



Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

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Sherry LaTendresse

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

First & Third Saturdays
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Augustana Lutheran Church
38th and Lafayette Streets
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Come on, Spring !! March is here and that mean spring is just around the corner right? I haven't seen this much snow since I was a kid. At least I knew what to do with it then! Now I just look at it and wish it would go away. What am I thinking? We still have another month or so! Aren't you glad that I reminded you of that!!

By now, you should have received your Doane Newsletter. Hopefully most of you have picked your class and sent it back in already. If not, there's still time. Don't miss out on some great classes and a good time!

Also check out our new-website. It looks a lot different, plus there's a comment page to let us know what you all think. Thanks to Rohn Collins and all the people that put the time and effort in the improvement.

I went to Midwest Woodworker - 14605 Wright Street - Omaha, NE (OFF OF WEST CENTER) the other day and met the new owner. His name is Gerry Phelan. He said he would give all woodcarvers a 10% discount on most items. Just let him know that you carve and belong to MAWA by showing your membership card. He would like to know what you would like him to carry and he will try to carry more carving supplies for us.

John Burke past away January 29,2010 at the age of 69. If you want you can send cards in memory of John to Nancy Burke, 868 County Road 13, Ithaca, NE 68033-2206. John will truly be missed.

Hope all is well with everyone. See you soon!

Ron



www.midamericawoodcarvers.com is here!

After two years and many changes your new website is here! The new design is easier to read and contains lots of areas of interest.

The site was designed for you, our members, and your friends. We plan to update the site continually so that you will come back often. We want you to explore this new site and see how your input has helped us to create a website we can all be proud of.

On the Fall Show page are pictures of the 2009 1st place entries. You can click on any picture to view a larger image. We are currently in the process of adding the DOANE 2009 finished project pictures.

On the contacts page is a way for you to subject questions, items for sale, and send us items for the memorial page. This is also a place for you to add your suggestions to make the site a great place to visit.

When you are on the Contact page, take the time to sign our guest book. This is a really great way to hear from you, and show all visitors where you are from. Also check out the links section on the Contact page. Here you will find a list of member websites, as well as links to our preferred vendors.

So remember www.midamericawoodcarvers.com And visit us often!

Rohn Collins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 6, 20 - Ken Armsbury - Whimsy Houses
APRIL 3, 17 - Ken Armsbury - Continuing of the Whimsy Houses—must commit to all 4 sessions
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

General Meeting--January 16, 2010

Ron Clarke updated the Club on Doane. MAWA Doane committee met with the Doane administrators on January 15. Dean Paulsen reminded Club members of the Gretna Retreat dates, Feb. 11 - 15, 2010--registration deadline of Jan. 31, 2010. Contact John Robbins for further info. Dave Kistler had been hospitalized, but was home and doing better. New Members: Sabrina Carmichael and Betty Delavan Show N Tell--Mary Ann Klinger showed her Chip carved/woodburned box. Submitted by Mary Ann Klinger (Thanks)

Board Meeting--February 20, 2010

Meeting called to order by President, Ron Clarke. All members present, except Mary Ann Klinger. 2010 Fall Show items discussed were: Nominees for Feature Carver, George Foral Award, Judges, and Charity.

More discussion and decisions will be made next month.

Doane issues discussed were photography and CDs. \$200 fee will stay the same with CDs only.

Sheila Zealand will meet with the Board at March Meeting to discuss Doane.

Discussion of checking out tools. It was ruled that the tools could be used for instruction of classes only in the building.

Any classes outside the building would require the instructors to buy the tools needed for classes. Marty Dolphens made motion and Sherry LaTendresse Seconded. Motion passed.

Ken Armsbury made a motion that the Club purchase two 40 cup coffee makers. Seconded by Marty Dolphens--discussion. Vote--approved.

Update on new directory--it is in progress. Web site is up and running.

Motion by Jim Schober that the donation to the Congress should be \$750 and \$100 Youth. Amended by Ken Armsbury to be \$500 to the Congress and \$200 for Youth. Marty Dolphens seconded. Discussion. Approved. Marty and Ken will write an article for the newsletter explaining.

Len Stenneche reported that 237 Doane applications had been received.

Discussion on getting out the Saturday workshop schedule to the outside of Omaha carvers in a more timely fashion. Meeting Adjourned

General Meeting--February 6, 2010

Thirty-nine carvers signed in. Update on Doane by President, Ron Clarke. New Web site up and running. Closing old one. Midwest Woodworkers at 14605 Wright Street has a new owner. MAWA members showing membership card will receive a 10% discount.

Dave Kistler discussed the up coming workshops. Ken Armsbury is scheduled for four sessions of carving Whimsical Houses.

Mike Hawkins presented a flyer regarding a fundraiser on Saturday, March 13 to assist a family whose precious baby, Mariah Hulett has been diagnosed with Schizencephaly, a rare disorder, also called "split brain".

OPPORTUNITIES

2nd Annual CRANES ON THE PLATTE Wood Carving & Pine Needle Art Show and Sale

sponsored by

Central Nebraska Woodcarvers
March 13 & 14, 2010

Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE

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10th Annual Woodcarving Show and Sale

sponsored by

Wisconsin River Woodcarvers, Inc.

March 20 & 21, 2010

Elizabeth Inn & Convention Center

Plover, Wisconsin

For more information, contact:

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37th Annual Woodcarving Show

sponsored by the

Kansas City Wood Carvers Club

John Knox Pavilion

Lee's Summit, MO

March 26 and 27, 2010

Contact: Ed Zinger for more info

(913) 397-6992

zingo@comcast.net

Lincoln, NE Woodcarving Seminar

sponsored by the

Capitol City Carvers

Subject: PRONGHORN

Instructor: Jim McKenney

April 16-18, 2010

Havelock Senior Center

6310 Platte Avenue

Lincoln, NE

Cost \$125 for the class

\$20 for the rough out

For more information and registration

contact: Chuck Adams

402 464-7715

They need help with expenses.

Welcome visitors--Tom Young of Platts-mouth and Ron Welsh of Ralston. Come again.

Show N Tell

Marie Nagel showed wine bottle stoppers from Italy and Corey Hallagan showed his cowboy busts.



Pray for all our armed forces in the world, especially in the Middle East and our club members who are ill.

Get Well Cards were sent out to Mike Hawley, PJ Driscoll and Rich Mahacek. All had surgery. Rich is in Bergen with pneumonia after surgery.

If you know of anyone who passed away, had an operation or is ill.

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Mary Ann Klinger wood burned and colored this box.



Cowboy busts by Corey Hallagan



Sorry, I don't know the carver.



Marie Nagel brought some Anri wine bottle stoppers .

NEW MEMBERS - FEBRUARY, 2010

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- Membership Card - send SASE (**S**elf-**A**ddressed **S**tamped **E**nvelope)

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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2010 International Woodcarvers Congress



On the web @ www.awcltd.org

This event, sponsored by the Affiliated Wood Carvers, Ltd.(AWC), is the longest running, most prestigious, competitively judged, woodcarving art show in existence. It features exhibits from all over the United States, Canada, and usually, some countries overseas. Over the years, our very generous sponsors have enabled AWC to give away, at times, in excess of \$20,000 a year in cash and awards. Anyone who is a member of AWC can enter the competition with a nominal entry fee.

New Show Location! AGAIN!

After 43 years of being in the Quad Cities, the Congress is moving 45 miles north to a wonderful community by the name of Maquoketa, Iowa. After thinking we were going to have a long term relationship with the brand new convention center in downtown Bettendorf, we soon found out that was not meant to be.

We are moving to the Jackson County Fairgrounds, located at 1212 E Quarry St. in Maquoketa. The facilities are much larger than any we've had in the past and the folks in the town are very eager to have us there. The AWC Board of Directors felt this was the best move for the future of the Congress and ask for your support.

2010 Show Judges

We have two returning judges in 2010: Peter Benson from Leeds, England and Bob Guge from Sleepy Hollow, Illinois. Our rookie judge is going to be Rick Harney from Normal, Illinois. Many of you who have been members of AWC for some time will remember Rick competing and winning big on a regular basis. Circumstances took him away from woodcarving to pursue his sculpting talents in other areas. We are really glad he is getting back to using wood! These three accomplished artists should make a great judging team!

Schedule of Events

PLEASE NOTE: CONGRESS WEEK IS NOW BEING HELD DURING THE SECOND FULL WEEK IN JUNE INSTEAD OF THE THIRD FULL WEEK.

Carry-in Carvings

Sat. - Sun. June 12 - 13. 12:00 to 4:00

Seminars

Mon. - Fri. June 14 - 18. 8:30 to 5:00

Exhibit Open to the Public

Thurs. - Sat. June 17 - 19. 10:00 to 5:00

Sunday June 20. 10:00 to 4:00

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday. June 19 5:15

Seminar Sessions

Our organization prides itself in being able to offer you some of the finest learning opportunities you will encounter at one time. Currently scheduled for the 2010 Congress Seminar Sessions are: Wayne Barton, Peter Benson, Vicki and Phil Bishop, Carol Jean Boyd, Fred Cogelow, Sara and Larry Cornwell, Neil Cox, John Engler, Leah Goddard, Gay Greer, Bob Guge, Josh Guge, Rick Harney, Vic Hood with Terry Brasher, Chris Howard, Gen Kreyling, Donna Menke, Denny Neubauer, Charley Phillips, Patty and Adair Rucker, Mike Shipley and Sandy Wirtz. Classes other than woodcarving include: Basket Weaving, Gourd Decorating, Jewelry Making, Painting, Scrimshaw and Woodburning.

Anyone who is a member of AWC Ltd. can take a seminar for a fee. Membership is \$15.00 per year (USA), \$20.00 (Foreign) and runs from January to December. You can join by sending a check or money order to:

AWC Ltd., PO Box 104, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Judges Critique Sessions

These have been a very popular feature of Congress Week. They give the exhibitors, carvers, and public an opportunity to listen to the judges discuss different aspects of the competition. Various carvings are singled out, photographed and shown in a slide presentation.

The judges point out areas, both good and not so good, which influenced their final evaluation of those carvings.

Saturday June 19. 1:00 to 3:00

Sunday June 20. 12:00 to 2:00

Questions?

If you have any questions about the show, the seminars, the competition, or membership in AWC, call Carol or Larry Yudis, the Co-Show Chairpersons: 563-505-2700 is Carol's cell and 563-676-8264 is Larry's cell.



RAINBOW TROUT Doane Experience Project woodcarved and airbrushed. Air brushed provided by instructors. Instructors are Gary and Mary Ann Klingler.



John A. Burke was born to John & Mollie (Lutz) Burke on May 29, 1940 in Lincoln, Nebraska. John enjoyed super modified car racing, treasure hunting, running Burke Machine & Welding, and teaching woodcarving over the road, building Nebrastik rustic furniture, building and restoring old cars and hotrods, playing and singing music. He authored two woodcarving books. John culminated his love of woodcarving by being named 2009 Woodcarver of the Year by Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine. He will be remembered by many as a teacher, friend.

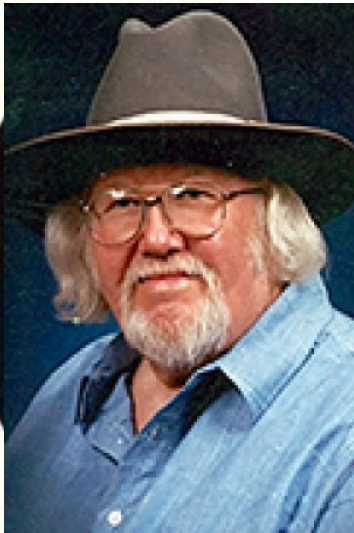
On May 26, 1973 John married Nancy Eichmeier in Ithaca, Nebraska. He sang "Follow Me" on his wedding day and Nancy and John have followed each other for 36 years.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his aunt Emma Walker, daughter Karyn Burke and grandson Michael John McQuinn. Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Ithaca; daughters and families: Kimberly & David McQuinn, Mollie, Matthew, and Noah of Lincoln; Krystal Burke and Miranda of Lincoln; and Kerri & Clide Gonzalez of Cedar Rapids, IA; his brother and family, Roger and Lucy Burke, Johnathan and Betsy Burke, Jessica, Jeremy, and Landry of Houston, TX; father and mother-in-law Milton & Alice Eichmeier; sisters-in-law and families Shirley Eichmeier, Paul and Danielle Eichmeier and Jill Chaput, Judy Eichmeier and Jerry Helgot, Mary and John Bergan, Casey and Megan Bryan and Luke Bryan; friends Bob and Rose Iiams, and Mya

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In Memory



Follow me, where I go. Take my hand and I will follow you.
From the song "Follow Me",
sung by John at his wedding.

NOW HE IS TAKING GOD'S HAND TO FOLLOW.

In Loving Memory of
JOHN A. BURKE

Entered This Life

May 29, 1940 Lincoln, Nebrasi

Departed This Life

January 29, 2010 Wahoo, Nebrasi

Age

69 Years 8 Months

Funeral Service

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 11:00 a.m.

Ithaca United Methodist Church Ithaca, Nebrasi

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Douglas Smith

Musical Selections

"When I Get Where I'm Going"

Mary Hass, Soloist

"In The Garden"

Darrel Swanson, Soloist

Organist

Roma Smith

Casket Bearers

Luke Bryan

Jerry Helget

Paul Eichmeier

Johnathan Burke

John Bergan

Bob Iiams

Interment

Indian Mound Cemetery

Ithaca, Nebrasi

Arrangements Entrusted To
Pruss-Nabity Funeral Home

Thank You MAWA for the flowers.

On the way to John's memorial service our longest family friends told me an American Eagle flew beside them. John's brother also had an Eagle fly over them on the way. On the way home from church, an Eagle soared above us.

Pastor Doug read from Isaiah 40:31 at the service: but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Nancy Burke





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