



# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

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### A message from your President,

2017 is well under way. By now all of you should have received all of the Doane information including the registration materials. If you have already responded, great. If you are still pondering and trying to decide, this is a reminder, classes fill up on a first come, first serve basis and some classes are already full. The sooner you register the better your chances of getting your first choice of classes. Doane is a great opportunity to further your carving skills as well as to enjoy the fun and fellowship of other carvers. For those of you who have never attended, you don't know what you are missing, so join us this summer.

Your team on the board is working hard to revitalize our club and move into the future with many great opportunities for carving fun and fellowship. We are sending you a survey form asking for your input and ideas about what you would like to see the club do that will encourage you to come and participate. On February 18, we had a very open and productive discussion concerning the survey questions. If you weren't able to attend, please fill out the survey and send it in. We value your input about the club and its future.

Again, if you have been missing fellow carving friends at our meetings, give them a call and invite them to come and participate in our activities. If you haven't been coming, now is a perfect opportunity for you to return. We miss you and want to see you again. Keep an eye on our club calendar for new and exciting events designed to improve your carving and give new opportunities for fellowship.

Happy Carving,

Ken Armsbury



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[www.thedoaneexperience.com](http://www.thedoaneexperience.com)

# CLUB NEWS

## 2017 MAWA Woodcarving Experience at DOANE

Letters and e-mails went out the beginning of February. Applications are coming in. If you are still on the fence, still wondering if you should or shouldn't, take a look at this video. See the beautiful campus where we work and play. Look at the wonderful projects everyone is creating. The Thursday night Banquet is always awesome. So take a look at the video and then hurry up and send in your registration before all of the classes fill up.

<https://youtu.be/puMklkBpKzo>

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to send out a warm welcome to new and returning members to our club.

Bill Crase	Beresford, SD	Julie Springer	Omaha, NE
James Layman	Omaha, NE	Kay Stammers	Naples, FL
Jerald Chatterfield	Tecumseh, NE	Bob Dawson	Regina, SK, Canada
Lyle Hanson	Cedar Rapids, IA	Jennifer Brockman	Omaha, NE
Wade Waltermeyer	Omaha, NE	Abriella Runez	Omaha, NE
Deb Juliot	Omaha, NE	Tim Sisko	Ellensburg, WA

**If you are a new member within the last 3 months or a member who has returned back to the club and are not listed, please send an email to the editor.**

### Meeting Minutes: Jan. 21, 2017

It was mentioned that members over 90 years old become lifetime members and no longer are required to pay dues.

We discussed the need to raise dues for 2018, motion was made, seconded and passed to raise dues to \$30 for 2018. When credit cards are taken that offer rewards, the club gets charged extra for processing the card.

Fall Show featured carver will be discussed after nominations are sent in to Tom Paskach. Also looking into ways to reduce Fall Show expenses or increase revenue.

We will be ordering new membership brochures as there are several changes that need to be made. We will order smaller batches to avoid having out of date brochures. We are doing price checking now.

Motion was made to have give-a-ways of gift certificates for attendance at meetings. Each meeting the names from the sign in will be gathered for an end of year drawing of \$50 of certificates. For the 1st 3 quarters there will be random drawings from the sign-in sheet for a \$25 certificate. For those you must be present to win.

Deb Russell will now work with Larry Putnam to fill schedule with classes and/or demos.

Meeting was adjourned

## MAWA 2017 Club Calendar

<b>March 4 - Club Meeting</b>	<b>Air Brush Demo - Gary Klinger</b> Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
<b>March 18 - Club Meeting</b>	Board meeting Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
<b>March 24-25</b>	KC Elegance in Wood Show and Sale (more info on page 5)
<b>April 1- Club Meeting</b>	APRIL FOOLS! Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
<b>April 15 - Club Meeting</b>	Board Meeting Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
<b>May 6 - Club Meeting</b>	Chip Carving - Rich Wagner
<b>May 20 - Club Meeting</b>	Board Meeting Chip Carving - Rich Wagner



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.

### Air Brush Demo on March 4th

**Gary Klinger** will be demonstrating how to use an air brush. If you have an air brush and have questions about yours, just bring it along and get your questions answered by an expert. Afraid to use yours, come and see first hand how to use it and clean it. Add a new skill to your knowledge.



### CLASS INFO:

**Rich Wagner** will be available at most meetings to assist with **Chip Carving**. If you are working on a chip carving project and would like some guidance, bring it in or if you want to learn the basics , just look for the table with the Chip Carving sign.

Also, if you are a beginner and are eager to learn, **Gary Klinger** will be available at most meetings to guide you through carving basics. Just ask for Gary and we will get you set up.

### DOANE ALERT

**CLASSES ARE FILLING FAST. IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOUR REGISTRATION IN.....HURRY!**

If you are having trouble with your registration or still need the information, email me at [jnygard@cox.net](mailto:jnygard@cox.net) or call. You can call any of the board members if you have questions. (phone numbers on page 1)

# Members Show 'n Share

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Vince Corrado

Chip Carved Music Box  
Rich Wagner

## Class in Progress: by Rich Wagner



Chip Carving instruction will be available at most meetings with Rich Wagner.

## Demo in Progress: by Ken Kult



A very interested group for Ken Kults demo on sharpening and honing knives and gouges.

## **THE FALL SHOW**

Our Fall Show 2017 is just around the corner! Well, time does seem to fly by. Start planning now and get your carvings ready, so you too can have a table at the Fall Show. If you have questions or suggestions about the Fall Show, please call Tom Paskach at (402)321-4784.

Dates for the Fall Show are **Oct. 27, 28, 29 2017.**



## **SO MANY QUESTIONS: (Watch for new questions each month)**

Why is there a "D" in "fridge" but not in "refrigerator"....Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons?

(to be continued)

**Members Show 'n Share**



**Scott Tripp**



**Glen Fischer**



**Glen Fischer**



**Dean Paulsen**



**Vince Corrado**



## “The KC Elegance in Wood Show and Sale”

March 24-25, 2017

John Knox Pavilion

400 NW Murray Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64081

<http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/kc-elegance-in-wood-show-and-sale/>

### For Sale or Wanted:

If you have anything woodcarving related to sell....or is there something you would like to buy, this is the place to tell your club.

Contact [midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com](mailto:midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com)

With details and a picture, if possible.

## Workshop Instructors Needed

For carving classes or carving related **DEMOS**

Show us your method, your technique, a new way of looking at something. Volunteer for Saturday morning classes. Help your fellow carver out.

Contact Larry Putnam at 712-328-8013  
or Deb Russell at 402-291-2080



## DOANE

**DOANE INFO E-MAILS** are out and follow-up e-mails have gone out also, to make sure everyone has their information for Doane.

On a positive note, I have heard more good news on this new venture than bad. I hope you all appreciated this new method as by doing this we saved the club around \$800 on printing and mailing costs!

IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT SEEN THE DOANE INFO, EMAIL ME IMMEDIATELY .

Unfortunately, we can't control all ISP's or mail programs so we tried hard to update everyone on the challenges we faced.

The most important one that you can help us with is to always give us your new e-mail address as soon as you change it.

So hopefully you have sent your Doane registration in, because classes are going fast!



Thanks for your support,

Judy Nygard, [inygard@cox.net](mailto:inygard@cox.net)

# GRETNA CARVING RETREAT by Deb Russell

Great news! Another year has gone off without a hitch at the Gretna Retreat held at the Gretna 4-H Camp! A Big “Thank You” goes to John and Mary who have been instrumental in keeping this tradition going, and to everyone who made the retreat a success.

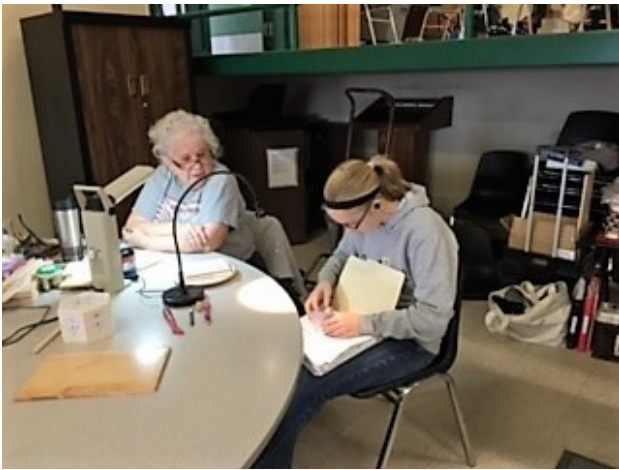
One highlight of the weekend was the beautiful weather, no snow, no ice, and temperatures did not drop to the teens or lower this year! With that kind of weather, it reminded me that spring is coming. This year as with years in the past, we had carvers from several states join us. We had a gathering of woodcarvers of all levels of expertise, for learning, carving, camaraderie and relaxation. Carvers at all levels of experience can find classes to meet their needs at our Gretna Retreat.

As I worked on my project and visited with friends that I only get to see once a year at Gretna, it came to mind that if you have not been able to attend one of our retreats, you are really missing out on a wonderful weekend. We even had our very own concerts performed each evening by our class of dulcimer makers this year. That is right, one of the classes taught this year was how to make a dulcimer, the class even included lessons on how to play! Another big draw this year was evening domino games. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves this weekend, and to top it off, the classes are not expensive. The food tastes great and there is always plenty of it. Carvers bring an assortment of snacks for everyone to share, so there is always something for every taste out there (for those of us who need a little something between meals)! The cabins that are available to stay in, for those traveling a distance or who like us, like to stay where the action is, are the typical bunk style cabins. I must say however, they are very comfortable. You just need to bring your sleeping bag, towels and your own toiletries. I took some pictures to show you what goes on at Gretna, hope you enjoy them.

My parting words are, “If you have never been able to make it to the Gretna Retreat, make next year the year!” It is an awesome time with interesting people and amazing instructors, a perfect “get-a-way” in the middle of winter in Nebraska!



# GRETNA FUN



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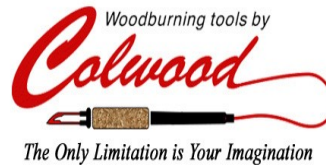






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