



# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

## Newsletter

November 2017



### Club Officers

#### **President**

Ken Armsbury 402-397-8776  
402-651-6850

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Rohn Collins 402-553-6721

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Tom Paskach 402-321-4784

#### **Treasurer**

Ken Kult 402-598-7518

#### **Secretary**

Judy Nygard 402-292-8369

### Board Members

Steve Reed 402-293-3847

Paul King 402-991-2737

Deb Russell 402-291-2080

Roger Nadrchal 402-750-5591

Cathy Reed 402-293-3847

### Committee Chairs

#### **Membership**

Ken Kult

#### **Workshops**

Larry Putnam 402-679-1438

Deb Russell

#### **Library**

Judy Nygard/Barb Steiner

#### **Website**

Rohn Collins

#### **Hospitality/History**

Sandy Foral 402-553-3440

#### **Tool Manager**

Ken Armsbury

#### **Doane**

Rohn Collins

#### **Fall Show**

Tom Paskach

#### **Newsletter**

Judy Nygard

[jnygard@cox.net](mailto:jnygard@cox.net)

A Message from your President,

By the time you are reading this, the annual fall show is in the record books. We had a good showing of some fabulous wood carvings and a very good competition. A listing of our winners will be in the next newsletter. We want to thank Warren Rauscher for teaching a super chip carving class. A great big THANK- YOU goes out to Tom Paskach and all of his helpers who put together a great show.

Now that November is with us we turn our attention to the annual election of officers and board members for 2018. There are a number of positions open for election including President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and two general board seats. Our nominating chairman is Thad Tinder. If you would like to run for one of these open seats let him know ASAP, and if you would like to nominate someone else (after getting their permission) also let Thad know. I am running for another term as President (if you feel that I have been successful this past year) As the saying goes "We are looking for a few good men/women." The election will be held Nov. 18.

Preparations are under way again for our wood carving experience next summer. Prospective instructors are being invited as we speak. We are also in the process of negotiating a contract. More details will follow as they develop.

Now that the yard work is winding down and you have the house buttoned up for winter make sure you set aside time for our Saturday meetings. The meeting hall and bathrooms have been remodeled and are super. We continue to arrange for some good classes. Invite a friend and/or fellow carver whom you haven't seen for a while and come carve with us. Thanks to all who have supported the club throughout the year.

Blessings and Happy carving

Ken Armsbury



#### **Meetings:**

First & Third Saturdays of each month 9am - 1pm  
Augustana Lutheran Church 38th & Lafayette St., Omaha NE

For more club information go to our websites:

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

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

# CLUB NEWS

## Mail recipients

If you receive your Newsletter by MAIL , but you do have an email address that you could use to receive the Newsletter, please let us know. The color photos add so much to the viewing of the projects and you won't be at the mercy of the printers and the mail! Help support your club by cutting down on the rising costs that we face every day! Contact the editor (page 1) or treasurer with your email address. ( New addresses only)

## Elections.....November 18, 2017

Openings this year

President	2nd Vice President
Secretary	2 Board Members



The Election Chairman is Thad Tinder. If you are interested in any of the positions to help support your club, please contact Thad at 402-763-8600 or contact him at the club meetings.

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!!!**

## 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.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Keep in mind that we will be having a Christmas Dinner this year. If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact Deb Russell at 402-291-2080. Details to follow later.

**Dues are Due!** If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, please fill out the membership application (page 7) and either bring it to our Saturday meetings 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. **NOTE:** Dues will now be \$30 and includes your family.

**REMINDER:** If you are interested in Chip Carving, see Rich Wagner at the meetings and you can have hands on practice with a great chip carver.

## UPCOMING CLASS

The Lincoln Club is hosting a Relief Carving Class with John Engler on Nov. 10,11,12. Cost will be \$150 plus cost of your board. For more information, contact Dick Duba at 402-488-3512.

## Kansas City Woodcarvers Elegance in Wood Show and Sale

March 16-17, 2018

John Knox Pavilion,  
520 N.W. Murray Road  
Lee's Summit, Mo



Memories from the Home Place  
by David Lautenschlager  
Photo: Jay Basher, Coral Ridge  
Studio



Coming to Town, by Randy  
George



Graceful Doe & Woman  
by Julie Brobst



Mums and Acorns  
by Jeanie Holle

- ❖ See and purchase unique hand-carved items.
- ❖ Talk to the artist, get ideas, purchase wood, rough-outs, tools and supplies.
- ❖ Meet our new wood and rough out vendors.
- ❖ Raffles of quality items to be held every hour.
- ❖ Carvers and wood enthusiast from the Midwest will gather in fellowships, education, and in competition.
- ❖ Enter your work in competition and have it scored on four criteria.
- ❖ See who wins Best of Show, Second Best of Show and Group Blue Ribbons.
- ❖ See who becomes the Grand Champion for 2018, wins the cash purse, and is awarded the coveted custom embroidered vest.
- ❖ Judges will be available to speak privately with Exhibitors about their entry and scores.
- ❖ Over \$1,000 available for prize monies.

We accept Exhibitor applications until March 1, 2018. You must be an exhibitor to participate in competition. All entries for competition must be pre-registered prior to March 1, 2018. No exceptions. Exhibitors can apply and pay on line at <http://kcwoodworkersguild.org/kc-elegance-in-wood-show-and-sale/> or send in your application by US Postal Service. (See website for details).

**Public Admission:** \$5 (a free raffle ticket with each paid admission). Scouts in Uniform and Children under 12 with an adult – free.

**Show Sponsor:** Kansas City Woodcarvers, a Special Interest Group of the KC Woodworkers Guild.



### 2017 Grand Champion -

David Lautenschlager showing his carving of Memories from the Home Place and wearing his new custom embroidered Grand Champion Vest.

## A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!

Here is your chance to support your local veterans. We are collecting Christmas Ornaments for the Veteran's Home here in Nebraska. So when you are working on your ornaments this year, make another one (or more) to donate to the Veteran's Home Christmas tree.



Let's see if we can cover their tree with our ornaments and bring smiles to their faces. You can bring the ornaments to the club meetings in November, or mail them to: **Steve Reed, 2213 Coventry Drive, Bellevue, NE 68123.**



## NEED SOMETHING TO DO IN 2018?

FEB 3-4, 2018 COASTAL BEND WOOD CARVERS SHOW

CIVIC CENTER, 700 WHEELER AVE., ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS  
FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.TEXASCARVERS.ORG](http://WWW.TEXASCARVERS.ORG)

FEB 10-11, 2018 DESERT WOODCARVING SHOW AND SALE

MESA CONVENTION CENTER  
201 N. CENTER ST, MESA, AZ  
FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.DESERTWOODCARVINGSHOW.COM](http://WWW.DESERTWOODCARVINGSHOW.COM)

APR 6-13, 2018 TEXAS WOODCARVERS GUILD 2018 SPRING ROUND-UP

CLEBURNE CONVENTION CENTER  
CLEBURNE, TX  
FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.TEXASWOODCARVERSGUILD.COM](http://WWW.TEXASWOODCARVERSGUILD.COM)

## Gretna Woodcarvers Retreat for 2018

Feb 8,9,10,11th, 2018

<http://gretnawoodcarversretreat.com/>

### CONTACT

John Robbins at:  
Phone: 308.236.3307  
Email: [jrobb3@hotmail.com](mailto:jrobb3@hotmail.com)

Mary Robbins at:  
Phone: 308.627.4435  
Email: [merobbins1942@yahoo.com](mailto:merobbins1942@yahoo.com)



Please put "Gretna Retreat" in the email subject line.

## MAWA 2017 Club Calendar

<b>Nov. 4</b> <b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Icicle class by Rich Wagner</b> <b>Christmas Ornament by Steve Reed</b>
<b>Nov. 10-12</b>	<b>Relief Class with John Engler @ Lincoln (see page 2 for info)</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b> <b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8AM</b> <b>ELECTIONS</b> <b>Harbor Seal Class by Thad Tinder</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b> <b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Pierced Carving Class by Rich Wagner</b>
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Christmas in Germany at German American Club</b>
<b>Dec. 16</b> <b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8AM</b>
<b>Feb 8, 9, 10, 11 2018</b>	<b>Gretna Retreat</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.

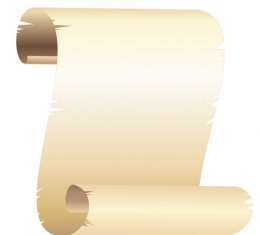
### Classes:

We have an open schedule for 2018. Step up and teach a class or give a demo. Everyone always appreciates the opportunity to learn something new or a new way of doing a carving or technique. Contact Deb Russell if you are interested, to find a date that will work for you. If you bring an example early enough we can include a picture of the project in the Newsletter posting. Come on....this is your chance!



### Board Meeting minutes recap from July & August 2017:

Membership survey was created by Roger Nadrchal. Possibly will be putting online.  
 Can we pursue grants to help with club outreach?  
 Survey will be put in Doane packet to learn about other clubs from Doane attendees.  
 Will have a 50/50 jar at Doane along with the raffle.  
 A few verbiage changes needed in by-laws.  
 Financial numbers will be available at the beginning of board meeting.  
 Remodeling at church may impact some of the meetings.  
 Steve and Cathy Reed in charge of Woodcraft Show.  
 Motion to purchase carts for transporting coffee and supplies from new storage area.  
 Doane classroom charges have increased.  
 Picnic will be on Sept 16 at Camp Brewster. 8am for carving, lunch at 11:30. Chicken will be provided. Members bring a side dish.  
 Working on plans for the Christmas Party.  
 Motion passed to add an intermediate category after novice.



# Members Show 'n Share



Jim Clark & Dean Paulsen



Steve Reed



Bruce Bartling



Vince Corrado



Glen Fischer



## Zen Leaf class by Thad Tinder



Rich Wagner giving one on one Chip Carving instruction.



## Icicle class by Rich Wagner



## NEW MEMBERS

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

Dakota Moynihan      Omaha, NE  
Morgan Green        Council Bluffs, IA



## FALL SHOW

Due to the late date of the Fall Show this year, photos and winners from the show will be published in the December Newsletter.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## SNOWBIRDS



Are you flying south this year?  
If you get our newsletter by email we've got you covered. But if you get yours by **MAIL** send us your winter mailing address



♦ start date  
♦ end date  
of your time in the sun.  
Email to :

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

## Please note:

The dues for **2018** have been increased to \$30 (family membership.) Please submit with the application below for new applications or renewals.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 540314, OMAHA, NE 68154

Complete this form and return it with your payment to the address above. **(\$30 per year)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like a membership card please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope with your application.





# MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 540314

Omaha, Nebraska 68154

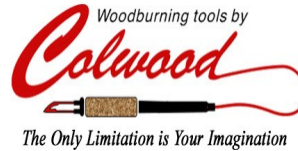
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Sponsors for Doane 2017

Click on logos below for links to the websites.



### The Woodcraft Shop



Mountain Woodcarvers.com



Your Source for Woodcarving tools, books & supplies!

HOME SHOPPING HOW TO ORDER NEW VISIT OUR STORE CONTACT US

# FOREDOM®

Quality and Service Since 1922



KLINGSPOR'S  
**WOODWORKING SHOP**  
"Quality Tools and Supplies for the Woodworker"



# OCCTOOLS