

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

January 2015



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

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St

From the President:

It's hard to believe that 2014 has come and gone, and it hardly feels as if a year has passed since I put together the last Doane registration packet/newsletter.

I must admit it, is a privilege to be one of the first to see this year's projects. We have some new instructors, and many returning instructors, there is definitely something for everyone available. I would like to remind everyone that you will be mailed the February newsletter, even if you usually receive it by e-mail. We do this annually so that everyone receives a printed version of the registration. Keep in mind that many Doane classes fill quickly, so the sooner you send in your registration, the more likely you are to get your first choice of classes. Please be sure to read through class descriptions carefully so you choose the class you really want.

I would like to remind everyone again that we have a new mailing address:

**Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 540314, Omaha, NE 68114**

To prevent delays in processing new memberships, membership renewals and Doane registrations, please make sure all correspondence is sent to this new address to prevent any delays in processing.

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

As I recover from the flu, I appreciate my health more than ever, so my wish for everyone for the New Year is good health. I look forward to seeing you all at club, weather permitting, and at Doane this summer.

Maria

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My friend Rich Mahacek hosted a wonderful how to on making a christmas ornament. The class was full and enjoyed by everyone who participated . Thanks to Rich for teaching. Rich donated the class fee to the Church.



Happy NEW YEAR!!!!!!

I want to personally wish all of you a Wonderful and Prosperous NEW YEAR

Club Calendar

January 2015

January 3, 2015 – MAWA Club Meeting

January 17, 2015 – MAWA Club Meeting

We are still looking for people willing to teach a Saturday class, please step up and teach a Saturday class for us.

Show and Share



PJ Driscoll's lineup of Santa's



PJ Driscoll's big Jolly Santa, I get partial credit since I supplied the wood..... This started out as an 8 X 8 X16 block of basswood it is really an impressive carving.



Dean Paulsen's Santa offerings, Great Job Dean

New Club Mailing Address & Snowbirds

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February 5, 6, 7, 8 2015

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As a side note I look forward to this every year. It is a great time and I really enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones every year. It also often times reminds me that spring is right around the corner and soon the cold will be gone and warmer weather will be upon us. It is a nice break from the doldrums of winter, and has always been a great time of good instruction, wonderful food and great fellowship. If you haven't been you really deserve to give it a try. If you have been there before I will no doubt see you back there again because you know what a great time it is. George

A Parting Shot

Well its that time of year again, time to ring out the old year and ring in the new. I am not really a big New Years resolution type of guy. I always laugh at the gym I go to, it is super busy after New Years then people lose the resolution will and by end of February empty. So I guess I don't make promises I can't keep, even to myself. So I will start my year off with a wish that all of you have a safe and wonderful New Year in 2015. We all share a common bond the bond of woodcarving and all of the carvers I have met are great folks. My other big thing I want to do is try again this year to practice doing random acts of kindness. It always makes me feel good to do it and hopefully makes a difference in someone else's life. The great thing is no matter how it is received by someone else I feel better and it makes me happy inside. In the end life really is a journey and how you treat the folks you meet along the way is part of that journey. So again have a wonderful and safe New Years celebration and I will see some of you at Gretna in February. George



Well I have been busy carving Santa's but that has all been done, the chips picked up, and the painting supplies put away. I probably went overboard as usual, but my buddy PJ says to get better you have to keep at it. So I have tried to keep at it not sure if I got better but I did for sure get quicker. These guys will soon join the Santa's from 2013 in there only special place, which currently is a box in the basement. UGH I mean what the heck are you supposed to do with all these things. Sell them ideally, I think every carver I know has the same issue. So I will keep carving cause that's what I like to do. These guys will find a home at some point. Perhaps a barter system one carving for a tank of gas, or a bag of groceries, it could be the next big thing Barterbay..... You heard it here first.

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If you would like a membership card send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application.

Well since I still have some prizes to give away (to be honest I have to figure out where I stashed them) I will attempt to retry the big SUPER PRIZE GIVEAWAY..... Based on previous results which have been less than stellar. I wanted to try something a little different. So to be fair to all members both electronic and mail readers I shall change the rules. Since I only write the newsletter and am not in charge of sending it I will say the first email I receive after the 12th of January gets the prize. So to what mind bending challenge shall you be subjected to..... Well I don't just want to give them away as they are nice OCC tools and you should have to do something to earn them. Then again I don't want it to be too hard to discourage participation..... OK I have it The first person to give me the correct answer after midnight on the 12th of January wins a OCC tool

What number lies between 19 and 21

woody4858@yahoo.com

Santa Class by PJ Driscoll



PJ Driscoll taught a class on Mondays and we did a little Santa on a base. We had a full class and as always PJ kept everyone on task and everyone came out with a great carving. PJ is a good friend and I always enjoy carving with him. The group is many of the same faces that have carved with Marty Dolphens for years and years. I think we have changed locations over the years several times and some of the faces have changed but at its core it is still many of the same guys. It is a great group of guys and we have a great time and enjoy the time spent together. This was one of the ones I did in class I thought he turned out pretty good. I will say that if you carve with this group you need to have a sense of humor as they will from time to time hammer on a poor guy trying to sell good wood at a reasonable rate to the masses. Don't ask me how I know that.....



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