

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

June 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:

The weeks are just flying by. The last few weeks have been especially busy as we get ready for Doane. Class acceptance letters have gone out and we are making the final preparations for Doane. In the midst of everything June snuck up on me. I received an email June 1 reminding me I needed to submit my article, hence the lateness of the newsletter and my apologies.

Spring Picnic and Garage Sale

We have had to change the date on the Spring Picnic and Garage Sale due to availability of Camp Brewster. We will have a meeting June 6th instead of the picnic. The picnic will be held on June 13th rain or shine at Camp Brewster, 1313 N. Bellevue Blvd., Bellevue, NE. All members are invited please let us know by email or at a club meeting if you are attending. We are providing fried chicken, hot dogs and iced tea; all you need to do is bring a covered dish or dessert. Spouses, children and grandchildren are welcome to attend.

The Doane Experience

The last two weeks have been very busy as we make the final preparations for Doane. It is great to see everything coming together. The committee has done a great job, and has volunteered several hours of their time to make sure this event is successful. Our thanks go out to our instructors; we appreciate their dedication to the MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane. A huge thank you to all Committee members past and present, we as a club could not have organized and hosted this workshop for the last 39 years without you! Thank you to everyone who volunteers and pitches in at Doane every year, taking care of all the last details to make the week run smoothly. I look forward to seeing everyone at Doane.

Fall Show

Fall Show is just around the corner. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Happy carving and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Maria

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Vacation Planning

June is really an exciting time of year. School is out, the weather is great, young people are falling in love and getting married, and, best of all, it's vacation time. I think the last real vacation I had was back when McDonald hamburgers were 15 cents. I probably don't have to put a date on that for most of you. Okay, for you girls who don't want to admit your age, that was when you all wore the ugly gym uniforms. Oh yeah, now you can put a date on it, can't you? We had penny candy, Jiffy popcorn and 35 cent gallon gas. We got our windshield cleaned, oil check, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free every time. Our dishes came free in each box of laundry detergent, and or milk was delivered in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers. It took 5 minutes for our TV to warm up and our phones were on a party line. Man, that vacation was a long time ago. I guess I'll put my Tinker Toys away, chew a piece of Teaberry gum, put a dime in the 45 RPM juke box, get out some mimeograph paper, and chart an up-to-date vacation - for Breta and me.

It can't be anything related to the ocean, because Breta gets seasick just opening a box of salt water taffy. I don't care to go to Amazon either. They have cannibals there that have been educated at Harvard. Yea, now they use knives and forks to eat you. We can't go to any foreign speaking countries like France, for example. Not that I would have a problem with my French, but they might.

Breta wants to go on vacation for change and rest. I can see it now, the waiter will get the change and the hotels will get the rest. We could go to the North Pole for 5 months, but then again, we might as well stay all night. Don't want to go to Venice either. I had a good friend who drowned there. Yup! Got into a street fight. Hawaii would be nice, except their weather is the same all year long. I don't now how they ever start a conversation. We couldn't stay anywhere that didn't have bathrooms either. That would be "uncanny". I guess I'll quit trying to come up with an exotic vacation. We're going to Doane. All of our friends will be there and a good time is guaranteed. What more could we ask for?

Don't forget the AWC show in Maquoketa this month either. It is a great opportunity to see some of the best carving by internationally know carvers. Better yet, join the organization and get involved in the competition with some of your own pieces.

Breta and I hope to see you on our vacation.

Keep smiling,

Denny

We would love to see what you are carving.

Please send us a picture of your finished projects.

We will post them on the club's website .

It's show time.....Time to show off all that hard work



Elk Pair
Roger Nadrchal



Cane and Cowboy
Larry Putnam

Last Supper Shawn Kennedy



It's show time X2.....Time to show off all that hard work



Replica Working Decoy

Mike Hawkins

Wolf Pack vs Bear

Allen Scott



Don't Miss the Garage Sale and Summer Picnic

June 13th

Camp Brewster, 1313 N. Bellevue Blvd., Bellevue, NE.

I may have a tub or two of wood laying around to bring.

New Club Mailing Address & Snowbirds

P.O. Box 540314, Omaha, NE 68114

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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Are you ready for the Doane Experience ?

It is approaching fast....

Don't sit on the fence again this year....

We are looking forward to seeing you there!!



Well it is finally done, I am 4 months late but at least it got done.

I hope she enjoys it and, it can get passed down as a heirloom. I built it from red oak that I milled in Glenwood with Zac's help.

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Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City, NE is seeking woodcarvers to demonstrate carving especially canes, walking sticks, and Santa's during the holidays on the weekends.

If this is something that interest you please contact:

Laura Steinman 402-873-2061 or email at lsteinman@arbordayfarm.org

Hospitality

Just a reminder to our members to please contact Sandy Foral with information regarding club members who have passed, are ill and could need the support of the club, or have a happy event they would like to share. You may reach her at 402/553-3440.

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Random Thoughts.....

Well its almost June, I have the newsletter for another month done. I have been busy in between rain showers, it is difficult to dry wood when it rains every other day. I checked my air drying piles and, was concerned that I saw some mold forming on the outside of the stacks. I took a hand plane and verified that it is just surface mold but, it was a little concerning. I have both kilns loaded and, am trying to use the days the sun does appear so that I can get this wood dried. I finally finished my Grand daughters baby crib (right on my schedule). I have passed the ball to my wife to stain, and finish which by the way she volunteered to do. I am trying to work on a butternut Buffalo bust . I got some help from Kirt when he was in Glenwood so hopefully I can get that wrapped up soon. It was something I started when I carved with Denny Jackson and a bunch of guys in Papillion which goes back many years.

I have been cutting up walnut logs here and there, still have 8 or 9 to go but I am making progress. I need to get started on a dresser for my younger daughter. Its out of walnut and since she is a civil engineer she designed it and, I get to build it. I am starting to get excited about Doane although still a couple months away it is getting closer. I was lucky enough to get into Linda Curtis's class so that will be a great week for me. I really like carving animals and Kirt and Linda are the best teachers around. I also managed to get my new website finished, well at least mostly finished. I added a blog feature of stuff I am working on or cutting on the mill. I won't say it is Shakespeare but, it is kind of interesting. While I was looking through pictures for the website I realized all the stuff I have carved or built. It was fun to look back at all the logs I have cut. It has been fun to walk down memory lane, I wish I would have started a book and put them all in one place. I am sure all of you are the same it is amazing how many things you have carved or built and it is easy to forget until you see pictures of all of them. I hope all of you have gotten registered for Doane. It really is a great time and, if you have never been you owe it to yourself to try it. I also wanted to throw out a early request. I would hope you all are planning on getting a table at our fall show. I know we as a group are getting older but, we have such a great group I hope we can continue to grow. It will take all of our combined efforts to keep the club going into the future. It would be sad, if like many other shows we start to decline in participation . I always look forward to the Fall show and getting a chance to see all the wonderful carvings you have worked all year on. Well I better get busy those walnut logs aren't going to cut themselves. Check out my blog and let me know what you think... Talk to you next month George



Butternut Cants



Walnut log ready to cut



Basswood cants are slowly drying



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