



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

March 2012

Welcome Spring! Although the winter here has been mild compared to winters of the past, I am still looking forward to warmer days and seeing more green. Speaking of green! Happy St. Patrick's day to all of you.

Your new board members have been busy organizing and planning future events. We are in the process of updating our club brochure. I am really excited about the new look, and think it will be useful when promoting our club. When it is complete, we will be sure to share it with you. In addition to planning, we are going to be reviving a tradition from the past. On April 7, 2012 we will be hosting a "Carvers Garage Sale". This is the opportunity for you to bring in your unused tools, books, or un-carved projects and either buy sell or trade. If you can make it on that day we would love to see you.

Also in the works, we are in the process of planning a Spring Picnic. The tentative date is May 5th. Watch for the April newsletter for all the details.

Fall show planning is well under way as well and we have hopes to release the table registration forms within the next few weeks.

Doane planning is going very well. The Doane committee will meet at Doane in April to finalize all the details. We have some surprises for you those that attend this year, so if you have not sent in your registration for the Annual Doane experience, consider doing it today. Classes are starting to fill up, so the sooner you get it to us the more likely you are to receive your first choice.

I still would like to see and hear more from each of you. If you have pictures of your recent carvings, send them to us and we will do our best to publish them in our newsletters. If you have suggestions for future articles send those as well.

You can email them to midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events

Rohn

Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery

Want to show off a new carving? We have the solution. Send us a good photo of your carving, and we will post it on the gallery portion of the website.

You can email the photograph to : midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com You can send prints to: Mid-America Woodcarvers Attn: My Carvings, P.O. Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028 Please do not send the original, as we can not return those to you.

LET'S SEE THOSE MASTERPIECES OUT THERE!!

The 2012 Doane Experience

Well the Doane newsletter is out and now is the time to pick your classes and get registered for the Doane Experience.

It promises to be a great year with some new teachers and a great value for a week of fun. I have made my choices, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. I have been practicing my farkle skills, and will no doubt be the 2012 Doane Farkle Champion. I will welcome any of you who feel you are up to the challenge.

So get registered today and bring your farkle game face!!!!

Highlights from The Club..... It has been a hectic few weeks so I don't have as many photo's of the club meetings as I had hoped. Since spring is right around the corner hopefully we won't have any more meetings canceled due to weather and we can get back to the routine.



Duck Hunter
By
PJ Driscoll

This is also PJ's Doane 2012 Class project



Cottonwood Bark House



Cottonwood Bark House



Cottonwood Viking
By
Dean Paulsen

*The Cedar Valley Woodcarvers Show
I attended the woodcarving show in Cedar Rapids on the 4 & 5 of February.
It was a good show and I took a few photo's of my display as well.
I also spent a small fortune at the Woodcraft shop , Larry was happy as he put
it "he was finally able to pry some money out of my wallet"*



New Members

We would like to welcome all our new members, if you are able, please come to a club meeting..

*Andy Sinclair Council Bluffs, Iowa
Kay Stoppkotte Chapman, Nebraska
Julie Sorensen Albert Lea, Minnesota
Johnny Ramsey Tempe, Arizona*

Upcoming Carving Opportunities

*Western & Wildlife Art Workshop
July 14-20, 2012
Doane College, Crete, NE
For more information contact
Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or e-mail
ww12618@windstream.net*

*The Doane Experience
July 22nd - 28th
Doane College, Crete, NE
For additional information
contact
Len Stenneche 402-332-3118
ldstenneche@cox.net*



*2012 Spring Woodcarving Class
With
Kirt and Linda Curtis*

*April 20-21-22, 2012
Or
April 24-25-26, 2012*

*Class will be held at
56038 Garden Lane
Glenwood, Iowa
Class Cost: \$230.00 including blank*

*To register or get additional information
Contact
Ken Jirele
kjirele@physlab.com
or
712-527-2737*

Please keep these Members in your prayers.

We have learned of the passing of Ruth Elsasser, wife of member Don Elsasser. Ruth passed away on Friday February 17, 2012. Cards may be sent to Don Elsasser at 4251 J St, Omaha, Ne 68107

We received information from Becky Neubauer on February 15, 2012 and she informed us that Denny was at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines with heart problems. Denny had two arteries 85 to 95% blocked. They put a stent in one, and when they were trying to do the other one, he had a heart attack on the table. Becky said that he is all right now, and was in Intensive Care for tonight. Card and Well Wishes can be sent to Denny at 2413 E 41st Court, Des Moines, IA 50317.

Upcoming Club Carving Events

- *March 3rd: Geometric Easter Egg hosted by Rich Wagner*
- *March 3rd: Air Brush demo by Gary Klinger*
- *April 7th: Learn to carve a face 4 teachers one for eyes, ears, mouth and nose.
Hosted by Mike Hawley, PJ Driscoll, Ken Armsbury and Dean Paulsen*
- ***April 21st: NO CLUB MEETING***

*Stop in and take in a class put on by one of our members and enjoy some
Great fellowship and a donut and a cup of coffee*

Great Woodcarving Blog

*If you are interested in watching a good woodcarving video
I might suggest checking out*

<http://outwestwoodcarving.blogspot.com/>

The guy's name is Lynn Doughty

*He really has stepped up to promote woodcarving, and he has some great
ideas, and some interesting ways of doing things.*

The current project is a civil war buffalo soldier

I think it is worth a look so check it out!!

Worried about the Post Office stopping Saturday Delivery? Tired of running to the mailbox full of excitement only to be disappointed yet again when the newsletter isn't there. Want to be go green and be part of a paperless society? Well do I have a deal for you then!!!!!!

Get it by email, you'll get the newsletter on the day it is released, and be able to see all the photos in full color. Send your name and address including email to:

midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

Gretna Carving Retreat
The annual Gretna carving retreat was held at the Gretna 4H camp and was a fun time. It always reminds me spring is right around the corner and is always a good time.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

(Check appropriate boxes)

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

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

LEN STENNECHE - 333 Paradise Drive - Gretna, NE 68028-7890 - (402) 332-3118 - ldstenneche@cox.net

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

I was able to attend the Cedar Valley Woodcarver's club show a couple of weeks ago. I would like to take a minute to thank them for making me feel so welcome and also for lending a hand unloading me when I arrived. The entire group of people made me feel welcome, and were all very friendly, and many of them thanked me for coming to the show. I also wanted to compliment them on putting on a great show. The building they had the show in was awesome, and a perfect location for a woodcarving show. They have a lot of very enthusiastic people that love woodcarving and it showed. They also had several presentations of canes to members of our military that have received the purple heart. It was neat to watch them pay such an honor to our veterans it made me very proud to be able to see that . My Dad was a WWII veteran and I think people forget that we owe all that we take for granted to our military men and woman. The slogan "Freedom isn't Free" is something many people don't stop to think about but they should! I better step off the soapbox it is a hot button issue for me I guess. In closing I again wanted to thank the CVWC for a great show and Linda and Kirt for allowing me to stay with them (I hope I was a good house guest) it really was a fun show and their passion for woodcarving sent me home with several ideas of new carvings that I am planning on doing.

George



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