



Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

Newsletter

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**LEARN SOMETHING
NEW THIS SUMMER**

A Message from your President,

Wow, June is already here and summer is blossoming once again. There are only 8 weeks left before our annual Doane Experience takes place.

My message is focusing on the subject of learning and improving your carving skills as well as opportunity for great fellowship. Doane is a perfect opportunity to do just that. We have a slate of great classes available. You won't find a less expensive week of carving, learning, and fellowship anywhere else in the country. If you have given it some thought, go ahead and enroll. You will not regret it I assure you.

In the future we would like to make plans to schedule some 2 and 3 day classes in Omaha for our members and other carvers who might be interested. The estimated cost of these classes would be \$100 to \$150 as the instructors would expect to be paid for their time and expertise. A few possible instructors for these classes are; John Engler-relief carving, Marty Dolphens-realistic and caricature carving, Stu Martin-realistic carving, Roger Nadrchal-wildlife, Warren Rauscher-unique chip carving, P.J. Driscoll-caricature carving, Rich Wagner-chip carving, Denny Neubauer-knife making and miniatures, Dennis Zongker-architectural and relief carving, Ken Armsbury-bark houses. These are the instructors we can contact to set up seminars for us. Do you have the names of other carvers whom you would like to take a class with? If so let me know and I will pursue it.

It has been my experience that taking classes greatly improves your carving skills. I have also realized that one must be willing to invest in such classes if one wants to become a better carver. In fact, I am still taking classes to improve my skills. Saturday classes at the club are a good thing, but it is really hard to get anything constructive done in only a couple of hours of instruction. Please give my proposal some serious thought and give me some feedback.

I know that summer is a busy time of the year, but please set aside time to come to our club meetings and participate in our activities. Also, remember to invite a friend and encourage those whom you haven't seen for a while to come back. It only takes a phone call.

Happy Carving,

Ken Armsbury



Meetings:

**First & Third Saturdays of each month 9am - 1pm
Augustana Lutheran Church 38th & Lafayette St., Omaha NE**

For more club information go to our websites:

www.midamericawoodcarvers.com

www.thedoaneexperience.com

CLUB NEWS

Are you a Doane Newbie?

You will receive a packet when you arrive at Doane that will let you know all about the experience and what you need to do and where you need to be, but I have a few hints that I learned **AFTER** my first year there.

Things that make life easier.

#1 A **fitted** bottom sheet. Doane supplies 2 flat sheets. If you still want a sheet under you when you wake up in the morning, bring your own. I bring a colorful set so I won't forget and toss them in the Doane linen pile when leaving at the end of the week.

#2 Power strip and bedside lamp. Ceiling light is not great for reading and not nearly enough accessible outlets.

#3 Your own bath towels....dorm towels are...well, small.

#4 Mirror for the room. Sometimes you just don't want anyone to see bedhead as you zip to the bathroom.

Those are few of the things that helped me. If you've been to Doane and have other suggestions for 1st timers, write me at inygard@cox.net and I'll put your suggestion in the July newsletter. That will be your last chance to help your fellow carver before Doane.

FOR SALE:

Leslie Anderson will be at the June 3rd meeting with wood for sale. Come to the meeting if you need some extra wood suitable for small projects. (Don't we all need extra wood? Always!)



I'm looking to contact someone to do a woodcarving as a decorative piece. It would be approximately 10 feet long by six inches wide.

For more information contact Mitch Burt, Fremont, NE, 402-490-2133

ADVISE NEEDED:

The Indian Center at Lincoln is asking for help with a large outdoor wood carving made by Peter Toth. He created one in each state with the areas local woods. This one is made from cottonwood. They need some advice on how to restore and preserve it, if possible.

They also have more Peter Toth carvings in the Indian Center, if you are interested in seeing them

For more information, call Wayne Svoboda 402-525-9833.



SHOW AND SHARE

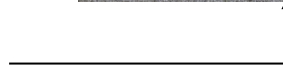
Please bring in your projects to share with the group. They can be works in progress or finished items. It is a chance for all to learn new techniques or spark new ideas. Don't be afraid to show what you know and if you have questions on your project, who better to guide you than the experts at our club. Plus your project will be published in the Newsletter.



Members Show 'n Share



Vincent Corrado



Glen Fischer



Mike Hawley

Vincent Corrado & Daniel O'Connell



Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 15-21, 2017 Doane University, Crete, NE

Contact Nancy Burke ww12618@windstream.net

www.westernwoodcarvers.com



MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane

July 23 - 29 Doane University, Crete NE

Contact Rohn Collins midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

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MAWA 2017 Club Calendar

June 3 - Club Meeting	Paint/finish 4th of July bears Faces class continued by Ken Armsbury
June 10 - 18	51st International Woodcarvers Congress, Maquoketa, IA For more info: www.awcltd.org
June 17 - Club Meeting	Chip Carving - Rich Wagner Sharpening Demo and Techniques by Ken Jirele Board Meeting
June 23 - 25	Wahpeton Carving Weekend, Wahpeton, ND For more info: www.rrvwc.org
July 1 - Club Meeting	Spoons by Wade Waltermeyer Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
July 15 - Club Meeting	Chip Carving - Rich Wagner Board Meeting
July 23 - July 29	MAWA WOODCARVING EXPERIENCE AT DOANE
August 5 Club Meeting	WE NEED YOU! SIGN UP TO TEACH A CLASS OR DEMO A TECHNIQUE!
August 19 Club Meeting	Board Meeting
August 26	7th Annual ART FAIR at Woodcraft of Omaha

This calendar is subject to change, information will be updated as needed. If you know of an upcoming carving event please let us know so we can include it on our calendar.

2017 MAWA Woodcarving Experience at DOANE

Time is running out, but you can still sign up for the Doane Woodcarving Experience. Check out the video link below for the fun times we had at Doane 2016. See the beautiful campus where we work and play. Look at the wonderful projects everyone is creating. The Thursday night Banquet is always awesome and don't forget the Auction and Raffle.

<https://youtu.be/puMklkBpKzo>



SO MANY QUESTIONS: (Watch for new questions each month)

Why does the Alphabet Song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune, and why did you just try to sing those two previous songs? And just what **IS** Victoria's secret?

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to send out a **warm welcome** to new and returning members to our club.

Jim Wetzel Bellevue, NE
Dennis Zongker Omaha, NE
Larry Miller Denton, TX

Carol Broderick Bellevue, NE
Mac McClurg Dallas, TX



Patrick Capecci



Jim Wetzel

Class in Progress:

Patriotic Bear by Dean Paulsen



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





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