

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

Nov 2014



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

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



From the President:

First, a tremendous thank you to everyone involved with the Fall Show this year. Rich Wagner did a great job organizing the show. Thank you to all who helped set up, take admissions, sell raffle tickets, help with judging, and everything else that makes the show a success!

Fall Show - We had over 90 entries in the Fall Show this year, congratulations to our Best in Show winner, Dan Robidoux for his carving of a Sharp Shin Hawk, and Best of Show Runner Up Mike Bernt for his Realistic Mallard. As ever, there was an amazing display of talent. We were fortunate this year to have Kirt Curtis and Denny Jackson judging the event and are grateful for the time and effort they put into judging the event. A special thank you to show prize sponsors Larry and Carol Yudis, and Great Western Bank. And last but not least thank you and congratulations to our Featured Carvers this year Gary and Mary Ann Klinger.

The Doane Woodcarving Experience - As we wrap up the Fall Show we are beginning work on the Doane Woodcarving Experience. Instructor letters have gone out. We are looking forward to the return of many of our instructors and are inviting a few new instructors this year as well. A complete listing of classes and instructors will be in the February newsletter, with a possible sneak peak on the website in January.

Club Elections - This month we are preparing for the election of new board members. Nominations are open, you may contact Don Elssasser should you wish to nominate a member or throw your hat in the ring. Elections will be held at the November 15th meeting. Positions open this year are 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and two general Board Members. This is your opportunity to get involved with the club, vote, and have your voice heard.

November 1 Meeting – We will need help with setup and cleanup again at our next meeting, so if you are able please come a little early or stay a little late to help out. We will also start taking food donations in November and December in conjunction with St. Augustanas annual food drive. All donations will go to the food pantry.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Maria

Fall Show



Top Winners 2014 Fall Show

Best of Show – Dan Robidoux – Sharp Shin Hawk
Best of Show Runner Up – Mike Bernt – Realistic Mallard
Open Class Champion – Dan Robidoux – Sharp Shin Hawk
Open Class Runner Up – Warren Rauscher – Chip Carved Round Box
Advanced Champion – Mike Bernt – Realistic Mallard
Advanced Runner Up – Dennis Nygard – Wood Turned Bowl
Novice Champion – Roger Nadrachal – Otters
Novice Runner Up – Roger Nadrachal – Chipmunk

Best of Group

Open Caricatures – P.J. Driscoll
Open Birds – Dan Robidoux
Open Miniatures – P.J. Driscoll
Open Abstract and Ornamental – Warren Rauscher
Open Fish, Aquatic, Amphibian, Reptiles & Dinosaurs – Bob Gregory
Advanced Relief – Ken Armsbury
Advanced Religious – Don Elsasser
Advanced Unusual Wood – Larry Putnam
Advanced Non-Carved Items – Mary Robbins
Advanced Birds – Mike Bernt

Advanced Wood Turning – Dennis Nygard
Beginner Animal – Roger Nadrchal
Beginner Instructor Assisted – Roger Nadrchal





Check out our web site <http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com> for more Fall Show pictures!

Just my opinion.....

It was nice to see everyone at the Fall Show this year, I enjoyed visiting with all of you. I want to send a message to all of you who took the time and the trouble to get a table at the show. It takes some work to get loaded and unloaded and I know that more than almost anyone. It takes an effort to be there on Sat and Sun when you probably have a million other things that need to get done. I know we have all talked about the issues of displaying at the show, sales can be slow there I know that as well. The fact remains that this show is our club's show and we all need to decide what kind of club we want to have. Do we want an active, vibrant, club, one that is growing and has a lot of stuff going on? Or do we want a club that is slowly withering with the same old people doing all the work and everyone else sits on the sideline. In the end that choice is up to all of you individually, you can decide for yourselves what kind of club we have. We as a group can make the Fall show the best carving show in the area or we can do nothing and hope someone else will do all the work. It is like the old saying goes "you get out of something what you put into it" so what are you putting into it? We have a big enough club that we should have that hall filled and have a waiting list for open tables. This year I saw many of the same faces that always step up when the club calls, was your face in that group? On our meetings on Saturday we need people to teach a workshop, we have many talented carvers, and painters among our members. The list for people willing to teach grows shorter every year, again it's the same old faces, is your face one of those faces? A club is a group of people who share a passion for something, I know we have a great group but do we have a passion? We have an upcoming election for board members, are you willing to step up? Or are you going to sit this one out too. When the club calls next time maybe consider helping out, we have the talent, I have seen it, but do you have the willingness to be part of the process, or are you going to sit on the side line again. It is up to you. George

Club Calendar

November 2014

November 1 - MAWA Club Meeting

Taking nominations for new board members.
Help needed for set up and cleanup at club meeting.
Canned food drive for Food Pantry

November 15 - MAWA Club Meeting

Taking nominations for new board members.
MAWA Board Member Election
Canned food drive for Food Pantry

November 20 - Newsletter submissions due.

November 22-23 - Kaw Valley Woodcarvers Show & Sale, Topeka, KS

www.kawvalleywoodcarvers.org

December 2014

December 6 - MAWA Club Meeting Canceled due to schedule conflict.

December 20 - Newsletter submissions due.

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Canned food drive for Food Pantry

Annual Ornament Exchange - bring a wrapped carved ornament for the exchange.

Artic Wolves spotted near Glenwood, Iowa

At least 10 breeding pairs of Artic wolves were recently spotted in the scenic Loess Hills of SW Iowa recently. The Iowa DNR can't explain the rare wolves being this far south but sightings have been confirmed by a large group of woodcarvers during a recent meeting. One of the wolf pair was even photographed as proof. Thanks to Kirt and Linda Curtis and everyone who participated and to Chuck Smith for the use of his shop.



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Board Members: Denny Rourke, Larry Putnam, George Bledsoe, Rich Wagner, Rich Mahacek

Membership: Ken Kult Workshops: Larry Putnam Library: Barb Steiner

Tool Managers: Ken Armsbury

History: Sandy Floral

Hospitality: Sandy Floral

Bark Hunt 2014

Well I am finally done with my last weekend of scheduled stuff. First it was the Fall show, then a wonderful class with Linda and Kirt Curtis. Then finally the long awaited and much anticipated North Dakota bark hunting trip. I really enjoy doing this, even tho the drive is really long 9 plus hours on the road is tiring. I managed to talk my oldest son into making the trip with me (well I might bribe him a little) but he is a great help and seems to enjoy it I think (although it could be the bribing too)

The trip starts early as the early bird always gets the worm, it started at 6:00 am and a 3 hour drive east. Once the spot was located care had to be taken to not make too much noise (folks from North Dakota frown on trespassing) and the best tree was selected. The process began first the bark must be carefully removed. One must take care as sometimes large sheets of bark will come loose and can be dangerous if it were to strike you on the head. Then the bark must be loaded into your running rig (see note about trespassing) then the process is repeated until you run out of room. Then the long drive home comes and then the bark must be unloaded and stacked. It is quite a big job and like real hunting some trips are better then others and there are no guarantees. I did not find the giant elusive 7" thick North Dakota bark that I was hoping to find (I still have a few chunks of that hidden in an undisclosed location. I



It is a long drive but great weather



A North Dakota cottonwood tree



OK, I will admit this made it easier



Today I wish my truck had a full size box



The weather was great the haul was good and trip home was safe



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