



# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

## Newsletter

December 2017

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A Message from your President,

November is almost gone, Thanksgiving is upon us and Christmas is not far away. Where does time go? We have several topics to present to you today.

We had our annual election of board members and officers for 2018 at our meeting today. The results are as follows; Glen Fischer, Ricky Durant, and Paul King were elected as general board members, Judy Nygard was re-elected secretary, and Ken Armsbury was re-elected President. The office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President remains open as nobody ran for the office. Steve and Cathy Reed stepped off the board as did 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tom Paskach. A very big thank you goes out to each of them for their service to the club.

The fall show balance sheet was presented to the board today and I am very happy to report that we came out in the black for 2017. A great big thank-you goes out to Tom Paskach, our show chairman and his committee for a job well done. We are going to have our holiday party sometime in January. More information will be forthcoming.

Our next big activity will involve getting everything set for the 2018 Doane Experience. The teacher invitations have been mailed and are being returned. The Doane committee will be meeting shortly to decide what the tuition rate will be for this upcoming year. We are always excited to get everything set for the workshop.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone who knows them to send get-well and Christmas cards to Michelle Stetson and Kirt Curtis. They could both use some good cheer right now.

Remember that as the weather turns wintry the club meetings are always warm and welcoming. Plan to come regularly and bring a friend. If you are reading this and haven't been attending make a resolution to come back and get those carving tools carving again. We will continue to arrange some interesting classes for your carving pleasure.



Blessings and happy carving,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year too,  
Ken Armsbury

#### **Meetings:**

First & Third Saturdays of each month 9am - 1pm  
Augustana Lutheran Church 38th & Lafayette St., Omaha NE

For more club information go to our websites:

[www.midamericawoodcarvers.com](http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com)

[www.thedoaneexperience.com](http://www.thedoaneexperience.com)

# CLUB NEWS

## Christmas Ornament Exchange: December 16 Meeting

Remember to make an extra ornament for our ornament exchange in December.  
It's fun for all!

Brown bags will be provided at the meetings for a "secret" exchange.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER (AKA Holiday Dinner)

Our Club Christmas dinner will actually be January 6, 2018 so we are calling it a Holiday Party. It will be held at the **German American Club, 3717 S 120th, Omaha, NE**. Come and socialize with your carving friends and enjoy a relaxing evening. Sign up and purchase tickets at our December meetings or call Deb Russell at 402-291-2080. More details later.



## A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!

Here is your chance to support your local veterans. We are collecting Christmas Ornaments for the Veteran's Home here in Nebraska. So when you are working on your ornaments this year, make another one (or more) to donate to the Veteran's Home Christmas tree.



Let's see if we can cover their tree with our ornaments and bring smiles to their faces. You can bring the ornaments to the club meetings in November, or mail them to: **Steve Reed, 2213 Coventry Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123**.

## Members in need of our support

**Kirt Curtis**, a well known carver, teacher, and friend has been very ill. He is finally home from the hospital now but still under hospice care. If you would like to send a card or letter of encouragement and support, here is the information. Send to Kirt Curtis, 140 Partridge Ave, Marion, IA 52302.



**Michelle Stetson**, wife of Dave Stetson, recently fell and broke her hip on the way home from the show in Dayton. She was transferred from the hospital to a rehab facility in St. Louis. They are back home, but doctors have now determined that she will need surgery. With the holidays upon us, it would be nice if our club members could send them well wishes in this difficult time. Their email is [lcnmichele@aol.com](mailto:lcnmichele@aol.com) or send cards and letters to Dave/Michele Stetson, 5629 Sylvia St., Scottsdale, AZ 85254



**Dues are Due!** If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, please fill out the membership application (page 7) and either bring it to our Saturday meetings or mail it in. Dues are delinquent after Dec. 31. Even if renewing, we need the application to ensure we have the most updated information.

**NOTE:** Dues will now be \$30 and as always it is a family membership.

# MAWA FALL SHOW IN PICTURES

Best in Show

Advanced Champion



Sue Orth

Best in Show Runner-Up

Open Champion



Warren Rauscher

Best of Advanced



Sue Orth

Bob Gregory

Frank Yates

Clif Anderson



Open Class Runner Up



Best Intermediate

Noah Anderson



Novice Class Champion

Mary Adams



Don Elsasser received Meritorious Service Award



Youth Award



Best of Non-Carved

# UPDATE ON 2018 ACTIVITIES

**FEB 3-4, 2018** ~~COASTAL BEND WOOD CARVERS SHOW~~ **CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE DAMAGE**

~~CIVIC CENTER, 700 WHEELER AVE., ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS~~

FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.TEXASCARVERS.ORG](http://WWW.TEXASCARVERS.ORG)

**FEB 10-11, 2018** DESERT WOODCARVING SHOW AND SALE

FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.DESERTWOODCARVINGSHOW.COM](http://WWW.DESERTWOODCARVINGSHOW.COM)

**APR 6-13, 2018** TEXAS WOODCARVERS GUILD 2018 SPRING ROUND-UP

FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.TEXASWOODCARVERSGUILD.COM](http://WWW.TEXASWOODCARVERSGUILD.COM)

## Gretna Woodcarvers Retreat

Feb 8,9,10,11th, 2018

<http://gretnawoodcarversretreat.com/>

## Kansas City Woodcarvers

Elegance in Wood Show and Sale

**March 16-17, 2018**

For more information: (see November Newsletter)

Or go to <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/kc-elegance-in-wood-show-and-sale>

## IMPORTANT DOANE UPDATE by Rohn Collins

**W**ow, only two months and the Doane 2018 registration form and class information will be emailed, or mailed, to all of you. Seems like yesterday that we were sending out the 2017 registration. Teacher letters have been mailed and we are looking forward to having some exciting projects. With that said, I also feel its necessary to inform you that with the 2018 registration you are going to notice a price increase to the tuition. Why the price increase? As all of you know the cost of everything seems to have risen and we are not exempt to that, neither is Doane University. Over the past few years we have seen a decline in attendance at the workshop, this decrease impacts our discounts that we have received in the past. In addition, Nebraska legislative changes have impacted non-profit organizations such as MAWA. What used to be tax exempt no longer is, and charitable discounts no longer apply.

**S**everal of you have responded with suggestions of finding a new location. I want to let you know that the MAWA board has looked at other locations to host our event. Each location has had its share of positive and negative needs. Price in each location has been the biggest driving factor. After reviewing the other locations, Doane University has been and is still offering us the best of everything we need.

**W**hat can you do to help? Make your plans now to attend the 2018 Doane Experience, your attendance is what makes this one of the most successful woodcarving seminars in the country. You can also encourage your fellow woodcarvers to attend. Feel free to share the February newsletter with your local woodcarving club, or woodcarving friend.

# MAWA Club Calendar

<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Icicle class by Rich Wagner</b> <b>Christmas Ornament by Steve Reed</b>
<b>Nov. 10-12</b>		<b>Relief Class with John Engler @ Lincoln (see page 2 for info)</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8AM</b> <b>ELECTIONS</b> <b>Harbor Seal Class by Thad Tinder</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Pierced Carving Class by Rich Wagner</b>
<b>Dec. 3</b>		<b>Christmas in Germany at German American Club</b>
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8AM</b> <b>Christmas Ornament Class by Ken Armsbury</b>
<b>Jan 6 , 2018</b>		<b>Holiday Dinner at German American Club</b>
<b>Feb 8, 9, 10, 11 2018</b>		<b>Gretna Retreat</b>

This calendar is subject to change, information will be updated as needed. If you know of an upcoming carving event please let us know so we can include it on our calendar.

## MORE FALL SHOW PHOTOS



## Saying goodbye



News from MAWA member, Ken Parsons.

Wood carver Richard H Wrensch A.K.A. Sarge passed away on Aug.17th. 2017.He was born on July 28th,1942 in Portage, WI of German heritage.

Richard proudly served in the United States Army and was awarded two purple hearts and two bronze stars with valor.

He was a past president of Kickapoo Karvers club and made several trips to the Doane experience in Nebraska.

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Dean Paulsen's wife, Sharon passed away on Nov. 4, 2017. Dean has always been a great carver, teacher and friend to all. We send him our support in this time of sadness.

### Christmas ornament Class by Steve Reed



### Harbor Seal Class by Thad Tinder



### Members Show 'n Share



Frank Yates



Judy Nygard



Ken Shoning



Ricky Durrant

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to send out a **warm welcome** to new and **returning** members to our club.

Chuck Ruche  
Philip Johnson

Omaha, NE  
Papillion, NE

Charles Smith  
Bellevue, NE



### FROM THE FALL SHOW CHAIRMAN— Tom Paskach

I would like to wrap up the 2017 Edition of the Fall Show by congratulating all the ribbon winners and champions of this year's show competition.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to all our: exhibitors, competition judges Rohn Collins and Thad Tinder, Photographer/club member, Ricky Durrant, Vendors: The Woodcraft Shop, Van Kelly Ruf-Outs and Loess Hills Sawmill. I am especially grateful to all our club members, Tool Co. Reps, and "Friends of MAWA" who donated the numerous items and carved ornaments to our raffle. The response to our raffle request was awesome. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped with the admissions and raffle ticket sales tables. And finally, a huge thank you to "The Crew" who set out signs, helped with Friday show set-up and Sunday tear down. We couldn't do it without you - YOU ARE THE BEST.

## Merry Christmas!



## SNOWBIRDS



Are you flying south this year?  
If you get our newsletter by email we've got you covered. But if you get yours by **MAIL** send us your winter mailing address



◇ start date  
◇ end date  
of your time in the sun.  
Email to :

[midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com](mailto:midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com)

### Please note:

The dues for **2018** have been increased to \$30 (family membership.) Please submit with the application below for new applications or renewals.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 540314, OMAHA, NE 68154

Complete this form and return it with your payment to the address above. **(\$30 per year)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like a membership card please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your application.





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