



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

Jan 2013

The end of the year came quickly and with feelings of end, there are many feelings of hope. At my house, I usually have a tradition of writing down my wishes, and goals for the new year. Now if only I had a Genie of the lamp to grant those wishes. Funny as it may be, I discovered this year that my Genie has some time management issues. He has a bit of a delay. I keep looking for him and he has yet to show. I keep my requests from previous years and so I can see my Genie has granted my wishes, even if it was a bit later than I thought, so far nothing.

Well on to better time management people. 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 December 31, 2012.

We have several returning instructors, as well as several new instructors this year so I want to let you know, you should read through each class description carefully so you get the class you really want. I am really excited about the lineup and can hardly wait for July to arrive.

If you have suggestions for the club, the website or for the newsletter, please email them to us. Send emails to midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com.

Have a great January and start looking forward to the Doane registration in February. And if you wished that the letter would arrive sooner, sorry, the Genie told me no!

Rohn



I did it again..... I missed someone coming to Gretna

I offer my heartfelt apologies to Mary Jo Wolf who will be teaching chip carving at Gretna. I have also included what Mary Robbins sent me

<i>Ken Armsbury</i>	<i>Bark carving</i>
<i>Dale Boyer</i>	<i>Power carving</i>
<i>Nancy Burke</i>	<i>Rattan Baskets (Friday and Saturday)</i>
<i>Marty Dolphens</i>	<i>Realistic Western</i>
<i>PJ Driscoll</i>	<i>Baseball Player or a Bear</i>
<i>Denny Jackson and Rich Mahacek</i>	<i>PVC Flutes (Friday and Sat afternoon)</i>
<i>Gary and Mary Klinger</i>	<i>Fish</i>
<i>Mary Robbins</i>	<i>Pine Needle Baskets</i>
<i>Mary Jo Wolf</i>	<i>Chip Carving</i>

I apologize to anyone I have offended probably by accident or whom I may offend in the future with my attempt at keeping the newsletter light hearted fun. You have to take what I say with a grain of salt and don't read too much into things.

I put myself on double secret probation for a period of no less than 30 days!!!

PJ Driscoll is teaching a class carving a Welcome Bear

To a group of eager carvers in Omaha Nebraska. The class has been a good time so far and everyone should come out with a nice finished project.



Upcoming Events

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
Mary Jo Wolf Chip Carving
For additional information or to register contact John Robbins
Phone 308-236-3307 or email jrobb3@hotmail.com

Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 20-26 2013

Crete, Nebraska

See Brochure www.westernwoodcarvers.com

Contact

Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or ww12618@windstream.net

The Doane Experience

July 28- Aug 3 2013

Doane College Campus Crete Nebraska

Look for more details in the February Newsletter

In Memory

We were informed that Larry Merry Passed away in November

Long time club member Vic Schoonover passed away in December

New Members

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

Elijah Herrington	Omaha, NE
Franklin Yate	Omaha, NE
Robertta Wakefield	Sheridan, WY
Dan Hemminger	Green Bay, WI
Donald Potter	Amamosa, IA
Frank/Wilma Veverka	Fremont, NE
Paula Wilderman	Omaha, NE
Jeanette Brunkhorst	Omaha, NE

Welcome to all the new members

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 and a donut and a cup of coffee

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Marty's Christmas Surprise was canceled due to illness



Bark Carving PJ Driscoll



Little Santa
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Santa times two
Mike Hawley



Christmas Scene
Larry Putnam



Here are a couple of shots of PJ Driscoll's Christmas surprise class. It was a class that was overflowing with eager attendees. We carved a small Santa Ornament that was a lot of fun. PJ did a great job as usual and a good time was had by all.



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:

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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 I guess another year has come and gone. When I reflect on this year it was overall a good one. My family is all healthy, my daughter married a nice guy and both are very happy. My wife finished her 3rd degree and now has a Masters in Education. I think that someone who has three degrees should make enough for her husband to be a stay at home kind of guy. That apparently doesn't work in the education field, story of my life I guess. This year had its share of bad news as well, the drought effected our family since they are farmers, the sadness of the friends who have died, and the sadness of senseless tragedies that seem all to frequent in todays world. I guess we all try, and do the best we can, to handle the trials that we are given. I would like to offer an idea, it isn't mine but it is one that I am working on adapting into my like. I am trying to look around and see how I can help make the world around me a better place. I can't solve all the pain and suffering in the world, but I might be able to help in just a tiny slice of it. I have heard it called "paying it forward" and it really just involves making a difference in someone's life that you know. It doesn't have to be a big deal maybe just a simple kindness, of holding a door open for someone. It could involve helping a neighbor who is hurting, or a friend who needs a helping hand. What may seem like no big deal to you may make a world of difference to someone else. I know many people already do this. I have decided that will be my new years resolution. I can't fix the universe but I can make a little difference in my tiny corner of the world, and who knows, maybe it will catch on.

So I look forward to the New Year and all that it will hold.

I wish all of you a Wonderful, Healthy, and Prosperous 2013 and I look forward to seeing you when our paths cross.

George



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