



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

April 2013

Hurry Spring!!!! It seems like the groundhog was way off this year. He came out on February 2 and predicted winter was over. Well here in Omaha, that groundhog has been wrong, wrong, wrong. If any of you Live in Pennsylvania, be sure to let that animal know I am looking for him. I have hopes that we soon will have warmer weather. I can't wait to get outside and enjoy some sunshine.

Speaking of Sunshine, plans are under way for a spring picnic. This is always a great time and George and his Family always make it fun. It will be the perfect opportunity to shake off the winter blues. If you are in Omaha, be sure to stop by and have a great time.

More Sunshine, 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. If you have the internet, check out the Doane page on our website. It has a current listing of the classes still available.

Also remember to let Sherry know if you would like to purchase a t-shirt. The Doane committee will be heading to Crete in April to finalize all the details. We have plans to send out your class information on or before May 15 this year so you will want to watch your mail boxes around that time.

Also Doane Class news, seems like we made a big oops in the class PJ Driscoll is teaching. We inadvertently listed it as a bear doing a handstand, when it should have been listed as a 13 inch tall cigar store Indian. Okay, not easy to confuse, but I confess I used the wrong description. PJ is teaching a Bear at Congress this year. George is printing the class info in the newsletter, along with a photo of the project. (just a note: I checked the rest of the classes and they were all correct).

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. Fall Show? Yep, never to early to start making plans. Look in the May Newsletter this year for the registration form. This years dates are October 11, 12, and 13, or as Mary Ann Klinger says "this years dates are 11-12-13".

I hope to see some are all of you at one of this year's events. If so, please introduce yourself as I always enjoy meeting all of you.

Happy Carving

Rohn

*Have you Signed up yet for
the Doane Experience?*

*Don't delay send your registration now before the class you
want fills up.*

*It is worth the price of admission just to get to see me
and learn my tool sharpening secrets!!!*

PJ Driscoll's 2013 Doane Project



Cigar Store Indian — P.J. Driscoll

5 days carving a Cigar Store Indian from a basswood roughout. Finished carving measures approx. 14" tall. Base is not included in cost. Cost: 45.00 Additional roughouts available.

Instructor will supply paints to finish your carving on the last day.

Students should bring favorite knives, gouges, and carving glove, paint brushes, and light.

Instructor will send email

**START PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND THE MAWA SPRING PICNIC
MAY 5TH AT CAMP BREWSTER AT FONTENELLE FOREST
BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA
CLUB IS PROVIDING MAIN DISH AND DRINKS
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH
PRIZE DRAWINGS, GAMES FOR THE KIDS, AND JUST PLAIN FUN**

Saturday Club Classes

April 6th Tom Wolfe Wizard hosted by Ken Armsbury

April 20th Tom Wolfe Wizard part 2 hosted by Ken Armsbury

Carving opportunity:

Lincoln Woodcarvers are hosting a carving opportunity April 12, 13, and 14 in Lincoln Nebraska. National recognized carver Jim Willis will be teaching a carving clinic. This project is a choice of a Gorilla bust, or a Lioness bust. The cost is \$145.00 plus roughout. Roughout is priced as Gorilla-\$30.00, and Lioness- \$28.00. For more information contact Chuck Bills at 402-440-5090

Lend a helping hand to a woodcarver

If you have room:

We are looking for anyone that may be able to give some Doane Attendees a lift from the Omaha Airport to the Doane Experience. They would be arriving early Sunday and are willing to pay gas expenses. This is an opportunity to make some new friends and help out a fellow woodcarver. I know it seems early, but the men need to know so they can make reservations.

Let me know if you are willing and have room and I can work to help coordinate the times.

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WWW.MIDAMERICAWOODCARVERS.COM

**IT HAS ALL KINDS OF GREAT INFORMATION
AND PHOTO'S**

Upcoming Events

Central Nebraska Wood Creations Show and Sale

Expo Center, Buffalo County Fairgrounds
Kearney Nebraska
Saturday April 27th 9:00 Am - 5:00 PM
Sunday April 28th 10:00 Am - 4:00 PM

Contact:
Harlan Nilsen for information 308-234-9624

International WoodCarvers Congress

46th Annual
Maquoketa, Iowa
June 9th thru June 16th 2013
For information Contact
Larry or Carol Yudis
563-505-2700 or 563-676-8264
Or email: congress@mchsi.com
Web Page www.awcltd.org

Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 20-26 2013
Crete, Nebraska
See Brochure www.westernwoodcarvers.com
Contact

Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or ww12618@windstream.net

The Doane Experience

July 28- Aug 3 2013
Doane College Campus Crete Nebraska
Look for more details in the February Newsletter

Show and Share



*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too
Enjoy Great fellowship and a donut and a cup of coffee*

New Members

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

<i>Tom Griffith</i>	<i>Hays, KS</i>
<i>Gary Townswick</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Jeff Westerfield</i>	<i>Blair, NE</i>
<i>Jim Nabors</i>	<i>Bellevue, NE</i>
<i>James Creveling</i>	<i>Lakin, KS</i>
<i>Welcome to all the new members</i>	

The Fall Show will be here before you know it.

The registration for a table will be in the May newsletter so start thinking about getting your table before they are all gone. We have some changes in mind that should be exciting and you are sure to see some old friend and make some new ones. It is also time to start planning and carving ornaments for our Show tree. You are not only helping out a charity but also getting a chance to win 50 bucks too.

So get a table or share a table with a friend. If you want to share a table, but don't have any friends, let us know and we will help you out. Perhaps we will introduce you to a new life long friend you just never know.

If you are a good reader you will notice a photo of a table full of sticks in the show and share section.

The club had someone teach a diamond willow cane class and they brought those in. I mention this because folks ask me often if I have any diamond willow for sale I don't but I have the next best thing someone who does if you are interested. Vanessa Howe is a club member from the Columbus Area so if you are looking for diamond willow get in touch with her and she will set you up

*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:*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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

Well it is time for another newsletter, and I had to think of something to put in it. I won't say I have writers block but I may have writers cramp. It looks like spring may finally be around the corner which is great although living in the country it means it begins the "muddy season". I could use the rain the pasture is looking bleak, I am not sure what the horses will be eating this spring. I still do have 5 more walnut logs to cut up, and a spaltd maple log, and it is about time to go up North and get some basswood logs. Speaking of basswood I haven't done much carving since Christmas but, I did finish 3 of PJ's welcome bears, 2 in butternut, and one in basswood, except for the signs. I can't decide what I want them to say, "Welcome" seemed to open and inviting to me. I may not want to welcome everyone who see's the bear. For example I certainly don't want to welcome a burglar, or an IRS agent, or a county assessor. I would also not want to welcome back the guy who tried to sell me oranges last year. After cutting me a slice off a wonderful orange, he wiped his knife off on his pants that he had apparently been wearing since birth. I didn't notice of course, until I ate the slice, but it didn't kill me so I guess it was OK. And I did buy a box even tho I really am not an orange eater. I am looking forward to working on a cigar store Indian with PJ, it looks like a great project, and I hear the basswood cuts like butter (shameless plug). I am also looking forward to seeing what class I will be in at Doane. If you haven't registered for Doane now is the time, it is always a great time and is the cheapest week of carving out there. If you have never been before this is the year to try it, and I am pretty sure you will become a regular like me. On a personal note let me mention since I get asked this a fair amount. The newly weds are doing well, Zach or as my F-150 computer lady calls him ZATCH is working as a machinist, and Katy is finishing her College degree with an internship. I have two kids graduating from College this year so that will be a big change for them and also for us. If nothing else life is always changing one way or the other, I guess the best we can do is try and roll with the changes as best we can. So if you see me hauling logs wave when you pass by, well more than likely I will wave when I pass you by ;) George



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