



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church

38th and Lafayette Street

Parking on East Side

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Mid-America Woodcarvers

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Message from the President:

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Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! Not quite the headline you would think for the October newsletter is it? Well it is relevant to the annual fall show. It seems every year we get the question, "Is Santa realistic, Mythical, or Caricature?" Well I'm not about to say Santa is not real and then risk the chance of missing out on Christmas gifts. And I really can't say he is mythical, as I have heard from several club members that claim to have seen him in their younger years. Now, as far as Santa being a caricature, maybe. I mean after all, aren't we all caricatures in some way?

So to answer the question to all of you that compete in our fall show, Santa is..... Santa. That's correct! The board has approved a separate category for the jolly old man. There will be a category for both old world, traditional, and Santa in a scene. So if you are getting a table at this year's show, this will be an opportunity to enter your Santa carving. I am looking forward to this new addition to our already great competition.

I want to say a big party planning thank you to George Bledsoe, Katherine Bledsoe, and Marty Dolphens for organizing the fall picnic. The weather was near perfect and over 75 members and guests enjoyed fried chicken and some of the most fantastic salads and desserts. The selection was endless and I am sure several people went home a few pounds heavier. I really want to say thank you to spouses and family members that attended. You were the reason we did this, and I really enjoyed meeting all of you. As a reminder we will be accepting nominations for the 2012 board of directors. If you are interested in running for any of these please let Don Elsasser know at one of the next meetings.

The pictures of the 2010 Doane experience have been posted. We will be adding more photos soon of the actual members that attended so look forward to seeing those.

As always happy carving, and hope to meet you soon at one of the club events, or even at a Saturday workshop.

And remember....Yes, there is a Santa Claus, or at the least a Santa category at this years fall show

Rohn

Short on money need an extra \$ 50.00 ?

Well you still have time to carve a ornament. It is a great cause, that you can feel good about helping, and you may be the lucky winner of the \$ 50.00 prize drawing

Carve for The Cure

Join us at the fall show bring your ornament.



Kelly Derryberry

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

*Don't Panic.....there is still time to reserve
your table for the Fall Show
Application is on page 6 of this newsletter*

The First Annual MAWA Picnic

The picnic was held at camp Brewster in Bellevue. We had a good turnout, and the food was awesome. The weather was beautiful, and the view of the river was breathtaking (well it may have been the walk that was breath taking)but the view was fantastic. We hope to make this an annual event if we

have the support of the club

We hope you will attend next years !!!!!!!!!!!

"It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change"
Charles Darwin



Veronica Flood



The Doane Experience 2012

Winter is approaching, I can feel it in the air. The good news is that spring will be around the corner and with spring comes the Doane Registration. The Doane experience is a one of a kind event, if you enjoy woodcarving give it a try. Great carving instructors, awesome people, and great food. Look for the Doane registration letter in February.....



Rodeo Clown
By
Del Peters

Saturday Club Meeting Show and Share
What you missed by not being there !!!!!



Don Elsasser



Don Elsasser



Jeann Christoffersen

Dean Paulsen



Doug Degner



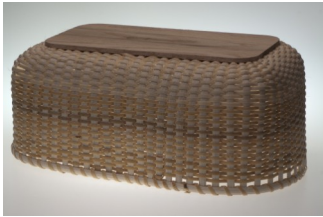
Dean Paulsen



George Bledsoe



Wayne Gildseth



Basket by
Marilyn Day

Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.

[Henry Ford](#)

New Members

Donald Lang Bell Vista, AR

Jeff Westerfield Blair, NE



Basket by Sandi Teale



Carved
By
Gene Bengel

Upcoming Carving Events

- Nov 5th and the 19th —Bark House in the round -- hosted by Ken Armsbury
- October 15th and 16th The Fall Show and Sale at the German American Home 3717 So. 120th St Omaha, NE

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Send your name and address including email to:
midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

Don't Forget to register for a table at the fall show.
The club needs your support!!!!

Mid-America Woodcarvers Carvers Photo Gallery

Have you completed a recent project and want to show it off? Well we have the perfect solution for you. 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 also send prints to: Mid-America Woodcarvers Attn: My Carvings, P.O. Box 521, Gretna, NE 68028

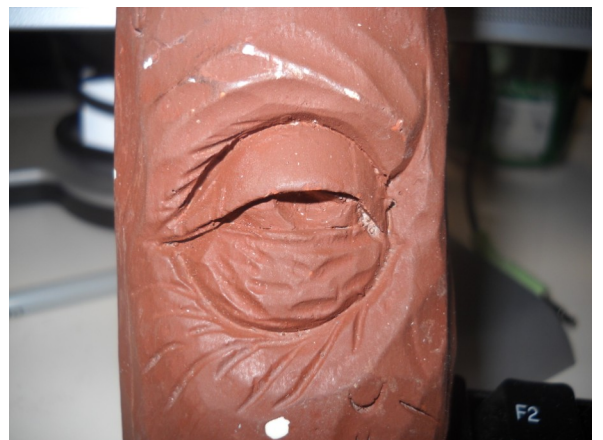
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We are on the Web

<http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>

Study Stick Eye by John Burke

John Burke was a talented woodcarver and a well known teacher. His style of carving has influenced many of today's best woodcarvers. I still laugh when I think about him asking a guy who he was helping what the guy did for a living. The guy said he was a carpenter, without missing a beat John said " I thought maybe you were a stone mason as dull as your tools are." He was a one of a kind guy..... woody



Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc. 36th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.
3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska



Friday, October 14 Set-up time 11:00AM - 5:00PM
Competition 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Saturday, October 15 10:00AM - 6:00PM
Sunday, October 16 10:00AM - 4:00PM



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

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name: _____
f. attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Sharing table(s):

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name _____
f. attending

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

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 2009 FALL SHOW AND SALE
PO BOX 521
GRETNA, NE 68028



Dragon
By
Rusty Peterson



Native American
By
Mel Ginest

The Carving Tip of the month: by George Bledsoe

I wanted to talk a little about painting, I am by no means an expert. I did however pick up some tips from my Doane instructor Dave Stetson and from Marty Dolphens and PJ Driscoll. At Doane Dave had a deal for his brushes that held water and had holes for your brushes to stand up around the rim. I picked one up at Hobby Lobby, my wife is now happy that I stopped using coffee mugs, and plates for painting supplies. I also have learned from these guys that you really want to thin your paints out. I mean really, really thin, almost to the point of being clear. They suggest several very thin coats so that you can sneak up on the final color and still see the grain of the wood underneath the paint. I showed one of my early paint jobs to PJ and he asked me if I bought it Hobby Lobby. I can really see the difference between that one and my painting now. I am lucky that I have access to two really good carvers and friends. They have really helped me improve my carvings and my painting.

*The Fall show is getting Closer.
Reserve a table today and help support
your club and have fun at the same
time.*



Carved by
Bill Hunke

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE # (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

(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

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

I thought it would be fun to try and sell one of my bark carvings on Ebay. I had never sold anything on Ebay before, so I got the help of some co-workers (younger ones of course). I had many issues concerning the description of the item using words such as Indian, Native American, or a host of other descriptions are not allowed unless I could prove my heritage. I listed it under western bark carving. I waited for the first bid (dreaming of being flooded with bids and quitting my day job to carve full time) the first bid came in from someone in Pennsylvania . I was excited, my plan was working..... so I waited for the next bid, none came. I was informed this is normal so I waited, none came. I was told people like to wait till the last minute. I like excitement so I waited, I pondered having a guy at work bid so I could buy the carving back as it was one of my better carvings. No, I decided that would be unethical so I waited.... Last 5 minutes here come the bids . NOPE that was it, sold to a lady in Pennsylvania for 20.00 about the cost of the bark and shipping.

Lesson learned !!!!! I hope she really liked the bark carving.



Jim Camp
Doane 2011



Bark Santa
by
Wayne Schupbach



Susan Spoley
At
Doane 2011



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