



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

August 2011

Well August arrived and is disappearing quickly. I do not know about all of you, but the older I get the faster time flies. Last time I looked at my calendar we had three months to get ready for the Doane Experience. Today I looked at the calendar and realized that it came and went. I had a great time this year, as I had the opportunity to meet old friends, and made several new ones. In addition to all the handshakes, I had the opportunity to hear new ideas that we can use in the future. I do need to say a special thank you to all the fantastic instructors. Your creative projects are what keep the members returning year after year. I am amazed at the quality of work you encourage out of your students. I also need to thank all the volunteers. You all went above and beyond my expectations. Your hard work and dedication really shined all week. I really appreciate all the members who stepped forward to sell raffle tickets this year. I hope you know how much that was appreciated. To the Doane employees, all I can say is WOW! As usual your prompt response to any situation allowed this year's event to run perfectly smooth. For some added fun, next time you talk to Sherry LaTendresse, ask her why she brought bananas to a gourd class! Oh well, the Doane committee has already been planning and we are on track for an exciting 2012 "Doane Experience".

The MAWA Board has been busy too. We are taking your ideas and using them to build up membership. The Hospitality committee is busy making plans for a fall picnic. The date has been set for September 11, 2011 from 11:00 to 4:00 and will be held at the beautiful Camp Brewster in Bellevue, Nebraska. The event will be open to members and their spouses. If you are going to be in the area, let us know so we can get an accurate food count. The event will be held rain or shine, as the location has an indoor pavilion that we will be using. The club will be providing Fried Chicken, Ice Tea and Lemonade. We are asking you to provide a side or a dessert. Please email us at midamerica-woodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com to let us know you will be attending. We are also asking that you bring a carving that we can display for all the spouses to see. Mary Ann Klinger and the fall show committee have also been busy. Judges have been lined up and tables are ready to be assigned. All we need is you. Please let us know if you will be renting a table at this year's show. The application is included in this newsletter. We would love to see you and all your great carvings at this event. Once Again, Larry and Carol Yudis, from the Woodcraft Shop will be there tempting you with a large selection of woodcarving supplies. Loess Hills Sawmill will also be there with the great carving woods. Also Moore Roughouts will be there selling all the projects you will need to get you through the long winters.

As for me, I get the opportunity to work with each of these groups, to hear their ideas, and support them in any way possible. In between all this, I have managed to get out and go camping a few times. I enjoy being out in the fresh air and spending time with my three dogs. This also allows time for me to get some carving done. If you are ever camping in Nebraska and see me there, stop by and say hello.

I hope you all are doing well, and would love to see you at one of the many events we are hosting. Happy carving

Rohn

[Carve For the Cure](#)

Don't forget to get those ornaments carved. Get them done and sent in to be eligible for the \$ 50.00 prize drawing



Carving by
Fritz Seybold

On a sad note...

Dorothy J. Huser

Mar 25, 1941 - Aug 8, 2011

We are saddened at the loss of one of club members. Dorothy Huser was, and will always be a valued member of the MAWA club. Her passion for woodcarving helped to inspire others to achieve more. Her dedication allowed her to teach and pass on her woodcarving skills. Her friendly smile and playful attitude added to Dorothy's charm. She always had a kind word to say, and always volunteered to help the club with any tasks needed. She will be greatly missed

If you know of anyone who passed away, or is ill.
Contact: Sandy Floral - 3510 N 58th St.
Omaha, NE 68104 Ph. 402-553-3440

Guest Chips by Denny Jackson

SPOUSAL EDUCATION

Breta and I just celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary. Now, I know that some of you have been married longer, and some of you haven't. Regardless, have you ever reflected on what you have learned over the years, as your wife molds you into her idea of the husband you should be?

I overheard my granddaughter ask Breta, how she has put up with me for 48 years. I know she was only kidding, anyway, I thought she was. It started me thinking, about it, though.

Probably the first thing I learned from Breta, was not to propose in the dark with a fake ring, that I had gotten out of a gumball machine. She said, "Yes!" OMG, the first "look". It was piercing! Oops! When I finally proposed with a real ring, she bit the gold band to see if it was real, and once again said, "Yes".

After we were married for a while, my second bout with her education took place. Up until now I had been the boss in my house, and I had Breta's permission to say so. I could make Breta do anything she wanted to. I was finally wearing the pants in our family. Uh huh, right under my apron. (I'm sure glad she's in the other room right now.) Anyway, she taught me, in her devious manner, not to criticize her imagination. She used to make my lunch for me every day, and every day I would have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, in my lunch bag. After a quite lengthy time, I made the mistake of accusing her of having no imagination when it came to making sandwiches. There it was again, the "look". The next day when I bit into my sandwich, it was peanut butter and tomatoes. Yuck! Spit! Spit! Not to let this rest, which meant I had not yet learned from her wrath, I exclaimed to her that that was the crappiest, (not in that exact word) sandwich I had ever seen. She shrugged, and I thought I detected a slight grin. Those of you who know Breta, will understand how her mind works. The next day, I opened my lunch bag and it contained a single roll of toilet paper. I finally got the message. I have been 47 years clean now. Heh! Heh!

Breta, I'm sure, started out wanting a man who is handsome, charming, financially successful, a caring listener, witty, in good shape, dresses with style, appreciates the finer things in life, full of thoughtful surprises, and an imaginative, romantic lover. In my own mind, I probably thought that I was all of those things, however, I was on her "revised" list. I wasn't too ugly. I didn't belch or scratch in public. I was a steady worker, and I didn't nod off during conversations. I could remember jokes from Christmas parties. I was in good enough shape to rearrange the furniture. I usually wore matching socks. I knew how to buy champagne with screw-top lids. I remembered to put the toilet seat down, and to shave on weekends. I was a marvelous catch.

I believe most men are spouse broken, and are in a constant state of education. No matter how big you are, or how little Mama is, she is in control, in spite of what you may believe. If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy. Now, I could go on and on talking about my spousal education, and the thousands of "looks" I have received over the years, mostly deserved, but I think you can either understand, or relate. I'll just leave you with this: If a man is alone in the middle of a National Forest, and he says something. Is he still wrong?

Go hug your wife. If she doesn't give you the "look", you're probably safe for today.

**"The only place
success comes
before work is
in the
dictionary."**

[Vince
Lombardi](#)



Carving by
Ken Parsons

The Doane Experience 2011

Wow what a week!!!

The 35th annual Doane Experience was an awesome event as everyone has come to expect. The week was filled with great carving classes, time to meet up with old friends, and time to make some new ones too. The instructors were all top notch and offered many different carving opportunities to their students. The classes all had great finished projects and it really showed on Friday's show and tell. We started with a Sunday kickoff meeting and later an instructor meet and greet. On Monday it was time to get to class and start on projects. The week went by so quick it was already Thursday and time for the big raffle and auction. The next day everyone was finishing up their project and getting them ready for the big show on Friday afternoon. The show and tell is when you have a great chance to see what everyone else has been working on all week. The Doane Experience is one of the best values in the carving seminar circuit. It offers great instructors, and wonderful setting at the Doane campus. It is a wonderful opportunity to improve your carving skills and enjoy the great company of some fellow woodcarvers. If you have never experienced this event it is well worth your time and once you go you will be hooked and become a regular. It does truly offer a great week of carving and fellowship for a price that is difficult to beat. The dates for next years Doane are already set for July 22nd - 28th, 2012, so look for your February registration letter and come join us at the Doane Experience!!!



From the members gallery by
Marty Dolphens

Please remember all of our armed forces in the world in your prayers.

Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery

Have you completed a recent project and want to show it off? Well we have the perfect solution for you. 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 also 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. Thanks

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

[Henry David Thoreau](#)

Come to a club meeting and check out our great selection of carving tools and have a cup of coffee and a donut.....

The Mid-America Woodcarvers 37th Annual Fall Show

The 37th Annual Mid-America Woodcarvers Fall show is fast approaching

This is a great annual event and major fund raiser for the club. It will again be held at the German American Society hall on 120th and Center St in Omaha. Tables are 30.00 each for club members and 50 .00 each for non members. We would love all the club members to have a table there and support your club. You may want to share a table with someone to reduce the cost. We always have a nice turnout and a good time is had by everyone in attendance. This year's feature carver is CCA member PJ Driscoll. We also are lucky to have great vendors in attendance including Larry and Carol from The Woodcraft Shop, Randy Moore of Moore's Roughouts, and George Bledsoe from Loess Hills Sawmill . It is a great opportunity to pick up a new tool or a quality roughout or some great basswood or butternut stock.

The Registration form is available on the back page of the newsletter or on the website.

<http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>



Carving by
Robert Tams



Carving by Vanessa Howe

New Members

Fiedler, Rick Rothsay, MN Keith Eichel Ontario Canada

Brett Walder Edwards, CO Karen Rude McKinney, TX

Dennis Rourke Omaha, NE

Welcome to all the new members

Meeting Minutes

Due to a computer glitch the board minutes from the August meeting will appear in the September newsletter



Carved by Bob Gregory

Want to get your newsletter by email?

**Send your name and address including email to:
midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com**

We are on the Web

<http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>

***Don't Forget to register for a table at the fall show
the club needs your support!!!!***

Hope to see everyone at the Club Picnic

*Keep your calendar open for the club picnic on Sept 11th 2011.
It is being held at Camp Brewster in Bellevue, NE
Times are from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. The club is providing the main dish and refreshments and we ask that you bring a side dish or a dessert.
This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members and their family. We hope to see the entire club there for a day of good food and good company.
We ask that you sign up so we can get a head count to make sure we have enough food for everyone.*



Carving by
Corey Halligan

Note of Thanks.....

Mary Ann Klinger would like to say thank you for your thoughts and cards during the recent passing of Gary's mother.

"During this time of sorrow we again learn how much our caring friends really mean to us. Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated."

Gary and Mary Ann Klinger



Carved by Lee Poppe



Done by Roger McWilliams

Upcoming Carving Events

- *No Club Meeting on Sept 3rd due to the Labor day holiday.*
- *Sept.17 -- Work Shop at the club meeting -- Goose Egg Santa Ornament - hosted by Dean Paulsen*
- *October 15th and 16th The Fall Show and Sale at the German American Home 3717 So. 120th St Omaha, NE*



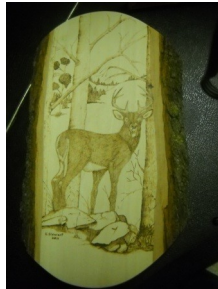
The Saturday Story..... the next best thing to being there!

What you miss out on by not coming to the club meetings.....

Not to mention the great coffee and donuts well it ain't Starbucks but it is good!!!



Deets by Mike Hawley



Wood Burnings By Virginia Stewart



Kudu by Ken Kult



Butternut Horse by Don Elsasser



Moose antler by Al McColley



3/4 face by George Bledsoe

Club tool selection. More tools on the way

A typical busy club meeting



Carved Clock By Al Menghini



REGISTRATION FORM

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.
36th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.
3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska



Friday, October 14 Set-up time 11:00AM - 5:00PM
Competition 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Saturday, October 15 10:00AM - 6:00PM
Sunday, October 16 10:00AM - 4:00PM



Please reserve _____ table(s)/ _____ space(s) with 2 chairs \$30.00 each.
Non-members - \$50.00

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name: _____
Attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Sharing table(s):

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name _____
Attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

- Exhibitors will be responsible for providing the following items.
- Table covering - this must cover the top as well as 3 sides to the floor. It must be fabric or vinyl covering.
- Lighting and cords - make sure you bring duct tape to tape cords to the floor.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make all checks payable to: MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Send registrations to: MAWA 2009 FALL SHOW AND SALE
PO BOX 521
GRETNA, NE 68028

The Carving Tip of the month: by George Bledsoe

Every once in a while you come across a chunk of basswood that is hard (for the record you probably didn't buy it from me). I have a tip, you can mix a solution of 50% isopropyl alcohol and 50 % water put it in a spray bottle and spray your carving . It will make the wood easier to carve

Lets Make the Fall show
the Best one ever. Reserve a
table today and come out and enjoy
some fun with your fellow woodcarvers.



Spoon by Mary Adams

Whoever said
'nothings
impossible' never
tried to nail jell-o to
a tree.

Lisa Bryant



Carved
by
PJ Driscoll

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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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

As you may notice the newsletter looks a little different, maybe better maybe worse. The newsletter has always been done by Sherry LaTendresse ever since I have been a member, and she has always done a remarkable job. The demands of working on the Doane Committee and time she is spending carving the little Nun she promised me years ago have finally reluctantly made her decide to let someone else help her with the newsletter. I decided to try and fill those shoes in hopes that she will now have more time to finish my carving. I am going to try and fill her shoes as best I can. I won't promise it will be perfect, but I hope to keep it interesting and do as good a job as Sherry has done all these years. I guess time will tell.....



Carved by
Cathy Cuka

**"Ones best
success comes
after their
greatest
disappointments.
"**

**[Henry Ward
Beecher](#)**



Carving by
Mike Hawley



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