



# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

## Newsletter

November 2016

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### **Rich Wagner - Acting President**

Here it is November already, and time to give thanks for the many good things that have happened in our lives. Share those special times with your loved ones. Spread thanks to someone who might be down on their luck by giving a little something to the food bank or shelter.

Well, the Fall Show is over and my behind is still dragging! With all the competition we were up against, it went very well. I want to thank the Fall Show committee and all the volunteers who helped, especially the ones who stuck around at the end to clean up and to make sure Larry Yudis was packed up and on his way. The entertainment was a real nice touch, thanks to the dulcimer players (woodchip chirpers and their dulcimers) orchestrated by Mary Robbins. Also, we need to recognize and thank Dennis Nygard for organizing the Loess Hills Wood Turners. The club demonstrated their turning techniques; I heard lots of visitors making great comments.

Remember this is election month and we have to elect a **President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, and three board members**. Some members have shown strong interest in these positions. I believe this new Board will be one of the strongest the club has had in a long time.

With a heavy heart, this will be the last newsletter that I will be writing. My time as 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and acting president has come to an end. This year was a stressful but fun year. The many challenges the club encountered this year were met by the club members with enthusiasm and a can-do spirit. If anybody thinks this club is in trouble, they are totally wrong. We have new people coming into the club that want to see it prosper and flourish. The way this club will prosper and flourish is by having the older members take the new members under their wing and showing them, with a **positive attitude**, what MAWA is all about.

I have chosen not to run for a position on the board because of health and personal reasons. I will miss being part of the board and the friends that I have made. I will always be around to help out. Thanks, Rich



Note: We are busily working on Doane 2017. Letters to instructors have been sent out. Here's to a great 2017.

For more club information go to our websites:

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

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

# CLUB NEWS



## Club Elections: **Nominations, Nov. 5**

## **Elections, Nov. 19**

We have openings on the MAWA committee that will be up for election this Fall. Please let anyone on the current committee know if you would be interested in keeping this club strong and moving forward. We will be electing President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and 3 Board Members. This is your club, we can't do it without you!

## T-Shirt Designs Wanted!

Please send in designs for the 41st Annual MAWA Woodcarving Experience at Doane by December 10th. You can mail your design to the club or email it to:

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

## Christmas Ornament Exchange:

Remember to make an extra ornament for our ornament exchange in December.

It's fun for all!

Brown bags will be provided at an upcoming meeting for a "secret" exchange.



**Dues are Due!** If you haven't paid your dues for 2017, please fill out the membership application (page 7) and either bring it to our Saturday meeting or mail it in. Dues are delinquent after Dec. 31. Even if renewing, we need the application to ensure we have the most updated information.

## Members Show 'n Share



Vince Corrado

Roger Nadrchal  
**Best In Show**



## New Members



Ken Shoning

Norm Minske



# 2016 Artistry in Wood Fall Show

## Mid-America Woodcarvers



# 2016 Fall Show Top Winners



**Roger Nadrchal**  
Best In Show  
Advanced Champion  
Best of Group

**Warren Rauscher**

Best of Show Runner Up  
Open Class Champion  
Best of Group



**Dan Robidoux**  
Open Class Runner-Up  
Best Of Group

**Norm Minske**

Advanced Champion Runner-up  
Best of Group



**Dennis Nygard**  
Best Of Non-Carved  
Best of Group

**Daniel Oconnell**

Novice Class Champion



# Fall Show Best of Group

*Open Fish, Aquatic, Amphibian, Reptiles, & Dinosaurs - Bob Gregory*

*Open Abstract and Ornamental - Warren Rauscher*

*Open Caricature - Dan Robidoux*

*Open Birds - Dan Robidoux*

*Advanced Unusual Woods - Norm Minske*

*Advanced Non-Carved - Lee Poppe*

*Advanced Relief Carving - Harry Hecht*

*Advanced Animal - Roger Nadrchal*

*Advanced Instructor Assisted - Roger Nadrchal*

*Advanced Non-Carved - Pat Morris*

*Advanced Wood Turning - Dennis Nygard*

*Advanced Religious/Mythical - Mike Hawkins*

## A New Project For You?

Our club project a few years ago was the Shawn Cipa Noah's Ark.



Our newest addition was carved by Jan Gramm. Aren't they cute? They are being pulled behind the ark, of course.



Now the **challenge** is to add some more animals to our ARK. Find an animal that is not in our ark and make a pair that we can add to the ark menagerie for next year's show. Let us know what you are planning so we can make sure that it is not already being done by another member.

**Some suggestions:** Fox, Horse, Kangaroo, Polar Bear, Wolf....the list is long. (pairs, of course)

Your animals and your name will be highlighted in the Newsletter.

If you wish to participate, send email to [jnygard@cox.net](mailto:jnygard@cox.net) with your choice of animal.

**Workshop Instructors Needed.....For Saturday club meetings.  
Contact Larry Putnam at Club Meetings or call 712-328-8013**

## MAWA 2016 Club Calendar

<b>Nov. 5 - Club Meeting</b>	Class: 5" Santa by Dean Paulsen <b>Nominations for Board Members</b>
<b>Nov. 19 - Club Meeting</b>	Class: Christmas Gnome by Ken Armsbury <b>Election for Board Members</b>
<b>Nov. 19 - 20</b>	Kaw Valley Woodcarvers Annual Show, Topeka, KS <a href="http://www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org/">http://www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org/</a>
<b>Dec. 3 - Club Meeting</b>	
<b>Dec. 17 - Club Meeting</b>	<b>Ornament Exchange</b> , no need to wrap, bring it in a brown bag <b>Special Treat to Eat and free coffee</b>
<b>Jan. 7 - Club Meeting</b>	
<b>Jan. 21 - Club Meeting</b>	

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.

### Class in Progress: Little Santa

Instructor: Steve Reed



# The Annual Gretna Carving Retreat 2017

February 9th thru February 12th

The Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center at 21520 W Highway 31, Gretna, NE 68028

<http://gretnawoodcarversretreat.com> for more information.

## Class In Progress: Santa Icicle

Instructor: Ken Armsbury



## SNOWBIRDS



Are you flying south this year?

If you are please send us

- ◇ your winter address,
  - ◇ your e-mail address
    - ◇ start date
    - ◇ end date
- of your time in the sun.



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