



Club Information

### Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Parking on East Side

### Mailing Address

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### Club Officers

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1st VP - Mary Ann Klinger

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Maria Mulherin

**Treasurer** - Len Stenneche

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Marty Dolphens

George Bledsoe

Cathy Cuka

Rich Mahacek

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# NEWSLETTER

*Message from the President:*

Dec 2012

Thanksgiving is over, the tree is up, and the house is decorated with the colors of the season.

The 2013 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. 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 what which class you choose, you will only get the best instruction anywhere.

I need to express how happy and proud I was at the turnout for this election. I am even more proud of the amount of candidates we had for the open Board positions. It really speaks volumes about how you feel about our club. Before I announce the new board members, I want to acknowledge the candidates this year. Thad Tinder, Ken Armsbury, Mary Ann Klinger, Rich Wagner, Len Stenneche and Marty Dolphens. Any and all of these individuals would be an asset to the board, and I am looking forward to working with each of them on a committee if they chose.

Congratulations to Len Stenneche for being re-elected as the club treasure, and to Mary Ann Klinger who was re-elected as Vice-President. George Bledsoe and Marty Dolphens, both are returning to their board position. And finally, welcome Rich Wagner as our newest board member. Most of you know Rich from years past at the club, at Doane, and at any MAWA sponsored event. His dedication to exploring and sharing new carving techniques makes him an ideal member to serve on the board.

If you are in Omaha on Saturday December 15, 2012, we would love to see you at the regular club meeting. This year we are continuing a tradition from the past. We will be having an ornament exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a hand carved ornament wrapped. It will be a lot of fun. In addition your board members will provide free donuts and coffee.

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

Rohn

*Merry Christmas*

*Enjoy the season with your families*

## Club Upcoming Events

December 15th

Christmas Surprise hosted by: Marty Dolphens

*I inadvertently left this out of the last months Newsletter So to make up for it*  
***The Klinger's are coming to the Gretna Retreat***

*Gary and Mary will be attending the Gretna retreat and will be teaching their awesome fish carvings again this year.*

*I also left off the fact that:*

*PJ Driscoll will be teaching a baseball player or a bear*

*Mary Robbins will be teaching Pine needle baskets*

*Hopefully I have gotten it all right this time*

*What do folks expect, you are getting information directly based on my wages!!!!!!*

*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:*

### Gretna Carving Retreat

Located at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H center

February 7th thru 11th 2013

#### Instructors

Ken Armsbury                      Bark Houses, spoon, and knife handles

Dale Boyer                      Cane Carving

Nancy Burke                      Rattan Reed Baskets

Marty Dolphens                      Bench Carving Western Roughouts

Denny Jackson and Rich Mahacek                      PVC Flutes

Gary and Mary Klinger                      Fish Carving

PJ Driscoll                      Baseball player or Caricature Bear

Mary Robbins                      Pine Needle Baskets

For additional information or to register contact John Robbins

#### Hospitality

Les Smith a member who attends Doane every year has undergone some medical issues lately. If you would like to send a get well card to Les, you can send them to : Les Smith 6138 N W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, NE 68521

We recently learned of the passing of Breta Jackson mother and Mother-in-Law to past-President Denny Jackson.

Condolence cards can be sent to:

Breta and Denny Jackson

7410 S 89<sup>th</sup> St

La Vista, NE 68128

To all the MAWA members, our supporters and friends,

We want to once again thank all of you for your continued support of The Woodcraft Shop, both at the Fall show and in Crete at "The Doane Experience". These events have given us a chance to make some very close relationships with a bunch of you, as well as long time acquaintances with all of you. MAWA has been instrumental in "keeping the boat afloat" for the last 31 years since we've opened the doors.

We both, along with our staff want to wish all of you a very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Carol and Larry Yudis

### *New Members*

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

<i>Dennis Wilson</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>James Harris</i>	<i>Fremont, NE</i>
<i>Don Daubert</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Jane Kitzman</i>	<i>Gillet, WI</i>
<i>Dennis/Kaye Schuyler</i>	<i>Grand Island, NE</i>
<i>Jim/Nancy Meyer</i>	<i>Divide, CO</i>
<i>Steve White</i>	<i>Madison, WI</i>
<i>Susan Bergman</i>	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
<i>Warren Westvold</i>	<i>Des Moines, IA</i>
<i>Patrick Schrad</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>

*Another Big Month !!!!! Welcome to all the new members*

### *In case you ever wondered*

Some people mistakenly think Santa takes a few weeks off after Christmas. I know for a fact that isn't true, in fact as soon as he get home from delivering all those sharp gouges, knives, all those roughouts, and all that fine carving wood. In addition to a few items from Victoria's secret and a few electronic gizmo's to all the good woodcarvers and carverettes out there. In fact the next morning I have it on good information that Santa start working on the MAWA naughty list of unpaid dues. I really want to keep you off the Big guy's radar this year. Trust me you have got enough things to worry about without being on the Big Guy's list again this year. So take the time and pay those dues now and keep off that list I mean wasn't the lump of coal in your stocking enough of a warning!

Merry Christmas to all of you and your families and a very Happy and Healthy NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Check the list on page 6 to see if you have been a good girl or boy and if you haven't please pay your dues.

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*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too*

*Enjoy Great fellowship  
and a donut and a cup of coffee*

### Wanted

One of the members contacted me looking to Purchase a dust collector for power carving  
If you have one you want to sell get in contact with me and I will pass on the person’s info

George Bledsoe  
loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com

I would have put the buyers info but it is currently in some pile on my desk .



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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

*Well Thanksgiving is toast next stop Christmas time flies doesn't it. I have started working on Santa's for Christmas, sometimes I can sit down to carve for a little while and 3 hours later I am still carving. I just kind of get lost in the process, and my mind drifts (that probably explains why my carvings look the way they do). I hope you all have time to spend with your families during the hectic holiday season. It is really the important part of the holidays, not the part retailers want you to focus on however. I always love how the church feels at midnight mass and how kind everyone is to each other during this season. I know, politically incorrect (if you know me that won't surprise you) but I see that kindness all the time with woodcarvers such a great group of people that all share the same hobby. I remember when my kids were little and they would be up at the crack of dawn Christmas morning and Teresa and I would have gotten 3 hours of sleep after putting all the toys together. The joy on their faces is still something I can see today. I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Please take the time to enjoy the Christmas season with your loved ones and remember what the season is all about. Please try to remember those who have less then you do and give to a charity of your choice.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS *George*



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