



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President:

November 2011

November, the month to be thankful for all we have, and, all that we have accomplished. As I write this, I am sitting in a quiet corner at the annual fall show and sale. Here, I have reason to be thankful. I have had a great time seeing all the members showing their wonderful creations to the hundreds of visitors. Thank you to all of you, your dedication to your craft, and your support of the club, it is appreciated more than you know. To our vendors this year, Larry and Carol from the Woodcraft shop, George Bledsoe and Kathrine Bledsoe from Loess Hills Sawmill, and Pat and Randy Moore from Moore Roughouts, the thank you comes from every woodcarver. Without your dedication to the carvers, where would we get the supplies to create the beautiful works of art?

To the volunteers that came and set up the tables and assisted in helping others. The volunteers who sat at the entrance table and collected the admission fees and the volunteers who sold raffle tickets and gave demonstrations throughout the event. To the volunteers and judges that came early and worked late into the evening to make the judging seem effortless. To all of you, I am truly thankful.

Now to mention specifics names. To Sherry LaTendresse, thank you for keeping me on my toes and providing name tags to all the vendors. To Leonard Stenneche, thank you again for keeping me on track and not letting me get too insane. Your experience and reassuring words "everything will be just fine" always kept me grounded. To Mary Ann Klinger, who has laid out a framework for the fall show that allowed for what was a truly uneventful show. Even with her recent health issues, she continued to call on friends to help out with the show.

I am also thankful for all of you. I am having a great time meeting carvers from across the area, and from across the country, that share their experiences with me. Your compliments and concerns are what keep me going.

I have one last thank you, and you need to share this for me. I need to thank all of your family and friends. They are the ones that encourage you to continue carving. They are our best, and sometimes worst, critics. These are the people that push our limits and ensure that the art of woodcarving continues on. So to all of them, thank you! Without their support, we might not have continued our dreams.

The past year as president has been crazy, (Ron and Denny were right!) but I would not trade this experience for anything. With board elections coming up this month who knows what will the next year will bring. All I can guarantee you is that your club is heading in a direction you all should be very proud of. Your input has been instrumental in making the changes to ensure your club will be here for years to come.

Now as I look around at all the people attending this year's show, and I wonder why I am sitting here writing.

Thank you all for a fantastic first year. Happy Carving!

Rohn Collins

From the editor

This issue is unofficially titled the "Fall Show Issue". The reasons are twofold, one is I want to recap and highlight the fall show for all who couldn't attend. I also have some new ideas for the next few issues that I need to get worked out. So sit back and enjoy the pictures of the fall show and look for some new articles in the next issues. In October's issue I gave the credit to Don Elsass for a carving that Dean Paulsen did. I want to apologize to Dean and to make it up to him he is featured in the very first photo on page two.

If you know of anyone who passed away, or is ill.
Contact: Sandy Floral - 3510 N 58th St.
Omaha, NE 68104 Ph. 402-553-3440

We all want to wish Mary Ann Klinger a speedy recovery after undergoing a quadruple bypass recently. She is at home and resting comfortably. At last report she is getting around more and more, and is really get used to Gary's home cooking. If you would like to drop her well wishes, send a card to:

Mary Ann Klinger
5417 Browne Street
Omaha, NE 68104

The 2011 Fall Show



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





Also a big Thank You to the folks that donate prize money for the fall show

*The Woodcraft Shop
The Great Western Bank
Loess Hills Sawmill
Leonard Stenneche*

*\$ 100.00 on the best of the show
\$ 75.00 on one of the best of class
\$ 75.00 on one of the best of class novice
\$ 75.00 on one of the best of class*

2011 Fall Show Featured Carver : PJ Driscoll



PJ Driscoll was this years featured carver. PJ is a club member, and also a board member. He is a member of the CCA, and teaches carving seminars several times a year. He works hard to add motion in all of his carvings to make them more life like. I get to carve with PJ sometimes one on one, and I can verify he is an excellent teacher, and a pretty good cook !

2011

- Best of Show - Neil Nulton Owl on Branch*
- Best of Show Runner up- Ray Hula, Painted Widgeon*
- Open Class Champion- Neil Nulton, Owl on Branch*
- Open Class Runner Up- Neil Nulton, Butterflies*
- Advance Class Champion- Ray Hula, Painted Widgeon*
- Advance Class Runner up- Maria Mulherin, Poinsettia Relief*
- Novice Class Champion- Roy Cassell, Cypress Knee Santa*
- Novice Class Runner up- Cottonwood Bark house*
- People's Choice Neil Nulton for his outstanding table display*

Fall Show Results



MAWA 2011 Best of Show

By
Neil Nulton



Carve for the cure

Thank You to everyone who carved an ornament. The tree looked awesome with all the different carving hanging from it. We also want to say thank you to all the people who supported our raffle this year by donating or buying tickets.

New Members

Emma Malcangi Dansville, MI

Wei Gutshall

Jeann Christoffersen Omaha, NE

Upcoming Club Carving Events

- Oct 8th and Nov 5th and the 19th —Bark House in the round -- hosted by Ken Armsbury

Yes, it is that time again for the Christmas Surprise Classes

- December 3rd meeting Marty Dolphens
- December 17th Meeting PJ Driscoll

It is such a closely kept secret that neither one of them even know what the project even is yet!!!!!!

Want to get your newsletter faster? 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

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.

*Vender's Row
aka Love Bird's Row*



*Larry and Carol Yudis
from the
Woodcraft Shop*



*Kathrine Bledsoe from
Loess Hills Sawmill*

Editors note:
Person sitting way to close is on a probationary period and as such will go nameless until such time as Dad get used to it ,which means it may be a long winter!!!!



*Randy Moore
Moore Roughouts*

*Pat was at Home in North Dakota but, I
am sure never far from each other's hearts.*

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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 wanted to take just a little time to a few of my thoughts on the Fall show. I first wanted to thank all of the people who were willing to get a table, and display their carvings at the show. I know it involves a lot of work, and takes a fair amount of time, but it is important to the club. It helps encourage the art of woodcarving to people who visit the show. To those folks who didn't get a table this year, hopefully next year your circumstances will allow you to get a table or share a table with someone. Maybe we can start something to put people who want to share a table, together via the newsletter. Something like a table needed or have table that I will share sort of listing. I also wanted to thank all the folks that help put the show together you know who you are. The help that they provide is priceless and makes for a smooth show for everyone that attends. On a personal note I want to thank Jay for helping me unload on Friday and for Kathrine for running the show so I could mingle. I also wanted to say thank you to Randy Moore of Moore Roughouts, Randy helped me out several times during the show he is a good guy so if you need a high quality roughout check out his website.

All kidding aside I also want to thank Zach for all his help during the show, Katy will always be Daddy's little girl. Change doesn't come easy but I will eventually get used to it..... **No this doesn't mean you are off probation!!!**



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