



Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.

newsletter

MARCH 2011

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Sherry LaTendresse

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

First & Third Saturdays
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Wow! Our post office box was full for most of February as we received the responses to the Doane Experience registration. Looks like we are going to have another fantastic year. There are still some spots available so if you are still interested in attending, you may want to act quickly.

I have heard from several of our members that you want the “humor” back in the letter from the president. Most of you wanted “that Denny Jackson” brand of laughter. I am happy to let all of you know that beginning in this issue, Denny has agreed to write a column especially for our newsletter. He promises to bring that special touch you have been asking for. I am glad he is back to writing, it takes the pressure off me to attempt humor.

Also new, are changes to the website. We are adding a page that will showcase your work. In order for this to happen we need your help. Send us a color photograph, either by snail mail or by email, and we will

place this on the page. The photos can be of any current project you have completed, or are currently working on. We would love to see all the fantastic pieces that you have created. For more information go to www.midamericawoodcarvers.com and click on the “members photos” page.

In addition we have been asked to add patterns to the website. I love this idea, but again, I need your help. If you have an original idea, or pattern, send it in and it may get published on a newly created “Pattern of the Month” page. Please remember that all patterns must be original to be published.

Now that you all have your assignments, I look forward to the emails and letters we will receive showcasing all of your talents.

Happy Carving

Rohn

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MARCH 5 - WAYNE GILDSETH - CHIP CARVED ICICLES (2nd session)
 THAD TINDER - GEKKO CLASS
MARCH 19 - TBA
APRIL 2 - TBA
APRIL 16 - TBA
MAY 1 - DENNY JACKSON - DRAGON FLY PIN
MAY 15 - GARY KLINGER - AIRBRUSH DEMO
Every meeting/workshop - Beginner Class with Gary Klinger.

MEETING MINUTES _ _ OPPORTUNITIES _ _ _ HOSPITALITY _ _ _

No minutes for the month of February

SHOW & TELL- February Meetings- 2011



Caraved by Don Elsasser



Carved by Al Menghini



Carved by Mike Hawley



Carved by PJ Driscoll



Plaques and Face Leaf - Joe Schock

One day class carving bark with MARTY DOLPHENS

Santa, Native American, Mtn Man, your choice

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Lunch included

Camp Brewster

1313 N Bellevue Blvd

March 20, 2011

\$50.00 includes one piece of bark

Call 402-639-3876

3rd Annual Central Nebraska Woodcarvers CRANES ON THE PLATTE Wood Carving & Pine Needle Art Show and Sale

Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE

March 12 & 13, 2011

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First Annual Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar

March 28 - April 1

Springfield, MO

28 Instructors

Contact: Loren Woodard

(573) 480-2003 or

www.ozarkswood-carvingseminar.com

38th Annual Iowa State Show

April 9 - 10, 2011

Waterloo Center for the Arts

225 Commercial Street Contact: Roger

Beane

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27th Annual Woodcarving Rendezvous Seminar

June 5 - 10

Branson, MO

Compton Ridge Campground

Convention Center

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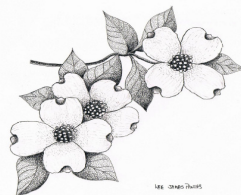
Thinking of You Card sent to Michele Stetson. Get Well Cards sent to Jack Fridley, Gene Werner and Jim Schober.

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

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Beginner's Project designed and carved by Carole Jean Boyd.

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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)

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*Ol' Don's
Drawing Table*

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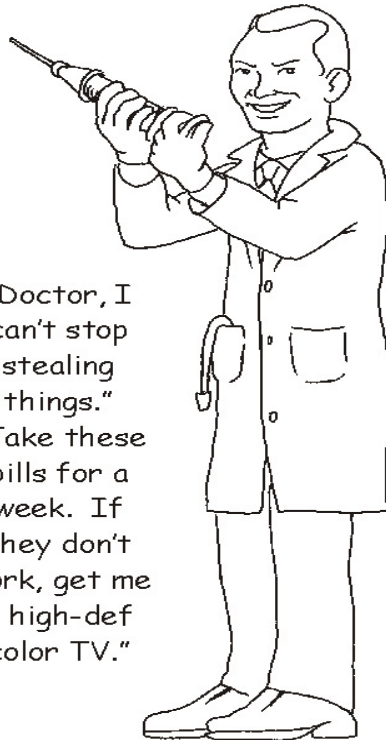
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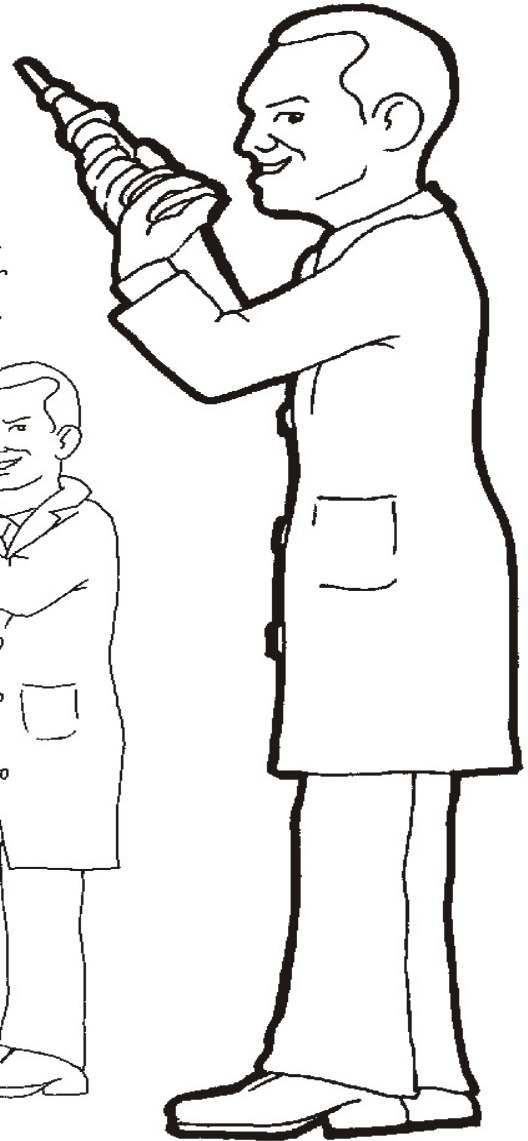
... I opened my
wallet and he
said, "Ah!"



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JACKSON'S WHOLE

"STUDIO OF THE ARTS"

OK! Here it is in a nutshell, and by nutshell, I'm not talking about Breta's description of me. After 40 years of owning a single stall garage that has never seen a car, I got the crazy idea of turning it into my art studio. With much excitement and delusions of grandeur, I approached Breta with the idea. I really didn't think calling me "Sanka" was very nice of her. She said I had no active ingredient in my bean. What was I going to do with 40 plus years of accumulated junk? I hate it when she rolls her eyes like that. One thing that I've learned over the years though, is that a woman is like a loaded gun – you don't mess with it. I'd show her!

The next day, I got an early start. Now, retirement isn't all bad. When I got up at the crack of noon, I was already at my job site. How cool is that? I figured that hard work never killed anyone, and since I didn't want to take a chance on being the first victim, I took a coffee break. Speaking of coffee I never make fun of Breta's coffee. I may be old and weak myself, someday.

Our house is a split level. Of course, it didn't start out that way. I think it was the weight of the garage that caused the shift. There was no backing down now. I was committed. I opened the garage door, genuflected, whimpered, and dug in. It took me two weeks to haul everything into the driveway. I even had to kick a transient out who had set up camp in one of the corners. Unbelievable! Three of our neighbors came over to see if we were moving. I smiled, when I gave them some of the stuff, and watched them take it to their garages.

There it was, in all of its splendor, an empty garage. I dashed into the house yelling, "Get the car keys! Get the car keys! Let's pull the car into the garage, so we can say it was in there once. Quick, before the ceiling collapses!"

Before I could call it a studio, it was going to need a lot of work and money. Breta controls the budget, and we go without a lot of things I don't need. Since my take home pay can hardly survive the trip, I proposed a great way of having money to spend. I could charge everything, and when our accounts got close to the limits, I could go to the post office, get a change of address card, send it out, and then not move. Brilliant, huh? I got another roll of the eyes and a shake of her head.

Denny Neubauer, bless his heart, you have to say that, when you're going to talk about someone, offered to help me sheer up the walls, insulate, and do the general contracting. I'm glad we were going to insulate. Our house is so poorly insulated that we have the only vacuum cleaner with snow tires. Since I am inept at these things, I graciously accepted. As I tried helping, everything was starting to click for me – my elbows, my neck, and my knees. Would you believe that Denny fired me? Not only once, but twice! In my own house and in my own garage, he fired me. I don't know what the inference is, but the electrician fired me too. Can I help it if I'm vertically challenged? At least Rich Mahacek didn't fire me. He just offered advice and sent me home. Getting fired was like being a tap dancer in the canoe of life.

After all the weeks of agony, the new "Jackson's Whole, Studio of the Arts", is all decked out with work stations, five new Neubauer Originals for cabinets, heating and air, flat screen TV, refrigerator, and microwave. Life is good. I'm a little nervous though. I overheard Breta talking about getting me a recliner, having a food slot installed, and putting locks on the inside of the door. I have visions of becoming the new Rip Van Winkle. What have I done? See you in twenty years.

Denny

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