



Club Information

### Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

Parking on East Side

### Mailing Address

Mid-America Woodcarvers

P.O. Box 521

Gretna, NE 68028-0521

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

# NEWSLETTER

*Message from the President:*

Oct 2012

October, it's my favorite month of the year. Even as a kid, I remember looking forward to the leaves changing on the trees. The deep rich greens gradually changing to reveal the gold, red and yellow colors of autumn. Then there was the sound the fallen leaves would make as you slowly walked through them. I also enjoyed the aroma of fall when you burned those leaves (something that is taboo now) and listened to the fire crackle on a crisp autumn night. At times, as I begin to carve, I hold the piece of wood in my hand and think of those times.

I also enjoy October for the events it brings. Football games, hayrack rides, Halloween, and the Annual Fall Show and sale. It looks like I may not get to the football game this year, and I doubt I will go on a hayrack ride, but I guarantee, I will be at the Fall Show. Mary Ann Klinger and her crew have been busy planning and organizing. Almost all tables have been reserved. Thad Tinder has advertisements running in all the area newspapers and has also sent press releases to all the local media venues. It looks like this will be another great year. Even if you did not get a table this year, stop by the show and check out what other woodcarvers have been up to. In addition to the show, you can check out our vendors that I am sure will tempt you. The Woodcraft Shop, Loess Hills Sawmill, and Moore Roughouts will be on hand to provide tools wood and projects to keep you carving.

The Annual board elections are coming up and are scheduled for November 17, 2012. We have three board positions open, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president and the treasurer position. I would love to see a large list of people interested in running. Contact Don Elsasser at the next club meeting and we can get your name on the ballot.

Well now that I have had my two thoughts, I believe I will go out for a long walk and enjoy the season.

Happy carving to you.

Rohn

***The Fall Show is fast approaching***

*You still have time to get a table, or finish that Ornament for the tree, and get a chance to Win \$50.00*

*Hope to See you There!!!!*

## Club Upcoming Events

October 6th	Flutes hosted by: Denny Jackson
October 13 and 14th	Annual Fall Show German American Home
October 20th	Stick Santa's hosted by: Bob Cashiolo
November 3rd	Penguin hosted by: Leslie Anderson
November 17th	Eggoscope hosted by: Kave Kistler
November 19th	George's Birthday
December 1st	Christmas Surprise hosted by: PJ Driscoll
December 15th	Christmas Surprise hosted by: Marty Dolphens

### *Do you feel like doing something to help the Club ?*

*We would love to have you carve something and donate it for the raffle at the Fall show.*

*I know that we have a lot of talented woodcarvers in the club*

*We would really appreciate it.*

*If your interested contact: Mary Ann Klinger*

### *Wanna make 50 Bucks?*

### *Doing something you enjoy!!*

*And help out the Boy Scouts?*

*It is really easy all you have to do is carve an ornament for the club tree and you are entered in the drawing for a shot at the*

***50 bucks***

*You can bring your ornaments to Doane, or send them in, or bring them to the fall show. The more you carve the better your chances*

***So LETS get BUSY!!!!***

## 2012 FEATURED CARVER, MIKE HAWLEY !

As President, I am proud to announce Mike Hawley as this year's Fall Show and Sale featured carver. His contributions to the club made him a unanimous choice by the board. I had a chance to visit with Mike regarding his carving.

Mike began carving in 1969, much like others have, with a desire to learn the craft. His hobby at the time was furniture building and he wanted to enhance the pieces he was building with some hand carved designs.

Grabbing the closest piece of wood, and a tool that would do the job, Mike begins his first carving. Although the results were not exactly as he envisioned, he was determined to get it right. He bought a piece of balsa wood, and an exact knife, he proceeded to carve Disney's "Pluto". He was hooked. Wanting to increase his knowledge of woodcarving, Mike joined Mid-America woodcarvers, and began learning with Ray Kellogg. It wasn't long before Mike was carving at every opportunity. He even took classes to improve his skills. Studying under Harold Enlow and others, he learned techniques that he continues to use today. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Mid-America woodcarvers.

It wasn't long before Ray saw something in Mike, and asked Mike to teach some carving classes at a local college. Alongside Ray, Mike began a successful teaching adventure. In addition to teaching at the local university, Mike also was an instructor at the Doane Experience for many years. Most people may not realize this, but Mike had the opportunity to teach Marty Dolphens, and Bob Travis when they both were beginner woodcarvers. Mike also used his teaching style to teach mini seminars across the nation, from Bismarck, ND to Birmingham, AL. He did all this while working full time as a sheet metal worker for local 3.

Mike was also honored with a phone call from Ed Gallenstein. Ed was the original editor, and created Chip Chats magazine. He wanted to feature Mike in a current (at the time) issue. Ed even flew to Omaha to do the interview, and photograph Mike's work. The next issue had a two page story.

After 12 years teaching, he decided it was time to give up teaching and focus on home and family. Returning from his final class in 1991, Mike placed his tools on his work bench, where they went untouched for 12 years.

It wasn't until 2003 that Mike began carving again when his brother Tom (also an accomplished woodcarver) asked him to attend the Doane Experience again. Since that time, Mike has been carving non-stop. He takes every opportunity to learn, and share his knowledge of woodcarving, both at the club, and at the local Senior Center. Accomplished in caricatures, Mike is also talented in carving realistic wildlife, and chip carving. Mike lives in Omaha with his wife Darlene, and together they have three children, Lisa, Michelle, and Joe.



**New Members**

We would like to welcome all our new members, if you are able, please come to a club meeting..

Robert Johnson	McKinney, TX
Ted Tromler	Omaha, NE
Richard Pettitt	St. Ann, MO
David Morris	McKinney, TX
Fred Chapman	Melissa, TX
Mike Baumgardner	McKinney, TX



*Loading the log*



I have been cutting up walnut logs. They make great bases and I love to see what the wood looks like when I open them up. The process is pretty simple load the log (sometimes the hardest part), square one side, flip, square second side, flip, until all side are squared. I then find the best face and start removing slabs. When the face starts to give lower grade lumber I change to the next best side. It is a process call grade cutting. Come to the fall show and check some of them out. Looking forward to getting some new logs soon, maybe a new contest is in order to see if you can guess what they are. I will see what I can come up with and get back to you all.



*Opening cut, figured wood below knot*



*Two Sides squared*



*View from behind 4th cut*

**FOR SALE:**

Microtorque high speed detail carver with several cutting bits.	\$100.00
Cable power carver & 4 chisels with flex shaft that fits to a drill.	\$20.00
Older flex shaft carver with foot control & some accessories.	\$80.00
Bench screw & related misc. Some wood to go with above.	

Contact Jay Schmidt

Ph. 402-467-4265 or email [bschmidt123@inebraska.com](mailto:bschmidt123@inebraska.com)

*Stop by a club meeting and see what we are currently up too  
Enjoy Great fellowship  
and a donut and a cup of coffee*

## *Show and Share*

*Just a glimpse of what goes on at a  
club meeting!!!  
Do you really want to keep missing  
all the fun?*



*Worried about the Post Office stopping Saturday Delivery? Tired of running to the mailbox full of excitement only to be disappointed yet again when the newsletter isn't there. Want to be go green and be part of a paperless society? Well do I have a deal for you then!!!!!!  
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**Registration Form**  
**Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.**  
**38th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE**

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.  
 3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska  
 Friday, October 12, 2012 Set-up time 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Competition Entry 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
 Saturday, October 13, 2012 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Sunday, October 14, 2012 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ table(s)\* space(s) with 2 chairs - \$30.00 each. *Non-members -\$50.00.*

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If attending*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be sharing a table? Yes or No (*circle one*) If Yes please provide the following information:

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If attending*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitors will be responsible for providing the following items:

Table covering –this must cover the top as well as 3 sides to the floor. *It must be fabric or vinyl covering.*

Lighting and cords – *make sure you bring duct tape to tape cords to the floor.*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to: MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Send registrations to:*

MAWA 2011 FALL SHOW AND SALE  
 PO BOX 521  
 GRETNA, NE 68028

\*Average table size is 8 feet, but some tables will be no smaller than 6 feet in length due to space.  
 If you have any questions contact Mary Ann Klinger at (402) 453-2393 or at gmklinger@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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*(Check appropriate boxes)*

Membership—\$20.00 per Family - Newsletter send by 3rd class mail (except) February -1st class mail

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](mailto:ldstenneche@cox.net)**

*A Parting Shot.....* By George Bledsoe

I am really excited about the fall show, I am hoping we have a great turn out. I always look forward to seeing everyone's carvings that they have been working on. I really enjoy seeing all my carving friends, and I will be honest the fact that there is a Winchell's donut store right up the street isn't bad either. October is also going to be a big month for my family as Katy is getting married the week after the fall show. I may be in a deal making mood if I spend much more money on this thing. I am not losing a daughter I am gaining a son. I already told Zac he will get the same advise I give my own kids when they ask (and sometimes when they don't). I am very happy for them, a little sad for myself perhaps as I will miss having her at home. Ok, enough of that personal stuff, I know you all are coming to the fall show. It will be great as usual, we have some great venders coming and they will, as always, have everything you need to make this hobby more enjoyable. We also have some great classes coming up in the club, including the much anticipated Christmas classes with Marty and PJ. It is really great that we have folks willing to volunteer to teach. If you have something you would like to teach contact Ken and set something up. I guess that is about it for me, I need to get back to work getting ready for the fall show. My wife mentioned, that she thought, perhaps I have too much enough lumber for awhile. I am not sure that is even possible seriously!!!

Take Care

*George*



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