



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

July 2012

Well July is finally here and you all know what that means? The countdown to Doane Experience 2012 has begun. As of this writing the Doane committee has finalized all the details and it looks to be another exciting year. If you are currently not enrolled we still have some great classes available, and it is not too late to attend (get the hint?) If you are attending and have provided your email address, watch for any emails that will notify you of any road closing we hear about.

Moving on to other news, Mary Ann Klinger presented some information regarding the fall show, and is working with Thad Tinder to make this year's fall Show a huge success. We have chosen the Boy Scouts of America to be the recipients of the Annual carved Christmas Ornaments raffle. If you want to help, send us a carved ornament so we can have this year's tree fully loaded. I look forward to seeing the end result of all your hard work. We still have tables available and look forward to seeing you at the show.

As for me, well I am over half way into my second year. Hard to believe that it has gone this quickly. I have learned a lot from everyone, and I have tried hard to listen to all your ideas. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by an outstanding board, and some fantastic members. You should all be very proud of the work your club is doing. Now it is time for you, as members, to give us your ideas.

We would love to hear any suggestions regarding the website, and I am sure George would love to hear ideas for the newsletter. I personally am interested in any questions, ideas or suggestions you have. All you need to do is email us your ideas and suggestions and we will look in to them. If you do not have email, using our mailing address and send a letter. We will respond to all communications we receive, and we may even feature your ideas in an upcoming newsletter.

Remember, the club exists because of all of you. Your dedication to the art is what inspires future generations of woodcarvers, and ensures that wood carving, wood burning, and wood turning will continue for centuries to come.

I am really excited to see all my friends again at Doane and the Fall Show this year.

Happy Carving ,

Rohn

Time to start planning to attend the Fall Show

*It is a great opportunity to see some great woodcarvings
And, meet a great group of people.*

*We have several vendors attending, so if you need tools,
or carving supplies, wood,
or a roughout plan on attending.*

Better yet, reserve your table and, help support your club

Rent a table and display your own carvings.

Entry form is on the page 7 of the newsletter.

October 13th and 14th

Happy Fourth of July

Wanna make 50 Bucks?

And help out the Boy Scouts?

It is really easy all you have to do is carve an ornament for the club tree and you are entered in the drawing for a shot at the
50 bucks

You can bring your ornaments to Doane, or send them in, or bring them to the fall show. The more you carve the better your chances

So LETS get BUSY!!!!

Do you feel like doing something to help the Club ?

We would love to have you carve something and donate it for the raffle at the Fall show.

I know that we have a lot of talent woodcarvers in the club

We would really appreciate it.

If your interested contact: Mary Ann Klinger

Don't Be Shut Out

We still have classes with openings for the

DOANE EXPERIENCE

Located in Crete NE

on the beautiful Doane College campus

It will be money well spent.

A week of woodcarving fun and fellowship

Do you want to have a great time at the Fall Show

But you just don't have enough carvings to justify renting an entire table
Well I have a deal for you, send us your name, and we will compile a list and match you with
someone in your same situation.

You can support your club, save some money, and make a new friend
I call that a WIN, WIN, WIN!!!!!!!

Carve an ornament for the tree and maybe win 50.00 dollars
That pays for your table and leaves you enough money to buy a dozen donuts and offer one to
a vender of your choice (hint, hint)
Unless it has coconut on it, that is a deal breaker there !!!!!

What has been happening at the Club meetings?



Pens by Rich Mahacek
made from wood from Weber mill in
Omaha which was built in 1846



Indian by Mike Hawley



Truck by Bud Strickland



Rich Mahacek



Thanks go out the club member Rich Mahacek for teaching the Eagle Head Cane Handle class at the June 16th club meeting. Those taking the class started with an eagle head rough out. Rich covered basic techniques used in carving and detailing the eagle head. One particular technique demonstrated was the use of wood epoxy to attach the glass eagle eye to the head, and the use of the epoxy to complete the look of the eye. Those taking the class are encouraged to share their completed cane handles at an upcoming meeting.

New Members

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

*Roger/Jackie Becker Sun Prairie, WI
Jack/Gaylon Simmons Lamoille, NV
Barbara Maas Hoskins, 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

The Doane Experience

July 22nd - 28th

Doane College, Crete, NE

*For additional information
contact*

Len Stenneche 402-332-3118

ldstenneche@cox.net

Make a new friend and help out a fellow club member:

We have a member in Omaha, that is looking for a ride to and from this years "Doane Experience". He is willing to share gas expenses, and you could have the pleasure of making a new friend. Please contact John Hart via email if you can help put. John can be contacted at jhart65@cox.net.



I received a surprise in the mail the other day. I got home from work and there was a package in the mailbox. I opened it up and there was a carved bottle stopper in it. I had donated a Loess Hills Sawmill sweatshirt to the raffle at the Cedar Rapids show. The prize was won by Roger Beane and he thanked me at the show (which is always nice to be thanked when you donate something HINT HINT) I had forgot all about it when this showed up in the mail. I want to give a special thanks to Roger for the awesome carving. The picture doesn't do the carving justice the hat he has on says Loess Hills Sawmill on it.

Thanks Again Roger.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the lovely plant. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated. The Driscoll Family

Upcoming Club Carving Events

*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too
Enjoy Great fellowship
and a donut and a cup of coffee*

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:
midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com*

*Sometimes things just don't go as planned
The trial and tribulations of having a sawmill*



I have been cutting black walnut lately and, this one was next up on the mill. It wasn't the greatest log but, it had some promise, good size, and several crotch sections. I got it on the mill which was no easy task, and started cutting. The log had a lot of sapwood, and also had carpenter ants (always a treat) so the yield was pretty low. I basically wasted my time, the last photo is the waste, or in my case firewood. I did get a couple of crotch sections so it was not a total loss (but awfully close to it) I have this logs twin still to cut up, I may switch tools and just use a chainsaw and save myself the heartache!!!!

Registration Form
Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.
38th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.
 3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska
 Friday, October 12, 2012 Set-up time 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Competition Entry 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 Saturday, October 13, 2012 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Sunday, October 14, 2012 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Please reserve ____ table(s)* space(s) with 2 chairs - \$30.00 each. *Non-members -\$50.00.*

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name: _____
If attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone (____) ____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Will you be sharing a table? Yes or No (*circle one*) If Yes please provide the following information:

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name: _____
If attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone (____) ____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Exhibitors will be responsible for providing the following items:

Table covering –this must cover the top as well as 3 sides to the floor. *It must be fabric or vinyl covering.*

Lighting and cords – *make sure you bring duct tape to tape cords to the floor.*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make all checks payable to: MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Send registrations to:

MAWA 2011 FALL SHOW AND SALE
 PO BOX 521
 GRETNA, NE 68028

*Average table size is 8 feet, but some tables will be no smaller than 6 feet in length due to space.
 If you have any questions contact Mary Ann Klinger at (402) 453-2393 or at gmklinger@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
PO BOX 521
GRETNA, NE 68028-0521

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

(Check appropriate boxes)

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 have been trying to think of something profound to say for about a month. I would love to tell you all that I have found something but, I really haven't, so I will just wing it with bs like always! I hope you all have registered for Doane it promises to be a great time. I have been saving change since last year in my tool fund jar so I plan on buying some power carving bits from Larry and Carol. I bought a Ram power carver at Cedar Rapids this spring and hopefully it works since I haven't opened the box yet (impulse purchase) but I am taking Kirt's class and, will no doubt use it there. I really love this time of year, my kilns are running drying wood, I get a chance to saw some logs, I can go out in my garage and do some woodworking and, spend some time sitting by my fire pit. I have noticed lately however, that someone is neglecting the grass, and it looks like someone needs to finish painting the house, and finish the retaining wall. I think I need to speak to the maintenance man and see what his problem is. He is really hard to get a hold of this time of the year as he is always sawing logs, or woodworking or off camping the guy really has no work ethic at all.

I hope you are also planning on getting a table at the Fall show this year. The club really puts a lot into making this a success and, we could really use your help. If you are able please consider getting a table, or if you want, share a table with a friend. This is our clubs big chance to show off all of our members wonderful talents and, we can't show them if you can't put in the effort to at least help us out by renting a table. This year lets have standing room only, I promise you will have a great time and who knows you might make some new friends along the way.

Enjoy the 4th with your families
George

Oh yeah, one more thing, I have a riddle for you. The first person to email me at woody4858@yahoo.com with the correct answer wins a 10.00 gift certificate for some bird house wood. I just bought something, sight unseen, never bought before, and will only buy once and, I never get to use it. First email to me wins I will also go one 10.00 gift certificate for the mailed newsletter crowd to keep it fair.



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