

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

December 2015



Meetings and Open Carving - First and Third Saturdays 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



From the President:

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding as I have worked to resolve some serious health issues since August. Unfortunately, it has led to the newsletter being late and I truly regret that. On the positive side, after a proper diagnosis, my health is improving and things are looking up.

I would like to thank our exiting Board Members, P.J. Driscoll and Denny Rourke for all their hard work over the years. Denny organized the Spring picnic for the last two years and was an asset to many other projects. P.J. served on the board in many capacities over the years and assisted in several club projects. He continues on as an instructor at the MAWA Woodcarving Experience.

I would like to welcome our new Board Members Paul King and Steve Reed, both are very active members in the club and will be assets to the Board. Welcome back Judy Nygard (Secretary) and Larry Putnam who takes over the 2nd VP spot. I look forward to working with you all. I would especially like to thank everyone who ran for the open positions on the Board in November. It is awesome to have so many active members volunteering their time to help the club.

You may have noticed us taking apart the storage areas at the club lately. We have been busy inventorying club assets and relabeling club library books with current address stickers. Should you wish to pitch in and help out just let us know, help is always appreciated!

I wish you all a joy filled holiday season !

Maria

MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane 2015

They say a picture is worth a thousand words... The following is a YouTube address to a photo montage put together by Judy Nygard of the Woodcarving Experience 2015. Relive a great week or check it out to see what everyone is talking about. Thanks Judy!

<http://youtu.be/jMxujJx-Si0>

Club Officers - Maria Mulherin - President

Rich Wagner- 1st VP

Larry Putnam - 2nd VP

Judy Nygard - Secretary Ken Kult - Treasurer

Board Members: Mike Hawkins, Tom Paskach, Jeff Westerfield, Paul King, Steve Reed

Membership: Ken Kult Workshops: Larry Putnam Library: Barb Steiner/Judy Nygard

The Naughty List

It's that time of year again, please remember to renew your membership! You can use the Membership Application to submit your renewal. All renewals should be accompanied with a completed membership application and a check for \$20.00. Thank You!

James P	Brock	Wayne / Carolyn	Gildseth	Kathy	Langbehn	Dennis	Rourke
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Terry	Balthazor	Bobby L.	Gray	John F.	Marion	Virginia	Stewart
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Bruce	Biersborn	Frank / Wilma	Griffith	Linda	McDonell	William (Bud)	Strickland
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Bert	Black	Larry	Grimit	Lloyd / Shirley	Meng	Glenda / Horner	Tabor
Gordon J.	Blake	Rich	Gurica	Al / Patricia	Menghini	Robert	Tams
Clarence	Boles	Lee / Janice	Hales	Jim / Nancy	Meyer	Norman	Thomas
Gary / Marcia	Borgstadt	Roy / Judith	Hanks	Tom	Meyer	Janus	Thomsen
Loretta	Broberg	Kenneth A.	Hayford	Ron / Carol	Mickels	Bob / Mary Lyn	Travis
Darrell / Margie	Brown	Art	Hays	Norm	Minske	David / Pamela	Turner
Larry	Burghardt	Leslie	Heydorn	Dave	Molitor	Jack/Lois	Turner
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Larry	Craig	Bill / Ann	Jenkins	Wayne/Nancy	Nicloff	LaVonne	Williams
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Judy K.	Gilbertson	Keith J.	Krueger	Robert	Rosenberg		

Remember, there's room for everyone on the Nice List!

MAWA 2016 Club Calendar

January 2—Club Meeting	July 24—30—MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane
January 16—Club Meeting	August 6—Club Meeting
February 1—Doane Registration Opens	August 20—Club Meeting
February 4-9 Gretna Carving Retreat	September 3— Labor Day Weekend NO Mtg.
February 6—Club Meeting	September 17—Club Meeting
February 20— Club Meeting	October 1—Club Meeting
March 5 - Club Meeting	October 7-9—Fall Show
March 19—Club Meeting	October 15—Club Meeting
April 2—Club Meeting	November 5—Club Meeting
April 16—Club Meeting	November 19—Club Meeting
May 7—Club Meeting	December 3 —Club Meeting
May 21—Club Meeting	December 17—Club Meeting
June 4—Club Meeting	This calendar is subject to change, new dates and information will be added as needed.
June 18—Club Meeting	
July 2—4th of July Weekend NO Mtg.	
July 16—Club Meeting	

Greta Carving Retreat— February 4-9, 2016 Eastern Nebraska 4-H center Gretna Nebraska

Once again John and Mary Robbins will be hosting the Gretna Woodcarving retreat. This is a great opportunity to take a carving class or just carve over a long weekend. For more information check out their website:

www.gretnawoodcarversretreat.com

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association Fall Show Dates

October 7—9, 2016

Start planning now for the Fall Show 2016. An updated registration form will be available on the club website after the new year.

Support your club and the art of woodcarving by participating in the show!



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Have a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

Bark Carving 101

Well I think I have covered most of the roughout phase of setting up a carving. The carving is pretty much done except for detail fine tuning. I also at this stage refine the face detail making them pleasing and proportional to the size of the face. I also add detail to the shirt, hair braids, wrinkles etc. I decided to finish the carving with Rustoleum Magic Finish matte clear. I also wanted to show steps in a making a nose since it is an area people struggle with.



First cut to establish the ball of the nose. It is at about 45 degree angle not straight in. You can remove the chip with the same tool or a knife



The next cut is to establish the nostrils on the sides and again at an angle not straight it. Once both are sides are cut you can remove those chips as well



This cut establishes the wings of the nose. This cut is at an angle not straight in along both sides of the nose



I used the same tool to define where the wing of the nose meets the face you can make the same cut with a knife. At this point you can define the hook of the nose and refine width length etc. I can tell that my nose is way to big for his face. You can always make it smaller



The finished carving sprayed with a coat of Rustoleum Magic finish matte clear

There are some excellent books and magazine articles on carving native American faces. Jeff Phares has several books out on that subject. John Burke wrote several books on carving native Americans. Marty Dolphens did an article for Carving Magazine Issue #38 that is a great article on bark carving. Ron Adamson has quite a few video's on bark carving western figures on the internet I hope you enjoyed the article and maybe you picked up something if not I guess it was worth what you paid for it.

Club Website Addresses

<http://www.thedoaneexperience.com>

<http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>

Class with Kurt and Linda Curtis



We had Kirt and Linda Curtis teach class again in Glenwood. This time we did a full standing moose. In the beginning Kirt said it was too hard to do in three days but, I worked on Linda and she talked him into it. It was a great class and everyone enjoyed it. I must say Kirt right was 3 days was not enough time but, I was happy with all of the progress we did make and most people finished the moose and just needed to work on the base. We have had Kirt and Linda over to do a bear, moose, wolves, and a ram. I may be leaving something out. We were lucky enough to get to use Carol and Chuck Smith's shop, what a fantastic place to have class, a special thanks to Carol for letting us use the shop. I am hoping to have them over in the spring to do something, location and subject matter are still in the planning stages but if you get a chance you should jump at it you will not regret it.

From the corner of my World

I had an opportunity to go to the Woodcarving show in Topeka held by the KAW Valley Woodcarvers. It was a great show and I would like to thank everyone who made Teresa and I feel so welcome. The venue was great and they have some real talent and it showed up on the sold out show tables. I enjoyed seeing all the carvings and meeting many new faces and surprising several folks from our own club had tables down there so it was nice to visit with all of them as well. If you get a opportunity to catch that show next year it is well worth the trip down there.

I surprisingly am short on words this time, I finished my new wood shed and christened it by running into it with my tractor while I was moving dirt. I guess I should have been watching where I was going instead of where I had been. Oh well it's broke in now I guess. It isn't anything a trip to Menards can't solve, maybe I will pick up a extra sheet of tin just in case I have a repeat.

I am looking forward to the holidays always fun to see family and celebrate Christmas with them. I need to get some Christmas carving done or at least started. I really don't have any good idea's but hopefully something will come to me, I have a backup plan, I will just dig out some of the ones I did last year and gift those, or maybe the year before, I have a box full. I carve several and then they go in the box. Soon I may need a bigger box or maybe a shipping container. I think that is something that most woodcarvers suffer from, I also found out the problem also effects wood turners. I can carve faster then I can find outlets for my finished projects. It is a ok problem to have I think and if you enjoy what you are doing it really doesn't matter. I keep telling myself that as the box gets fuller..... Have a Merry Christmas everyone, enjoy the holiday season. George



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