



Club Information

### Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Maria Mulherin

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George Bledsoe

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## Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

# NEWSLETTER

### *Message from the President:*

January 2012

A new year has arrived! Hopefully you all made your resolutions and will stick to them. If you are like me, I usually last a couple days.

A lot has happened since the last newsletter, new board members have been selected, and the teacher confirmation letters have been received. The Doane committee is putting together the February newsletter as you are reading this. I want to take the time to remind all of you who receive the newsletter by email that the February newsletter will be mailed to you. This has always been the case to ensure that you receive a printed version of the registration. I also need to remind you that registration is open to all active members that have paid their dues prior to January 1, 2012.

Board elections were held On Saturday December 3 due to a conflict in scheduling with the church. I want to say a huge thank you to Jim Schober and Virginia Stewart. Their years of service to the club, as well as their input and dedication have been, and always will be, invaluable to the club. I look forward to seeing you at the regular club meeting and trust I will continue to hear suggestions to improve our club.

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. Maria Nagel, Ken Armsbury, Mike Hawkins, Maria Mulherin, Rich Mahacek, and Larry Putnam. 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 choose.

Congratulations to Maria Mulherin for being elected as the new recording Secretary. She brings a level of energy and commitment, as well as several ideas that I look forward to working on. Mike Hawkins is returning to the board for his third term. Mike has been instrumental on the board in the past and has proven himself as a "go to" person. His dedication and willingness will once again be appreciated. And last, but certainly not least, welcome Rich Mahacek as our newest board member. Most of you know Rich from years past at the club, at Doane, and at any MAWA sponsored event. He promises to bring ideas from the past and help us bring them back to the present. I have heard his ideas and am really excited about getting started on them.

P.J. Driscoll was elected once again to the position of 2nd vice president. I look forward to working with P.J. He volunteers, makes suggestions, and still finds time to keep Sherry LaTendresse in line.

As for the position of President, you may have figured out I was elected once again to fill this role. I look forward to the new challenges and adventures ahead, but I know I can count on our members to come forward should I need any assistance.

I want to remind all of you that if you have suggestions for the club, the website, or the newsletter, please email them to us at [midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com](mailto:midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com).

Have a great January and start looking forward to the Doane registration in February.

Rohn

*Highlights from The Club.....* Yep you missed another great meeting. We had a wonderful class hosted by Marty Dolphens carving cottonwood barks Christmas trees. We had a great turn out and took care of some important club business and had a great selection of carvings at show and share. I even bought everyone a donut and a cup of coffee and gave away free wood.....(Ok none of that last part is true) but it goes to show you miss a meeting you may miss a lot!



Mike Hawley  
Fisherman in trouble



Dean Paulsen  
Santa with sled and  
Santa's ornaments



*Big Horn Sheep by Don Elsasser*



Santa with wreath by Don Elsasser

*Three Santa's by PJ Driscoll*



### *Christmas Surprise Class with PJ Driscoll*

*I talked PJ into teaching this after I saw the carving at his house, he was not sure it could be taught in a Sat club meeting but I think he did great*



Happy Carvers.....



PJ kept everyone was busy in class.



These guys look serious, don't they?



PJ helping a student.



Proximity is not necessarily acceptance.  
- Nice looking sweatshirt -



Play Misty for me MAWA style.....



Dean, trying to decide if he needs more bark or basswood.....



Busy staying on task?

### ***To all the MAWA members, our supporters and friends,***

*We want to thank everyone who contributed to the ornament raffle at the October show. We were the lucky recipients of all the wonderful carvings on the tree. This is, in fact, the second time over the years that we have won. The ornaments make fine additions to our vast collection. We use a great deal of them on our trees at the store as well as at home. We let our 2 grandkids pick out some for their tree and they were really happy to get them. We also want to thank all of you for your continued support of The Woodcraft Shop, both at the show and in Crete at "The Doane Experience". Both 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 30 years since we've opened the doors. We want to wish everyone a very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!*

Carol and Larry Yudis  
The Woodcraft Shop Bettendorf, Iowa

*New Members*

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

Graham, Howard	Mc Kinney, TX
LeClair, Robert	Manitoba, Canada
Petriw, Gary	Manitoba, Canada
Robidoux, Gerry	Manitoba, Canada
Van der Vorst, Bill	Manitoba, Canada
Stevens, Tessa	Ft Calhoun Nebraska
Rohde, Joe	Secor, IL
Baldus, Lavern	Scottsdale, AZ
Ron Meier	Omaha, NE
Dorrel Nutter	Omaha, NE
Larry Brown	Omaha, NE
Don Russell	Omaha, NE

**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](mailto:ww12618@windstream.net)

*Gretna Carving Retreat*

*Gretna Nebraska*

*February 9-13*

*Additional details to be announced soon.*

*John Robbins 308-236-3307 [jrobb3@hotmail.com](mailto:jrobb3@hotmail.com)*

*At the Club meeting on the 3rd of December  
 We had our elections for officers for the club,  
 So if you missed it you have no one to blame but yourself for the results  
 Elected board members were Rich Mahachek and Mike Hawkins*

*Congratulations to Denny Jackson*

After carefully adding up the first quarter points, I am happy to announce that Denny Jackson has won. He will be awarded a 25.00 gift card. It is easy to become part of the contest. When you bring a carving for show and share or promote the art of carving, write it down on a card and drop in the orange box on the table at the Saturday meeting. We add the points up every quarter and if you win you get a 25.00 gift card and could win the Grand prize. So what's stopping you? Jan 1st starts a new quarter and this would be a great way to kick off the new year. Come on let's get this thing going and get involved showing off those carvings .....

*Upcoming Club Carving Events*

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

- January 7th and 21st: Beginners chip carving hosted by Wayne Gildseth*
- January 6th and February 18th: Introduction to Sharpening with Ken Armsbury*
- February 4th: Love Spoon, a Great gift for Valentine's Day by Ken Armsbury*

## *Woodcarving Outreach to the next generation of woodcarvers.*

The first week of December, Denny Jackson and Rich Mahacek came to the Glenwood Middle School to teach the Art Club members how to make a Native American Flute out of PVC pipe. They taught two classes over two days with an overall total of about 32 students participating. The class tied into projects in the art curriculum regarding Native American Heritage Month in November. The students were excited and enthralled as Denny started out with the history of the Native American Flute and how it came to be. The two then took turns helping the students drill the holes, place the plug walls, tie on the birds and add final décor with beads and feathers. Once all students were ready, Denny taught the class proper techniques and a lesson on playing the flute. Students showed remarkable improvement in their playing after practicing together. The class was ended with all participating in playing Silent Night.



Lots of holes to drill.....



Rich helping a student



The Pied Piper in action



The satisfaction of making something with your own hands.



They also double as a blow gun: Denny is demonstrating by putting a dart in a fly at 50 paces.....

### *Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery*

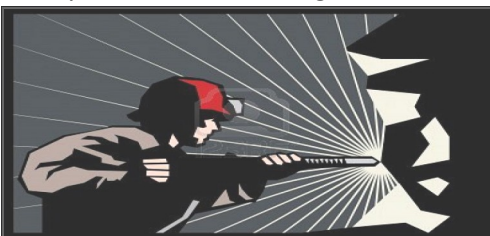
*Want to show off a new carving? We have the solution. Send us a good photo of your carving, and we will post it on the gallery portion of the website.*

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*Is this what you found in your stocking on Christmas morning?  
I tried to warn you, I sent out the list and you only have yourself to blame. The start of a new year brings a clean slate and if you want to get a stocking full of Swiss made gouges you better get off the Naughty list and pay your dues.....*



Charles E.	Arnold Jr.	Russell C.	Hamm	Bob	Ryan
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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:

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*midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com*

**A Parting Shot.....** By George Bledsoe

*Well another year has come and gone. I have a tradition I have done since I was a kid with my Dad. Every year on New Years Eve at midnight I shoot a gun. I started a few years ago letting my boys take over the tradition. It passes on something that was always special to me and makes it something special to them. We also have a get together with family and a few friends and ring in the New Year. I am sure you all have plans and many resolutions to try and keep in 2012. I wanted to say just a little something to all of you. I have been very lucky to have met many wonderful people since I became a member of this club. I want to say thank you to all of the folks that I have met at Doane and the fall show. I don't think you could find a nicer group of people than people who are woodworkers. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in 2012. I want to wish all of you safe travels and a wonderful and healthy 2012. I hope you are able to keep at least some of your resolutions. I used to make a list but honestly it was trashed by Feb 1st so I am keeping it simple this year. Treat everyone the way I would want to be treated, and learn how to sharpen tools. Happy New Year to you all!*

George



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