



Club Information

### Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

Parking on East Side

### Mailing Address

Mid-America Woodcarvers

P.O. Box 521

Gretna, NE 68028-0521

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

# NEWSLETTER

## Message from the President:

May 2013

May is finally here and with it finally nice weather. This time of year makes me take my carving outside and carve in the warm sunshine. Something about carving outside that I really enjoy is that I don't have to clean up all the woodchips. I just sweep them into the flower gardens and they become mulch. It also allows me to spend more time with my dogs and watch them play in the yard. Win Win for both of us.

Speaking of Win Win. The annual picnic is coming up on May 5. As always I am looking forward to that. The food is always good and the conversations even better. George and his family always do a fantastic job. Hope to see you there. Want more club time? Then join us at this year's Fall show and sale. We would love to sell out of every table again this year. Rich Wagoner is making some needed changes and I am anxious to see how this will improve our already great show. The application form is in this issue and I want to encourage all of you to send that in a quickly as possible. Look for the new categories in the June issue.

Wow! I'm speaking of June already and that means the Doane Experience is coming up fast. If you are still on the fence about attending you may want to decide fast. Some classes are full and the rest are filling up fast. We would love to see you there. I look forward to going each year and I look at it as a giant family reunion. For those that attend this year, remember Mary Ann is always looking for carved Christmas ornaments to place on the fall show raffle tree. The proceeds go to a good cause. The Doane committee has already met with the Doane Staff and as usual they are looking forward to our arrival. The staff actually told us that they look forward to our visit and talk about all the great carvings for months.

Proud to let everyone know that the club recent completed a project that was started 11 years ago. Two beautiful bookcase with hand carved panels have now been finished. Special thanks to Bud Strickland and Rich Mahacek for taking on the task of putting the finishing touches on the cases and finishing them with a beautiful stain. They came out amazing. We have decided that we would donate them to the Augustana Lutheran Church to be used in the Church Library. They are thrilled to have them and will display them in the main entryway over the next few weeks. The Church is where we hold our bimonthly meetings and they have been great to us. It will be nice to see the book cases on display.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Happy Carving

Rohn

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MAWA SPRING PICNIC  
MAY 5TH AT CAMP BREWSTER AT FONTENELLE FOREST  
BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA  
CLUB IS PROVIDING MAIN DISH AND DRINKS  
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH  
PRIZE DRAWINGS, GAMES FOR THE KIDS, AND JUST PLAIN FUN  
LUNCH WILL BE AROUND 12:00**

# Show and Share



## Saturday Club Classes

May 4th	Tom Wolfe Wizard part 2	hosted by	Ken Armsbury
May 18th	“Finish a Carving Class” - Bring an unfinished carving and get the help you need to finally get that project done	hosted by	Ken Armsbury
June 1st	Little People Part 1	hosted by	Ken Armsbury
June 15th	Little People Part 2	hosted by	Ken Armsbury



The Woodcarvers in Lincoln Nebraska had a class with Jim Willis

It looks like they all turned out great.  
I saw some of Jim's work a few years ago at the Kansas City, His work is top notch.

### Woodcarving Tools for Sale

Nancy Burke has a large set of Swiss Made mallet tools for sale.

If you are interested contact: Nancy Burke

Ph: 402-623-4383

*E-mail: [ww12618@windstream.net](mailto:ww12618@windstream.net)*

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

**[WWW.MIDAMERICAWOODCARVERS.COM](http://WWW.MIDAMERICAWOODCARVERS.COM)**  
**IT HAS ALL KINDS OF GREAT INFORMATION**

## Upcoming Events

### CCA Carve-a-long East

Memorial Day Weekend 25, 26, 27 May 2013  
Not just carving classes, make it a mini vacation -bring yopur spouse/companion!  
Northwoods InnLake Placid, NY  
Featuring  
Chris Hammack, Rich Wetherbee, Pete LeClair

For more information contact:  
Jim O'Dea at jeodea@aol.com or call 941-697-2002 cell

### International WoodCarvers Congress

46th Annual  
Maquoketa, Iowa  
June 9th thru June 16th 2013  
For information Contact  
Larry or Carol Yudis  
563-505-2700 or 563-676-8264  
Or email: congress@mchsi.com  
Web Page www.awcltd.org

### Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 20-26 2013  
Crete, Nebraska  
See Brochure [www.westernwoodcarvers.com](http://www.westernwoodcarvers.com)  
Contact  
Nancy Burke 402-623-4292 or [ww12618@windstream.net](mailto:ww12618@windstream.net)

### The Doane Experience

July 28- Aug 3 2013  
Doane College Campus Crete Nebraska  
Look for more details in the February Newsletter

**Registration Form**  
**Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.**  
**38th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE**

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.  
 3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska  
 Friday, October 11, 2013 Set-up time 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Competition Entry 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
 Saturday, October 12, 2013 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, October 13, 2013 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ table(s)\* space(s) with 2 chairs - \$30.00 each. *Non-members -\$50.00.*

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If attending*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be sharing a table? Yes or No (*circle one*) If Yes please provide the following information:

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If attending*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors will be responsible for providing the following items:

Table covering –this must cover the top as well as 3 sides to the floor. *It must be fabric or vinyl covering.*

Lighting and cords – *make sure you bring duct tape to tape cords to the floor.*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to: MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Send registrations to:*

MAWA 2011 FALL SHOW AND SALE  
 PO BOX 521  
 GRETNA, NE 68028

\*Average table size is 8 feet, but a few tables will be no smaller than 6 feet in length due to space.  
 If you have any questions contact Rich Wagner at (402) 895-1315 or [chipcarver@live.com](mailto:chipcarver@live.com), or contact Mary Ann Klinger at (402) 453-2393 or at [gmklinger@c](mailto:gmklinger@c)



**New Members**

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

Diane Stagner Orrick, MO

Welcome to the Club!!!!!!

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

**Diamond Willow for Sale**

Mike Herring has some diamond willow for sale

For more info you can contact:

Mike Herring

Ph: 402-727-5520

mherring1@neb.rr.com



**Here is a photo of our Master Carpenters and the bookcases that they finished**

The sides have carved panels that were carved by different clubs members.

Probably would have looked really cool if I had remembered to take a couple of photo's

You get what you pay for, and my newsletter salary, reflects my newsletter work.

*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too*

*Enjoy Great fellowship and a donut and a cup of coffee*

**Condolences:**

We have recently learned of the passing of Ray Hula, a good member and friend.

Ray passed away on April 2, 2013 after a brief fight with cancer. His contributions to woodcarving and attendance at the annual Doane Experience will be greatly missed.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

Wow another month come and gone and another newsletter deadline is here. What should I pontificate about this month. Well I guess I will mention the club picnic May 5th at camp Brewster. We hopefully will have a good turnout and the weather will be good. I will mention if you win one of the wonderful raffle prizes donated by someone PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO THANK THEM by email or a nice card or a personal thank you. It is **Rude** not to thank them and it makes getting donations that much tougher. So take the 2 minutes and say "Thank You" the people who donate want a little bit of appreciation. Ok now that I have that off my chest I will move on. We still have some openings for Doane if you haven't tried it, you really should, it is a fun week of carving and fellowship. We also have the application for the fall show in the newsletter so think about signing up for a table, or share a table with a friend, or we can help you find someone to share a table with and maybe make a new friend. On a lighter note it is nice to see the sun come out again and the rain stop. We need the rain, but too many rainy days in a row is kinda depressing. I will also throw out this **Remember** to wear your carving glove. One of the guys I was in class with recently cut their hand pretty good and he wasn't wearing a carving glove. I know a lot of carvers don't, but I do and it has saved me more than once. On that same note I make furniture as well as carve (well I try and carve) anyways. I am currently making a couple hope chests and the one I am working has hand cut dovetails for the case construction. The way I make them is you use a dovetail saw and cut the tails first and then you can chop or saw out the waste. This time I decided to saw out the waste with a coping saw. So I take my coping saw I have had for 40 years and start to saw out the waste between the pins. I am buzzing along and things are going great so I get to the last one and as I am cutting along I confused the waste between the tails with my thumb. In case you are wondering, coping saws will cut flesh, quite well. It also apparently takes a couple of seconds for your finger to send the message to your brain HEY STUPID YOU ARE CUTTING YOUR THUMB..... Message received. My coping saw and my thumb both survived, although it is amazing how much you use your thumb, not as much as my driving finger but a close second!!! George



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