

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

November 2015



Meetings and Open Carving - First and Third Saturdays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



From the President:

This has been a tumultuous month for my family and myself. Throughout it all I find myself repeating the phrase, "Count your blessings". It isn't always easy to stop and do that when you are faced with so many uncertainties, but it is definitely the time when you need to do so the most.

My family is my biggest blessing, as I am sure many of you would say as well. I also look upon MAWA as one of my blessings. I have met and befriended so many great people over the years in this organization. I look forward to seeing familiar faces at each meeting and catching up on the events in each other's lives over the past weeks. I look forward to meeting new members and encouraging them to try new things and make new friends in the club.

We are so fortunate to have members willing to share their carving expertise, to have a nice meeting place, a club library, and many other resources. We have a great board that is active and constantly working to maintain and improve everyone's experience in the club.

I'm not sure how everything will turn out for me and my family over the next few weeks, but I will continue to count my blessings. I look forward to seeing you all at club.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Maria

T-shirt Designs Wanted!

Please send in designs for the 40th Annual MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane by December 10th. You can mail your design to the club or email it to:

midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

Design winner will receive a t-shirt with their design and a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Woodcraft Shop!

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Here is a short video clip that may spark your interest

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

BY Denny Jackson

Ya know, sometimes I am just baffled at the workings of the female mind. Ha! Can't you just hear the women out there saying, "So! You're not supposed to, Dork!" I know that I'm in trouble already just by making that statement. I've opened a can of worms and I had better be able to explain.

Now, I've been married to a wonderful and very special lady for almost 53 years, and I love her dearly. There, do you think I schmoozed her enough that I can make the following comments without getting "the look?"

There's one thing that just boggles me to no end, and please guys, don't let me be the only one who this happens to or I might feel like I'm the only eyelet in a zippered boot. I know! I don't know what that means either. It doesn't really matter, as long as there is at least one more bemuddled guy out there with the same dilemma.

Well here goes nothin! It seems that it is impossible to ask my wife a question without getting a question back as her reply and most of my questions require a very simple "yes" or "no" answer.

Here are a couple of examples: We're driving home after carving club and I ask "Would you like to stop for something to eat?"

Her response is "Why? Are you starving? What are you hungry for?"

Dang, for a second there I thought I asked her first, and with a simple yes or no requirement. All of a sudden it's back on me. Man!!

If I ask her if she would like to go to a movie, it's "Why?" "Nothing good on TV?" "What's showing?" Three questions in return. What is a guy to do?

Want to go shopping? "Why? Are you out of underwear? Where do you want to go? Are there any sales going on?"

I am at my wits end. Women say we don't know how to communicate. I guess they're right to an extent. Ask a guy a yes or no question and you'll get either "yup", "nope" or some form of a grunt. At any rate you know his answer.

It's no wonder we can't communicate with women. We're too confused to answer our own questions.

THE BOOK CORNER

Just a reminder of one of the wonderful resources that our club has is our library. We have a huge assortment of very helpful books to help you with your next project. All we ask is that when you check them out be sure to keep track of when they are due back. Someone may be waiting for that book to give them inspiration.

Our rules are posted on the door of the library and if you need help with finding a book, we do have them listed in a Catalog Binder that has a section listed by type of carving and another section listed by author. If you need assistance finding a book, just ask Barb, Judy or any of the officers. We'll be glad to help you. We hope you use this valuable resource as it is a wonderful benefit of belonging to the club and attending the Saturday meetings.

Bark Carving 101

Ok here is the next installment, if I haven't already lost your attention. It has currently has four planes almost like a house two side walls and a roof. I have roughly divided the face into thirds at the eyes line, bottom of the nose, and the bottom of the chin. These I always leave a little long as you can always take more away but its hard to add back once removed. I will be glad to help you if you have taken off too much just give me a call (shameless plug)



Here is a closer picture hopefully you can see the face divided into thirds at the eye line and the bottom of the nose. You should also be able to see the face is shaped like a wedge with the nose sticking the farthest out



So I have the nose cut in and I have started the eye sockets. I also have added expression lines that give me an idea on width of my mouth



Here is the mouth drawn in approx. where I will put it. You should also see the center line it is very important to maintain the center line.



Here I have carved in the mouth and started hollowing the cheeks. At this point I check my proportions and adjust and refine they until they look proportional



I have added the eyes here , rounding them side to side and removing a chip in each corner to help make them appear round. At this point it is time to decide on some detail on shirt, hair etc.

MAWA Club Calendar

November 7—Club Meeting—Steve Reed—Ornament

November 21—Club Meeting— Club Elections

— Steve Reed—Chip Carving—Barrette

(fee to cover cost of barrette)

December 5—Club Meeting—Ken Armsbury—Christmas Spoon

Christmas In Germany— German American Society Dec 6, 2015 11:30am - 6:00pm

December 19—Club Meeting—P.J. Driscoll—Christmas Surprise

-Annual Ornament Exchange

January 16—Club Meeting

February 1— Registration Opens MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane

February 6—Club Meeting

February 20—Club Meeting

February 4-7—Gretna Woodcarving Retreat - Registration forms online at:

www.gretnawoodcarversretreat.com

Class with Kurt and Linda Curtis

We are planning on having Kirt and Linda Curtis come over again to Glenwood to teach class.

The subject is going to be a standing moose and will happen on the 6,7,8th of November.

This is a ambitious project in three days but it is a great carving and will be well worth the extra effort.

We will be carving at the same location that we have used in the past in Glenwood

I will hopefully talk my wife into making her world famous Lasagna on Saturday

I don't have a class cost yet but I will get that information as soon as possible.

If that is something that you want to do let me know ASAP

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I have written and deleted this article about 20 times. I am searching for the right wording and then deciding that it isn't the way I want it to sound and then I start over. The issue I have (they teach you that calling it an issue sounds better then calling it a problem) Is the lack of participation in our Fall show by our own club members. It seems to me that we all share the enjoyment of woodcarving, and we are all members of this club. So it would seem to me that the two kind of go hand in hand. If you belong to the club you hopefully would want to support and promote it. One way to do that is to help promote the art of woodcarving. One way to do that is be a part of the Club and get a table at the Fall Show. ***We really need all of you to participate to make our club successful.*** If our own members are not willing to be involved how can we really continue to grow as a club. I am not trying to point the finger at anyone in particular but I would hope you consider next year being involved in the promotion of our club. If we can all work together we can make our show something that stands out as one of the best shows of a great art. Please consider being more involved in the club don't think the other guy is going to do it because they are saying the same thing.....George

STEVENS POINT Carving Show

By Denny Jackson

It's November, and carving shows are winding up for the year. Retirement has allowed Breta and me to attend several shows around the Midwest. Isn't aging a wonderful experience? What a thrill it is to find out that Polident isn't a beat up parrot. Anyway, after attending your own show if you are looking for another show to go to, I'd like to recommend the Wisconsin River Wood Carvers show in Stevens Point, WI. The long time supporters of the Doane Experience, put on an outstanding show. This year the Caricature Carvers of America attended, bringing total tables to 130. We heard rumors that the only show that is better is Dayton, Ohio, and that's only because it is bigger. You might want to reserve your table early though. Report is over 60 tables are already taken. You might consider putting Stevens Point on your calendar for next year. Their web site is: www.wisconsinriverwoodcarvers.org.

Show and Share



Bark House

By

Steve Reed

Well I have been busy lately and, I know you all want to hear about it. I had a great time at the Fall show talked to lots of great people and, checked out some great carvings. I was lucky enough to get an opportunity to carve with my friend Kirt Curtis one on one. I did a buffalo and it may be the best piece I have ever carved. Kirt is a one of a kind wood carver and, he has become a good friend along with his wonderful wife Linda. On the trip over we had a minor issue with getting there but, that was due to bad navigational advise from PJ as we searched for this chicken place. We did find it and the chicken was good. PJ taught a class over that way so we rode together which is always fun, he is a great guy to hang with.

I also finally decided to build a barn/shed as I needed some extra storage space. I need someplace to put all that wood, I guess my wife thinks that our garage should be for our cars. I just can't figure that woman out even after 27 years. My Three sons have been helping me and it is nice to spend some time with them. I decided with Katy's help to demonstrate for the cub scouts in our home town. I really didn't want to but I decided to stretch my comfort level and give it a go. They were all cute kids and seemed to be interested as far as I could tell. I did a quick face demonstration and as I was carving I explained you can carve all kinds of stuff. You can carve Santa's, animals, birds, almost anything you can think of. One of the boys speaks up and says can you carve the worlds biggest hot dog, not sure where that came from but I laughed. I got all done and I was headed home and glanced at the carving, it look like I beat it with a dull axe. I hope that despite my hack job of a carving the kids will get their merit badge, I have a good fire starter carving now I think bark burns doesn't it.....George



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