to finalize all the details.

With all these activities it promises to be another great summer. As always, if you have ideas, or suggestions for the newsletter, or for club events, you can email us at midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com.

Happy Carving!

Rohn

Have you registered for the Doane Experience

If not you should take advantage of the opportunity.

We have great instructors!

A beautiful location at the Doane College campus

*It is without a doubt one of the best buys
out there in the woodcarving*

Highlights from The Club..... We had a real nice meeting on March 3rd One of the clubs members gave away all his Swiss made tools for free to anyone who wanted them... if you weren't there you missed out but you know the old saying "You Snooze You Lose"



Hobo by Mike Hawley



Some geometric eggs by Rich Wagner



Polar Bears



Indian Brave by Mike Hawley

The club is planning on having our spring picnic on May 6th

We will have it at the same location as last year.

Camp Brewster in Bellevue Nebraska

It has a beautiful lodge so it works rain or shine

The Club will provide the main course and drinks

We ask that you bring a side dish.

We had a good turnout last year and hopefully this year will be even better.

We will have activities for kids, and hopefully a few raffle prizes for the adults.

Hope to see you there.

I have just discovered there are at least 13 (20minutes) episodes on wood carving on the web.

Here is how to watch these carvers carve birds, ducks, characters, etc.

On your search engine, type [diynetwork .com/ diy woodsculpting](http://diynetwork.com/diy-woodsculpting) . when the screen comes up, scroll down to videos (should be 13) and click on the tab.

The videos are 20 minutes long and for me they played in sequence.

There are several chainsaw videos as well as relief, birds, wood spirits, and in the round.

Happy viewing. Dee Wolfe

Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery

I see that some people are starting to send in their carving to be put on the web-site. I know that there are a lot more folks out there carving wonderful pieces that deserve to be seen by the internet masses. So come on, don't be shy, send those photo's or email them and let us see all those masterpieces.

Want to show off a new carving? We have the solution. Send us a good photo of your carving, and we will post it on the gallery portion of the website.

You can email the photograph to : midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com You can send prints to: Mid-America Woodcarvers Attn: My Carvings, P.O. Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028 Please do not send the original, as we can not return those to you.

LET'S SEE THOSE MASTERPIECES OUT THERE!!

New Members

We would like to welcome all our new members, if you are able, please come to a club meeting..

<i>Laura Lafferty</i>	<i>Orrick, MO</i>
<i>Darlene Laubenstein</i>	<i>Warrensburg, MO</i>
<i>Mike Ludwick</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Diane Swiggum</i>	<i>Wisconsin Rapids, WI</i>

Upcoming Carving Opportunities

Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 14-20, 2012

Doane College, Crete, NE

For more information contact
Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or e-mail
ww12618@windstream.net

The Doane Experience

July 22nd - 28th

Doane College, Crete, NE

For additional information
contact

Len Stenneche 402-332-3118
ldstenneche@cox.net



2012 Spring Woodcarving Class With

Kirt and Linda Curtis

April 20-21-22, 2012

Or

April 24-25-26, 2012

Class will be held at

56038 Garden Lane

Glenwood, Iowa

Class Cost: \$230.00 including blank

To register or get additional information

Contact

Ken Jirele

kjirele@physlab.com

or

712-527-2737

Upcoming Club Carving Events

- *April 7th: Learn to carve a face 4 teachers one for eyes, ears, mouth and nose. Hosted by Mike Hawley, PJ Driscoll, Ken Armsbury and Dean Paulsen*

- ***April 21st: NO CLUB MEETING***

May 5th: Thad Tinder will be doing wildlife plaques.

May 6th: The second annual club picnic at Camp Brewster Bellevue, Nebraska

May 19th: Wood burning demo hosted by Roger Williams

Stop in and take in a class put on by one of our members and enjoy some Great fellowship and a donut and a cup of coffee

Worried about the Post Office stopping Saturday Delivery? Tired of running to the mailbox full of excitement only to be disappointed yet again when the newsletter isn't there. Want to be go green and be part of a paperless society? Well do I have a deal for you then!!!!!!

Get it by email, you'll get the newsletter on the day it is released, and be able to see all the photos in full color. Send your name and address including email to: midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com



Keeping up with all the dust we create

I discovered this gizmo and bought one. The thing is amazing, it keeps almost all the dust out of my shop vacuum that I have attached to my bandsaw. It is mounted on a 5 gallon bucket and acts as a cyclone and takes the dust and dumps it into the bucket and keeps your vacuum filter clean so you don't lose suction from a clogged filter. It works so good that I bought another for my 12" chop saw they really do work and are a good addition to any shop vac.

You can view them in action at <http://www.oneida-air.com>

Some of you may know that I have a portable sawmill. I thought you might be interested to see a few pictures of how the process goes and a picture of the end results. These were red oak logs, that I cut over a weekend. It produces nice lumber but it is a fair amount of work . I talked Zac into helping and I worked him pretty hard. He is a pretty good worker so he was a real help. So the next time you pickup a chunk of wood to use you can understand the process that somebody went thru to produce it for you.



This is how the logs get loaded



Log loaded and ready to cut



First face of the log opened



Two faces opened up



Saturday worth of sawing



These are next on my project list!!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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PO BOX 521
GRETNA, NE 68028-0521

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

(Check appropriate boxes)

Membership—\$20.00 per Family - Newsletter send by 3rd class mail (except) February -1st class mail

Membership Card - send SASE (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope)

Detach and send applications, dues and SASE to Len Stenneche, PO Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028-0521

If you have any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address contact:

LEN STENNECHE - 333 Paradise Drive - Gretna, NE 68028-7890 - (402) 332-3118 - ldstenneche@cox.net

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

I would like to take a few minutes to ask you to help me. I would like to ask all of you what you would like to see in the newsletter. I have some things I am working on but, I would like input from all of you as well. I have tried to make the newsletter something for you to look forward to every month but I could use some input on what you would like to see. I will do my best to see what I can do to bring that to you. I can't bring you the winning lotto numbers, or bring about world peace, or tell you what the stock market will do, I can bring you articles that might make you a better carver or a better painter. I will keep on trying to bring you interesting content and if you have some idea's I would love to hear them

On a side note we are planning the club picnic on May 6th we sure had a nice turnout and a good time last year. I would love to see you all there along with your spouse and kids. We are working to get events so you can get out and meet some great folks and have a good time so hopefully yo will all mark your calendars. George

P.S. I might have been pulling your leg about the free carving tools but if you were not there you really don't know do you, and if that kind of stuff happens at the meetings can you really take the risk and miss a meeting.....



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