



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

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Mailing Address

Mid-America Woodcarvers

P.O. Box 521

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

May 2012

Well another month has passed, and July will be here in a blink of an eye. The Doane committee has been busy finalizing all the details. Your class registration information will be arriving any day, so watch your mail box.

The fall show committee has also been busy setting dates and starting the local advertising. Included in this issue you will find the table registration form. I really want to encourage all of you to consider getting one of these tables. We always have a good turnout and we have a lot of fun.

We are accepting hand carved Christmas ornaments again this year to be used in our raffle. All proceeds will benefit a local organization that can really use the help.

Speaking of the fall show, as many of you may or may not know we are making changes to this year's show. First, the end time on Saturday has been moved from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Historically that last hour has been slow and we feel this change will prompt visitors to attend earlier.

In addition to the time change, we are also changing our prize amounts. The board has agreed to eliminate monetary awards to all categories, with the exception of the top awards including Best of Show, Runner up Best of Show, etc. This is not a decision that was taken lightly. We were one of the last shows of our size that still paid out, and with the annual costs of the event raising, it was our only option if we want to continue promoting the art of woodcarving. I feel that most of you will understand, and will still be willing to be a part of the greatest woodcarving show in the Midwest.

I want to encourage you to stop by one of our local meetings if you are in the area. Ken Armsbury has been doing a fantastic job of scheduling teachers for each of our meetings. Attendance at the meeting has really increased and everyone is benefiting for all the new techniques. If you have a project you would like to show other members contact Ken and he can add you to the schedule.

As always if you have anything you would like to discuss or share, you can always send me an email at midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com, or at my personal email rohncollins@cox.net. I promise to reply to any concerns you have.

Happy Carving
Rohn

*Summer Time is almost here, time to mow, garden,
fish, enjoy a picnic and register for
The Doane Experience*

*Many classes still have a few openings and you will
have a great time and meet some great people.*

SIGN UP NOW!!!!!!

Saturday Club Meetings

*We have had some great things happening on Saturdays at the club.
Don't believe me ? Drop by and see for yourself.*



Thad Tinder's Tahoe style carving class



Stick Carving People by Mike Klemmensen



Red chip carved egg Judy Nygard
3 chip carved eggs Doug Degner



Breta Jackson and Denny Jackson



Close up of Breta's gourd

The 2012 MAWA Club Picnic



It was a great day for bird watching as several toms put on a show for us.



The picnic was a great success this year, we had great weather and the location is a perfect spot rain or shine. The food was wonderful and everyone got plenty to eat. It was nice for everyone to get a chance to visit and meet members and their spouses. We had a great group of people and everyone helped setup and made it a wonderful time for all. When I arrived there was a large group of wild turkeys (and I am not talking about the club board members) hanging around. They seem to be enjoying the beautiful spring morning just like us. I wanted to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the club and our social activities.

We will look forward to seeing all of you next year .

New Members

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

<i>Arla Senko</i>	<i>Independence, IA</i>
<i>Bill and Valerie Conroe</i>	<i>Conroe, TX</i>
<i>Shirley Sherretts</i>	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
<i>Tutu Nath</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<i>Daniel Horton</i>	<i>Council Bluffs, IA</i>
<i>Ralph Balsano</i>	<i>Missouri Valley, IA</i>
<i>Clarence Boles</i>	<i>Glenwood, IA</i>
<i>Paul Cooper</i>	<i>Divide, CO</i>

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.

Carving opportunity:

The Corrigan center located at 38th & X Street In Omaha, NE has open time in a large classroom with lots of long banquet type tables. The carvers can use it anytime on Friday mornings from 8:30 - 11:30am. Other days have openings too. Lunch is served daily at noon & anyone 60 & over is \$3 (or donation), under 60 is \$7.

Please email Lynnette Staroska for more info. Lynnette's email address is lynnnettem18@cox.net.

Notes of Thanks:

Dear Ones:

Many thanks to each and all of you for your many kind expression of sympathy and support in the loss of my daughter, Marlene Stern.
Helen Weber

Leslie Anderson would like to thank the members of MAWA for their sympathy cards and prayerful thoughts.

Upcoming Club Carving Events

June 16th : *Putting all the processes together and carving a face*
Hosted by Ken Armsbury

*Stop in and take in a class put on by one of our members and
enjoy some
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*

MAWA NEWSLETTER EXCLUSIVE UPDATE

Gary Klinger fish carver extraordinaire actually carves something other than fish. I was surprised and impressed by his Viking so I thought I would give Gary a little space in the newsletter to show it off.
Way to go Gary!!!!



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

Before I get to my main point, I wanted to take a minute to mention a couple of people who deserve some credit. The first is Gerry Phelan who owns Midwest Woodworkers, Gerry was nice enough to donate a couple of items for the club picnic. At his store he also offers club members a 10% discount. The second person is Marty Dolphens, who donated items for the raffle. Marty is a board member and carving teacher at Doane. Marty also donated items for last years picnic. These two people don't have to donate anything, they were nice enough to do that and to me that says a lot about both of their characters. I want to thank them both personally and also as a board member of the MAWA club.

If you need tools , supplies or anything wood related stop out and see Gerry. I hear he has some great basswood and also lots of great hardwood lumber, carving tools and equipment too!

If you have not registered for Doane yet you may still be able to get into Marty's class if you hurry. I can tell you from experience you will not regret that choice , he is a great instructor.

So now to the main point of my article, I was pondering the current state of the MAWA club at the picnic. I was happy to see folks turn out for the picnic, but I wondered why we don't have the whole club there and have standing room only. It could be a sign of the times I guess, or maybe the economy. I thought maybe it was people are uncomfortable around strangers in a social setting. If there is anyone who dislikes social gathering more than me I would be surprised, anyhow I want to extend an early invitation to all of you for next years picnic. We, the club board put this on for you to enjoy and if you aren't there that seems difficult at best. So next year come out and join us, and who knows what you might win plus you get to enjoy a great group of people!



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