



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

Parking on East Side

Mailing Address

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

December 2011

Thanksgiving is over, the tree is up, and the house is decorated with the colors of the season. All I have to do now is anxiously wait for Santa Puppy to come down the chimney. Santa Puppy? Yep at my house Santa Puppy comes on Christmas Eve and delivers treats and toys to all good dogs. For those of you that did not know, I have three beagles. They all came to me through a beagle rescue, and they keep me really entertained, and really busy.

The 2012 teacher letters have been sent and the responses are coming in. The Doane committee has started planning, and the February newsletter is already in progress. As a special treat, we will be printing part of the February newsletter in color. This will allow you to see the class projects and make a decision on your class choice. No matter which class you choose, you will be getting the best instructors available anywhere.

If you are in Omaha on Saturday December 17, 2012, we would love to see you at the regular club meeting. This year we are bringing back a tradition from the past. We will be having an ornament exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a gift wrapped hand carved ornament. It will be a lot of fun. In addition your board members will provide free donuts and coffee.

Plans are underway for another event from the past. We will once again host a "garage sale" in the spring. This is a time to bring those rough-outs, tools, or woodcarving supplies, and trade or sell them to other club members. Look for more information in a future issue.

I want to take the time now to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or a Happy Kwanza. May the grace of the lord be with you throughout this wonderful time of year and throughout the upcoming New Year.

Rohn



If you know of anyone who passed away, or is ill.

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From the editor

Well as I promised in November's issue I have some grand plans for the future newsletters. This month I have asked my brother in law Marty Dolphens to do a carving in a few easy to follow steps. As luck would have it he selected a bark Santa which is great since this is the Christmas issue. I hope you enjoy the article and give the carving a try. Randy Moore has a good selection of bark for sale (shameless plug) and his website is listed on the back page. One last thing it takes some effort to do these step by step tutorials so it wouldn't be a bad idea to thank the folks that are willing to put in the effort for your enjoyment. In this case Marty Dolphens, why not drop him an email at cutman1@yahoo.com and tell him Thanks, You can also check out his website at www.martydolphenscarving.com



Typical chunk of bark



Clean off all the loose bark down till you reach solid bark



Outline hat fringe of hat & tassel - V gouge
 Push head area under hat - shallow gouge
 Start from center of head, form wedge of face to back ground
 Set center line, eye line base of nose and sides of nose

Cut eye line, bottom or base of nose and sides of nose -deep gouge
 Sweep away from nose lowering cheek area, sweep up onto nose to form side planes
 Shape the mouth's denture curve



Set features of the nose -Ball, Nostrils and Wings
Set top and bottom of mustache and blend in cheek and beard area
Mark and cut to hollow under lower lip



Recess above lower lip
Carve eyes and brows
Texture mustache
Set major flow of beard



Texture beard
Texture fringe on hat
Texture tassel or ball



Close up of face



Painting instructions
I've been just dry brushing color on my Santa's
Colors Needed

White, black, and blue denim --- for the eyes

Antique gold
Warm grey
Santa red
Apply color by brushing across texture with a flat stiff brush-
just tipping the edges

Happy Carving Marty

New Members

John Whitehouse	Omaha, NE
Alice and Max Porter	Ogden, Iowa
Dennis and Carole Burchell	Kearney, NE
John Peterson	Omaha, NE
Alan Wall	Shelby, NE
Janice Olsen	Harrington, NE (welcome back)
Dennis Sydow	Grand Island, NE
Richard Sarafian	Safety Harbor, FL

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

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***Gretna Carving Retreat****Gretna Nebraska**Dates to be announced soon*

Thanks to all for the cards, calls, and well wishes. It truly means a lot to Gary and I to have the support of our carving family. Thanks also to all who rallied behind Rohn Collins and the MAWA Board to make the Fall Show a success.

We never know when our Faith and patience will be tested, so I appreciate all who helped on such short notice.

Happy Carving, Mary Ann Klinger

At the Club meeting on the 2nd of December

We will be electing new officers for the club

So if you miss the meeting you miss a chance to vote the bums out!!!

Disclaimer: I apologize to any club members that are actually real life working bums

No offense was intended, and truthfully the only

board member that I know of that is a bum is me and my term isn't up yet!!!!!!

Upcoming Club Carving Events

It is the time of the year everyone waits for the Christmas Surprise Classes

- December 3rd meeting Marty Dolphens Project to be determined Dec 2nd 9:00 PMish*
- December 17th Meeting PJ Driscoll Project to be created Dec 17th on way to club meeting.....*
- January 7th and 21st beginners chip carving hosted by Wayne Gildseth*
- January 6th and February 18th Introduction to Sharpening Ken Armsbury*
- February 4th Love Spoon Great gift for Valentine's Day Ken Armsbury*

Well another club meeting has come and gone. If you missed it you missed a lot. I can't recreate all the fascinating conversation and fellowship that went on. I also can't pass on the awesome stock tip I got from an unnamed member, well, I could give that to you, but I am not going to. That is the trouble with missing a meeting you never know what you might discover or learn. I can let you see photo's of the awesome carvings that members brought in. The next scheduled club meeting is the 2nd of December and it is well worth your time to stop in and have some coffee and a donut. I hope I see you there, if you happen to see me driving my new Mercedes that I bought using the money I made from the stock tip Wave!!!



House by Vanessa Howe



Cypress knee carving by David Howe



Willow Cane Doug Degner



Santa with a Pony
Dean Paulsen



Freedom Plaque by Vanessa Howe

Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery

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.

The Naughty List
These folks haven't paid their 2012 dues yet!!!!

Karl / Marilyn	Allison	Jack J.	Lovell	James	Girard	Jay	Schmidt
Douglas	Almond	Mike / Jan	Lowe	Don / Mary	Graham	Paul J.	Schroeder
Andrew / Patricia	Anderson	Glenn F.	Mallory	Roger	Graham	George	Schuey
Leslie	Anderson	Stanley J.	Maroushek	Royce / Janet	Gramm Jr.	Allen	Scott
Jared	Armsbury	Glenn	May	Gay	Greer	Gary	Scott
Charles E.	Arnold Jr.	Jack	McDonnell	Larry	Grimit	Mel	Sems
David / Norma	Babb	Paul / Lynda	McEvoy	Cheryl	Grimshaw	Emanuel / Erma	Shavlik
Ken / Dolly	Baldwin	Joe / Jessica	McMullen	Kathleen / Jim	Habegger	Michael	Shea
Allen	Baragar	Larry / Virginia	Merry	Merlin D.	Hale	Archie / Alene	Silvrants
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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

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midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas I hope all your stockings are stuffed with gifts from The Woodcraft Shop and you are able to spend quality time with your families. I hope you have gotten all your gifts carved, but if not a roughout cuts the carving time significantly and they have a great selection at Moore Roughouts. So while you are sitting around the fire with all your family and friends throw on another log or some high quality basswood or butternut from Loess Hills Sawmill and enjoy yourself.

I am just having a little fun with you, but in all seriousness enjoy your families and say a prayer for all of the folks who will not be together this holiday season.

Please remember all our troops overseas in your prayers and also all of those folks that are suffering in this economy especially at this time of year. In this political correct world I want to wish you all a Wonderful Christmas and I will say a prayer for safe travels for all of you and your families. Merry Christmas and a Happy and blessed New Year! George



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