



# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.

# **NEWSLETTER**

APRIL 2010

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First & Third Saturdays  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Augustana Lutheran Church  
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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:***

If we haven't seen you in awhile, hope you will take the time and spend Saturday morning with us. Visit old friends, bring in something you've been carving on or start something new !

If you haven't sign up for Doane yet or know of somebody that is thinking about it there is still time to send in your application. There are still some great classes that have some opening in them, so take the time and send it in. Would be happy to see you come and

enjoy all the fun.

If you have any Auction or Raffle items you want to donate, Please let someone on the Doane Board know.

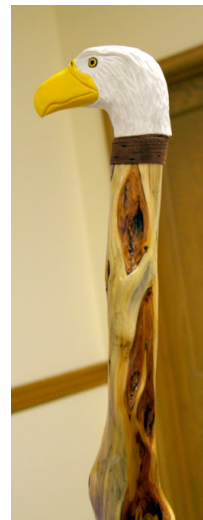
Hope everyone is busy carving new projects and Christmas Ornaments because before you know it the Fall Show will be here.

Our new Directory is all done and ready For Sale, Cost \$2.00 plus shipping.

Ron



Carved by Al Menghini



Clockwise-Cane and Whimsy House by ?  
Hand and Cross by Vanessa House  
Relief House by a friend of Bob Gritmit. Pieces were glued on separately .  
Bunny carved by Don Elsasser.



## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS:***

APRIL 3, 17 - Ken Armsbury - Continuing of the Whimsy Houses—must commit to all 4 sessions  
MAY - JULY - OPEN CARVING  
Every meeting/workshop - Beginner Class - Gary Klinger

*Carvers are invited to come and carve at Corrigan Senior Center-3819 X Street. Fridays 9:00 AM.*

# MEETING MINUTES \_ \_ OPPORTUNITIES \_ \_ \_ HOSPITALITY \_ \_ \_ \_

## General Meeting--March 6, 2010

(44 carvers signed in.)

Ron Clarke, President, announced that Rich Mahacek had shoulder surgery, but is back in Bergen with pneumonia. (get well soon).

Mike Hawkins reminded everyone of the fund raiser on Saturday, March 13 for baby, Mariah Hulett. It will be at Nebraska Crossing Mall from 4:00 - 7:00 in the atrium.

Dave Kistler reminded everyone that the March and April workshops are Whimsical Houses taught by Ken Armsbury. (class is full). Dave is now looking for an instructor for May.

New member Dave Price of Blair was introduced. Welcome!!!!

**Show N Tell**--Al Menghini showed his Nativity scene carved out of one block of wood. WOW, NICE JOB!!!

## Board Meeting--March 20, 2010

One Board member absent--Marty Dolphens Ron Clarke, President, announced that Huser Printers is closing down next month. (They have done the Clubs printing for many years.) The business will be turned over to Elman Printers, 118th & Harrison Streets. The format will be on 11 x 17 paper. It was agreed to stay with them for the time being.

2010 Fall Show items discussed again were: Nominees for Feature Carver, George Foral Award, Judges, and Charity.

More discussion and decisions will be made next month.

More discussion on Judges for Fall Show.

Most Judges receive \$200 and a room.

Ken Armsbury made a motion that we pay our Show Judges \$250 plus room for 1 night and mileage. After more discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Jim Schober made a motion that the Judges be paid \$250--1 nights lodging--1 table--\$50 for mileage. (includes 1 hour on Saturday for critics). Seconded by Mary Ann Klinger. Discussed--voted and approved. Discussion on prizes paid out for carving competition. Tabled until next month.

New MAWA membership directory now available for sale for \$2.

A van is needed to pick up carvers at the Lincoln Airport to bring to Crete. It generally is about 6 people. Van driver will be paid \$10 per person. Contact Ron.

Midwest Wood Workers is now putting out a flier and responding by e-mail. Contact them if interested.

Check web site. (.org and .com)

Mary Ann Klinger brought up a discussion regarding Chip Chats.

Other items of discussion that were tabled were Sale of Denny tools and John Dunkle as vendor at Doane.

Motion for adjournment--Jim Schober.

## General Meeting--March 20, 2010

President, Ron Clarke, announce that Eleanor Fritz has passed away. She was one of the Founders of the Club and also a Past President.

## Lincoln, NE Woodcarving Seminar

sponsored by the  
Capitol City Carvers  
Subject: PRONGHORN  
Instructor: Jim McKenney

April 16-18, 2010  
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For more information and  
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## Baker University Seminar

sponsored by the Kaw Valley

Woodcarvers  
Baldwin City  
June 10-13, 2010

Baldwin City, Kansas  
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Pray for all our armed forces in the world, especially in the Middle East and our club

A Sad Note: Eleanor Fritz-Marsh - past president of MAWA 1984, passed away in Oregon,

**If you know of anyone who passed away, had an operation or is ill.**  
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Cowboy and Santa  
by Dean Paulsen



Cowboy with Gun  
by PJ Driscoll

Dave Kistler announced he still needs an instructor for May. June--August will be open carving. No meeting on July 4.

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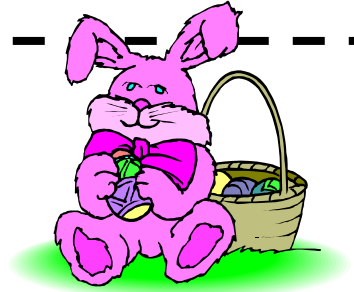
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



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- 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

**(Make checks payable to Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc. or MAWA)**

**If you have any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address contact:**

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# CORNER STONE

By Virginia Stewart

Forty-nine carvers from NE, IA, MO, KS, and CO traveled to the Eastern Nebraska 4 H Center in Gretna, NE on February 11 - 15 for a week end of carving, EATING, and socializing. Marty Dolphen, with helpers Roger Lyon and PJ Driscoll, Gary and Mary Ann Klinger, Ken Armsbury, and Dale Boyer taught classes while others worked independently on their own projects including basket weavers. A number of visitors stopped by during the week end.

Chef Monahan and his staff keep us stuffed--really good food and plenty of it. We even had prime rib and all the fixins one evening meal. Yum!!!!!!

Some carvers stayed overnight in sleeping bags on bunks, while others traveled back and forth. Sheila Houser-Zeland, massage therapist, was there Saturday afternoon to offer neck and shoulder massages for \$10. (worth every cent).

Lots of beautiful, snowy scenery, deer, and Canadian robins were enjoyed. As far as I know everyone got home safely--it just took a lot longer and was nerve wracking.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to John Robbins, from Kearney, who took over after Dean Paulsen and organized the 2010 retreat.

Dean Paulsen organized the retreat with the help of several club members for 4 years (2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009). A BIG "THANK YOU" to Dean and his helpers for all those years. GREAT JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John and Nancy Burke were the original organizers of the retreat. If 2010 was the 24th retreat, you figure out how many years they did all that work. AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dean said "A sampling of dedicated participants were: Dorothy Huser, George and Sandy Foral, Joe & Kay Wannamaker, Bill & Gloria Butterfield, "Beatle" & Paula Bailey, Frank Peterson, Roger Lyon, Dean Kelly, Jeff Phares, Marty Dolphens, Dale Boyer, Erna Beach, Bill Jagger, Shirley Sanders, Harley & Midge Schmitgen, Jerry Sloan, Jim Schober, Diane Ostdiek, Joe Brott, Hank Brust, Jim Burke, Jim Ward, Dale Timmerman, Roger Jacobs, Norm Busta, Charlie Hentzen, Stu Martin, Nancy Oluffsen, and Dell Peters-- just to name a few. . . . I could go on and on. Several "couples" met each other at the Retreats and are still together through the years."



## **Eleanor Fritz-Marsh**

**April 24, 1921 - March 5, 2010**



**Eleanor was born in Bermidji, Minnesota to John and Emma Vogel Hintz. She married Thomas Fritz in 1945 in Omaha, Nebraska. Thomas died in 1995 and she married Noah Marsh in 1996. Noah died in 2000. Eleanor was quoted to say that after surviving two men in her live that was enough. She decided to remain unmarried after that.**

**Eleanor grew up in Nebraska and graduated from high school at Tekamah, Nebraska. She also attended college at the University of Nebraska.**

**Eleanor worked for various employers including Joseph Magnin in San Francisco, a dental supply company, several years in the public schools, and for many years taught sewing machine techniques for Bernina Sewing Machine Company.**

**She started carving in the 1970s using X-Acto knives and carving mostly wood.**

**After about two years of carving she and seven other carvers founded the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc. which now has about 600-700 members. See their website at: <http://midamericawoodcarvers.com>.**

**They now hold classes at the Doane College in Crete, Nebraska for one week every summer and attract carvers from many different parts of the country.**

**Eleanor lived in Paradise, California fro eight years after living in Kansas for many years. Four years after Noah died she moved to Springfield, Oregon in October of 2004 and joined the McKenzie Woodcarvers Club.**

*Taken from the McKenzie Carvers Chips 'n Shavings April Newsletter*



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