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April 30th – Spring Picnic and Swap Meet

Join us for the annual club picnic April 30th. The picnic will be held again at Camp Brewster, located at 1313 N Bellevue Blvd, Bellevue, NE from 11:30am to 3:00pm. We'll be there rain or shine since we will again be eating inside the cabin on site.

The club will provide fried chicken, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert. The picnic is open to members, spouses, kids and grandkids.

Denny Rourke will entertain and amaze you with his magic tricks during the event.

Those in the mood to do some Spring cleaning are welcome to bring carving items they wish to trade or sell.

We invite everyone to bring their latest carving project to show and share with the club.

Donations for door prizes are welcome.

Contact Mike Hawkins and let him know you will be attending if you haven't signed up already.

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MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane Update

Registration for the MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane is now open. We encourage anyone interested in attending to submit their registration forms as soon as possible since classes are beginning to fill up.

Please note that we had some errors in class descriptions for two of our classes. The following class descriptions have been corrected. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

18. Chip Carved Kaleidoscope---Rich Wagner

All Levels/12 Students

5 days of Chip Carving the exterior of a 7" octagon kaleidoscope. Each side can be carved in one or eight different patterns (patterns will be provided). Materials needed for class: Chip carving knife (any chip carving knife will be acceptable as long as it is sharp). Custom made chip carving knives will be for sale, which you can try before you buy. You will also need a flexible ruler, pencil, compass, scissors, protective carving glove and eraser - ink eraser does it quickly and neatly. Sandpaper, stains, adhesive and patterns will be furnished Instructor will send email.

Cost: \$45.00 plus cost of additional projects \$5.00 - \$50.00

22. Decorative Gourds---Breta and Denny Jackson

All Levels/12 Students

5 Individual days of decorative gourds. Instructors will provide tools and supplies needed. Students should bring lighting. Monday- Jewelry making pendants and pins. Tuesday- Faux Beading using puff paint on a gourd. Wednesday- staining a gourd and decorating with philodendron sheath and other type of grasses or natural plant textures Thursday – Mask decorated with feathers, paint and or jewelry. Friday - this is the catch up day. There is no charge and will be used to complete all projects. Instructor will send email.

Cost: \$25.00 - \$35.00 a Day

Extra registration forms are available during club meetings and upon request.

Club Library

As we continue to relabel club library books, we would appreciate it if members would please remember to return all checked out materials from the club library in a timely manner so that we can complete this project.

Books are available for check out at every club meeting. Books should be returned by the next club meeting or re-checked out if you would like to hold on to them longer.

Wood Carving Safety

Contributed by William Mulherin

Woodcarving and accidents. They are practically connected. We hear about injuries all the time – so much so, that at the Doane Experience they're an award for "First Blood"! Injuries are 100% preventable though – IF you take the time to examine why they occur, and make minor changes to how you operate.

In the shop, there are certain things to look for that can increase your safety and reduce accidents. We'll group them into categories – housekeeping, electrical, ventilation, lighting, and your attitude.

Housekeeping is probably the most important thing to look for. Are your tools neat and orderly? Are they stored properly when you aren't using them? Are chemicals (like paint, varnish, and thinner, as well as cleaners) stored properly, and away from sources of heat or flame? Are shavings and sawdust cleaned regularly? Is clutter eliminated?

Electrical systems are extraordinary important, because as little as 75 milliamps across your heart will kill you. Your 'home' electrical service will deliver 20 amps on any circuit, and any outlet can handle 12 amps. Unless you happen to pull greater than that, don't expect the circuit breaker to trip or the fuse to blow. So, exactly how many things are plugged into one outlet in your shop? Are you running multiple power strips into just one plug? This could set the stage for disaster – you can literally 'melt' the outlet – starting a fire – without tripping the breaker!

Ventilation is critical to your short and long term health. Inhaling wood dust can cause health issues. When carving exotic woods it is especially important to wear a face mask, use a dust filter while carving and vacuum your area after you are done carving. A good dust filter is crucial – keep it clean! Additionally, wood dust is flammable – imagine a buildup of dust suddenly being thrust into the air and contacting a flame source. If you imagine something going 'boom', you are correct!

Lighting, or lack of proper lighting, leads to many lacerations ... and worse. Be sure that your shop is well lit, and if those lights are lower than 7 feet – be sure they are guarded! No one wants to accidentally hit a fluorescent light and be showered in shards of pressurized glass!

Finally, your attitude is key. Do you believe that because of your experience it can't or won't happen to you? If so, you are increasing your risk! Treat every carving session like it could be your last – because if you lose a finger or blow up your shop, it could be! Safety is not just a good idea, it's a good practice, and these tips can help that practice lead to perfection – in the form of zero accidents. Carve safely!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please include \$20.00 US Annual Membership Dues. If you would like a membership card please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your application.

Workshop Instructors Wanted!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach carving classes at club! We could use a few more instructors as the year progresses.

At the next club meeting please let Larry Putnam know the date and type of class you would like to teach this year.

We will need the following information:

- Date you wish to teach the class
- Description of class project
- Cost of project
- Length of class - Carvers should be able to complete each project in one or two meetings
- Maximum number of students

Thank you!

Members Show 'n Share

Thank you to everyone who brought projects to share with the club. It's inspiring to see what club members are doing each month. All members are encouraged to bring their finished projects to share with the club at meetings!



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www.thedoaneexperience.com

MAWA 2016 Club Calendar

April 2—Club Meeting
April 16—Club Meeting
April 30 – Club Picnic Camp Brewster
1313 N Bellevue Blvd., Bellevue, NE

May 7—Club Meeting
May 21—Club Meeting

June 4—Club Meeting
June 18—Club Meeting

July 2—4th of July Weekend NO Meeting
July 16—Club Meeting

July 24—30—MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane, Crete, NE

August 6—Club Meeting
August 20—Club Meeting

Sept. 3— Labor Day Weekend – NO Meeting
September 17—Club Meeting

October 1— Club Meeting
October 7-9— MAWA Fall Show & Sale
German American Society
3717 S 120th Street, Omaha, NE

October 15—Club Meeting

November 5—Club Meeting
November 19—Club Meeting

December 3 —Club Meeting
December 17—Club Meeting

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.

From the President:

MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane

The past two months have been incredibly busy as we prepare for the MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane. It's fun to see the names of friends returning and exciting to have new names on the rolls as well. We are still accepting registrations and will be up until July 10, 2016.

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of this event. Who knew that what started as 20 or so members meeting for a 3 day event would evolve to the weeklong workshop it is today? We would like to put together a slide presentation highlighting the 40 years of Doane and would appreciate photos and anecdotes you would like to share. Photos can be scanned and emailed to: midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

Please do not mail us original photos since we will not be able to return them to you. We will however accept good copies or reprints of photos by mail. These may be sent to:

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Now is definitely the time to get your registrations in if you haven't already!

Class assignments will be emailed to students mid-May.

MAWA Fall Show and Sale

The Fall Show committee is working very hard to make this one of our best shows ever. We will have the Fall Show registration form in the next newsletter as well as information on our featured carver.

Please keep checking the calendar for upcoming events. We are always looking to include events/shows from the surrounding area that feature woodcarvers. Please contact us if you are aware of an event in your area that club members would be interested in attending.

Club Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has been helping get the room setup for club! Just an FYI, we will be losing our setup and clean up service this fall. At this time we are considering having members clean up after themselves like we used to do. There isn't a lot of cleanup and it will save the club that expense.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Maria



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