

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

December 2014



Meetings and Open Carving - First and Third Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



From the President:

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Hard to believe that this year has already come and gone, and we are already getting ready for next year. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! My apologies to everyone, and especially George for the late newsletter. You know it isn't going to be good when you log into your computer and the first thought you have is, "Why don't I have Microsoft Word, or Excel, or... anymore?" After much blue language, phone calls to support centers, reloading programs, re-reloading programs, I think I have my computer back. So much for technology making everything easier.

MAWA Board – November 16th we held elections for new board members.

A tremendous thank you goes to our outgoing board. On behalf of MAWA I would like to recognize Mary Ann Kilinger (1st Vice President), Len Stenneche (Treasurer), Board Members Rich Mahacek, Rich Wagner, and George Bledsoe, and extend a heartfelt thank you. Your service to the club and dedication over the years has been and always will be greatly appreciated.

I would like you in joining me in welcoming our newly elected board members, Rich Wagner (1st Vice President), Ken Kult (Treasurer), Board Members Mike Hawkins, Tom Paskach, and Jeff Westerfield, I look forward to working with you.

The Doane Woodcarving Experience – Instructor acceptance letters are beginning to arrive and preparations for The Doane Woodcarving Experience are well underway. We are in the process of evaluating credit card payments and how they affect the club financially. In the upcoming weeks we will be deciding if we will continue to take credit card payments.

Ornament Exchange – Don't forget to bring an ornament to exchange at the December 20th meeting. For those wishing to participate, bring a carved ornament, wrapped preferred, to be exchanged during the meeting.

New Mailing Address – Please note that we have a new mailing address:

P.O. Box 540314, Omaha, NE 68114

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up at our last few meetings!
Wishing you the best of holidays, I look forward to seeing you at club!

Maria

HOLIDAY TURKEY

By the time you are reading this article, it will probably be post Thanksgiving or pre-Christmas. How do I know? I guess I'm just physic, I mean psychic. Wow! That must have been a Freudian Slip. I guess it is the time of year when food becomes all important, and for some of us the word physic does come into play. For example, I mentioned that I might try cooking something for Thanksgiving. I immediately got that "Oh, my God!" look from Breta, followed by a smug grin, as she informed me that we should probably have Mylanta on tap by then. I can't win! Just because I served the water that the eggs were boiled in, as broth, once, doesn't mean I don't have any kitchen skills.

I'm kinda old fashioned when it comes to cooking. I'm still making radio dinners; anyway, I'll have you know that when it comes to the big bird, this isn't my first rodeo. One time it took me three hours to stuff the bird. I got so angry that I could have killed it. A couple of years ago we had a frozen turkey and for the first two hours in the oven, he enjoyed it. Last year I had honed my skills and decided to microwave the turkey. Oops! We had to eat at 7:30 in the morning. I decided that the turkey must have been sick because it had a thermometer stuck in it all day. How was I supposed to know? I'm not a veterinarian. Okay, maybe I'm not Emeril Lagasse. I could always go the catering route. I heard about a lady caterer who is half Irish and half Italian. She makes potatoes and mashes them with her feet. Sounds kinda cool.

You would think that a simple question would require a simple answer. Nope! Not in our house. I asked Breta what coffee would be appropriately served with the turkey. I got the proverbial shake of the head and the "are you kidding me?" look. Her "simple" reply was, "They should call you Sanka. You have no active ingredient in your bean." Woe is me!

Perhaps I'll go back to eating a lot of health food, so that I'll always have natural gas.

After long contemplation, I guess I'll surrender the kitchen to Breta. I will let her in on my idea of how we can keep the dishes and silver spotless, however. Yea! I'll take her out for dinner. I'll settle for a small carving knife and a basswood turkey.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

Keep smiling, Denny

If anything goes wrong with it, I've always got designer firewood.

New Club Mailing Address & Snowbirds

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If you have a winter address, please be sure to let us know so we can mail you the February newsletter to your current address.

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Club Officers - Maria Mulherin - President Rich Wagner - 1st VP PJ Driscoll - 2nd VP

Sherry LaTendresse - Honorary General Secretary Judy Nygard - Recording Secretary Ken Kult - Treasurer

Board Members: Denny Rourke, Larry Putnam, Mike Hawkins, Tom Paskach, and Jeff Westerfield,

Membership: **Ken Kult** Workshops: **Larry Putnam** Library: **Barb Steiner**

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Well it is that time again, the North pole has released their annual Naughty List. If you made the list don't fret there is still hope, all you have to do is pay your dues and you are right back on the good list. How much easier can it be then that?

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- Membership—\$20.00 per Family - Newsletter send by 3rd class mail (except) February - 1st class mail
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 Detach and send applications, dues and SASE to Len Stenneche, PO Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028-0521

(Make checks payable to Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc. or MAWA)

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

Club Calendar

December 2014

December 6 - MAWA Club Meeting Canceled due to schedule conflict.

December 20 - MAWA Club Meeting

Rich Mahacek Christmas Ornament Class

Canned food drive for Food Pantry

Annual Ornament Exchange - bring a wrapped carved ornament for the exchange.

January 2015

January 3, 2015 – MAWA Club Meeting

January 17, 2015 – MAWA Club Meeting



Houston ...We have a problem

So you missed the club meeting on Saturday, well here is what you missed out on. PJ Driscoll taught this cute little project and all who attended it had a great time. It was an a fun little way to start the Christmas carving season.

Thanks to PJ for teaching the class and thanks to everyone who participated.

Merry Christmas

May you all have a wonderful
Christmas Season

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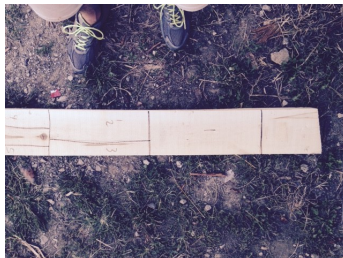
Well here it is December already, in a few weeks it will be Christmas. I always enjoy this time of year as it seems to bring out the best in most people. I enjoy winter (at least I do in my mind) in practicality I don't enjoy driving in bad weather, and cold temps make it more difficult to be outside. It cramps my outdoor activities somewhat, but it just makes me look forward to spring all that much more. We had club elections recently I decided not to seek reelection this year for my seat on the MAWA board, I decided it might be time for someone else to step up and become a more active member. I have enjoyed being on the board and enjoyed the give and take of working with my fellow board members conducting the business of the club. I will continue to do the newsletter for some as yet undecided time. I still have some things I want to do and I enjoy writing about something I love, Wood!!

I wasn't going to carve any Santa's this year as I was kind of burned out on them. I have many carved ones sitting around and I just thought why carve some just for them to meet the same fate. Sure, some people would say become a better carver and they might be merchantable, true, but that isn't really my thing. It is like my sawmill, I enjoy doing it because I can do it when I want and I don't depend on any income from it (probably a good thing cause it ain't generating any) which works out well I guess. So I carve because I like to do it, when I feel like it or as they say the mood strikes me. In my case I was ok not carving any this year, then my friend PJ was forming a class on Mondays to carve something, which turned out to be a Santa. That seemed to be a popular choice as there are 15 people taking the class so I signed up and of course got one to do in class, then I bought another, then another, then dug out a Santa out of my box of roughouts I bought to carve (never did, everyone has a box like that) then bought another one. The final count isn't in yet, but I got a pumped up and have been carving almost every night. The thing that helps I think is my wife is ok with me carving in the family room as long as I clean up after myself. I just need to get as fired up to cut those walnut logs that are all stacked in the barn, but that would require me to go outside and its cold outside sooooo perhaps come spring, I mean so what if they are beautiful Iowa grown walnut logs, that stuff grows on trees around here.....

Merry Christmas enjoy the season and if you are able please consider helping out someone in need this Christmas season.

Basswood 101 (continued)

Ok so I know you are all chomping at the bit for my next installment of "how is it made" featuring the fine skills of master craftsman woody the wood guy..... Whence we last talked I was showing some defects in basswood and how to spot defects in the wood. I showed a basswood cant and marked how I would process it to make those blocks we all know and love. Just as a refresher here is the rough board before milling. The process is labor intensive and every board is different this is what I would call a low grade board but every log has defects. So the process is the same but the yield varies, I try to maximize the clear stock and minimize the waste



Using a sliding saw the blocks are cut to yield the best amount of clear stock

Once the blocks are cut I joint one edge for a straight reference for the next step.



The blocks are then ripped on the bandsaw to remove defects as needed

The blocks now need to be made S4S



The S4S process is done on the jointer, care and push stick are used

The finished product surfaced four sides (S4S)

This is the waste left over, as you can see in this case roughly about 33% waste



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