

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

September 2013



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

Augustana Lutheran Church 38th and Lafayette St



FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Well Doane 2013 is officially a memory, and I think it was great. With the addition of several new instructors, and the returning instructors, most classes were full. The attendance at show and tell will be one for the record books. I was amazed at all the finished projects and the skill that went into each piece. The Doane committee is currently working on 2014 and getting ready to line up the instructors. The dates for 2014 are July 27 thru August 2. Hope to see you there. Pictures will be on the website in just a couple weeks, www.midamericawoodcarvers.com or www.thedoaneexperience.com.

As always there is no break for the committees, planning for the fall show is almost complete. There are still limited table spaces available if you want to attend. This year is shaping up to be a great show. Rich has been working in a new redesign of the floor plans and from what I have seen it will be a welcome enhancement to the show. If you are interested in getting, or sharing a table, contact Rich Wagner at chipcarver@live.com for more information. In addition, we are still looking for Ornaments to use on our Christmas tree this year. If you send us one, you could be the lucky winner of a \$50.00 gift card.

The club project this year has been to carve "Noah's Ark" using the Shawn Cipa patterns. Most of the pieces are nearing the final stages of completion and we will be painting them on September 21 at a general club meeting. Our plan is to display the finished pieces at the fall show, and then give them a permanent home in a case located at Augustana Lutheran Church. The pieces I have seen are truly something that Shawn Cipa would be proud of. As for the ark, local club member Bud Strickland went above and beyond to build ours and it is amazing. I can't wait for all the pieces to be completed so we can get some nice photos to share with all of you.

As a reminder if you want to contribute your ideas to help this great club become even better, consider running for our board of directors. We will have several seats up for re-election and would love to see your name on the ballot.

Hope you are all busy carving.

Rohn

Club Officers - Rohn Collins - President

Mary Ann Klinger - 1st VP

PJ Driscoll - 2nd VP

Sherry LaTendresse - General Secretary

Maria Mulherin - Recording Secretary

Len Steeche - Treasurer

Board Members: Mike Hawkins, Marty Dolphens, George Bledsoe, Rich Wagner, Rich Mahacek

Membership: Len Stenneche

Workshops: Ken Armsbury

Library: Sherry LaTendresse and Barb Steiner

Tool Managers: Ken Armsbury and Larry Putnam

History: Virginia Stewart and Sandy Floral

Hospitality: Sandy Floral

Registration Form

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc. 38th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.

3717 S. 120th Street Omaha, Nebraska

Friday, October 11, 2013 Set-up time 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Competition Entry 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday, October 13, 2013 9:00 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 FALL SHOW AND SALE PO BOX 521 GRETNA, NE 68028

*Average table size is 8 feet, but a few tables will be no smaller than 6 feet in length due to space.

Questions contact :

Rich Wagner at (402) 895-1315 or chipcarver@live.com,

Mary Ann Klinger at (402) 453-2393

When the weather turns too hot to work outside, and everyone with an ounce of common sense stays Inside, in the Air Conditioning..... I SAW LOGS, that should tell you something right there !!



Rough looking Butternut Logs



Grapple loader makes life easier



The first cut removes all the rotten sap wood



What lies beneath is beautiful butternut lumber



Sawmilling does generate a fair amount of waste



Stacked in the kiln, lots of odd size chunks make stacking a chore. Probably last kiln run for 2013

Doane Highlights

Check out our new website www.thedoaneexperience.com.

Start making plans for attending in 2014



All Hail King Rohn?
Someone has to be in charge I guess?



My project in Dave Stetson's class



Thursday's big celebration feast

What Separate's success from failure persistence



A few of my failures and my sweetheart Stanley chisel

Although not exactly wood carving I thought I would share this. I like to build furniture as well as carve and so I am currently building several Pennsylvania spice boxes. I have been working on them on and off for several years. One in walnut, one in ash, and starting a new one in cherry. The walnut one is done except for the drawers, the ash one had the case done, and I have decided to start one in cherry. I wanted to try something different so I decided to make a tombstone door for the ash one. I wanted to make it using the method they did in the 1700's. Well the picture on the left are some of my failures the picture on the right is my success. I just kept trying over and over until I figured it out. The lesson I learned is whatever you are trying don't give up because success may be right around the corner, in my case, around the corner, down the street. But on the bright side I have firewood to last all year.....

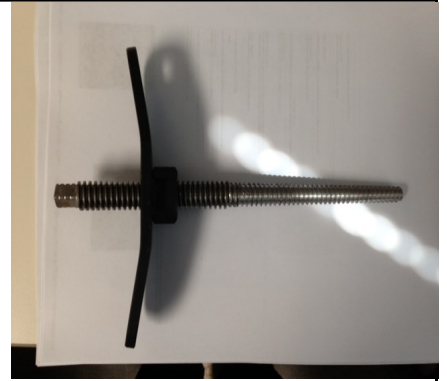


My first success in cherry, you cut the horns after the door is glued up.

In case you hadn't noticed I am reworking the newsletter, it is a work in progress and how far I will go depends on 3 things

A. My ability to stay focused, 2nd. my time management skills, and finally D. What was I working on..... Oh well

Well while I was at Doane a friend asked if I remembered writing an article about the Dust Deputy by Oneida. I said I did and he said that he was amazed at how well the thing worked for keeping dust out of his shop vac. I told him I would not have put in in the newsletter unless it was something I believed in and owned myself. Well I am going to showcase something else that I own and think is a great product. I have done some mallet carving with Marty Dolphens, and also took a class with John Burke. If you are going to mallet carve you will need a mallet, some bigger tools, a carving arm, and a carving screw. I have several but I just bought two new ones that are the best carving screws that I have seen. They are American made and are great quality at a fair price. I own a couple others that cost as much and are not near the quality as these are. If you need a great carving screw at a fair price contact: Zach Reinecker at 785-410-2781



Disclaimer: Zach is my son in law and is a machinist and has made a really high quality carving screw and yeah I am plugging it!

Attend the Fall Show

And play, guess where this wood is from, at the Loess Hills Sawmills booth
5 different blocks from 5 different areas see which one carves the best.

Or try your hand at identifying species of wood

12 samples of wood identify each type correctly and be entered to win something

Prizes may be awarded if I can figure out some sort of rules and come up with a way to
make it fun

If nothing else come to the fall show and see what I came up with

Now the pressure is on.....

How many board feet is in that piece of wood?

That question comes up from time to time. I always use the formula

width in inches, times **thickness** in inches times **length** in inches divided by 144 so as an example

A board 4 5/16 thick and 12 13/64" wide and 36 11/16" long is how many board feet?

First email to loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com gets a prize no rounding I am looking for 3 point to right of the decimal.

Contest rules and restrictions available by contacting the law firm: Dewey, Cheatum, and Howe P.O. Box 19899 Legal Eagle NV 18634

New Members

Josias Da Silva	Omaha, NE
Jim Dowling	Sac City, Iowa
Suresh Mallya	Omaha, NE
Marcia Nickels	Weeping Water, NE

Welcome to the Club everyone come join at a club Meeting

Condolences

We recently learned of the passing of long time member Orville Miller from Council Bluffs, Iowa
Our deepest sympathy is sent to Marty Dolphens for the recent loss of his brother.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE ShopSmith Model 510 with dust collector and various attachments. Blades, dado blade, Etc
\$600 Call Jean McGowan for more info and other woodworking tools 402-331-7967

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

Where has summer gone? I got the month of August off from having to write the newsletter. I was sure I could use the month for creating a bigger, better newsletter, my mind was full of great new ideas . Well that isn't happening, so deal with it. I did manage to go up to Minnesota again to get some more basswood. My wife is considering having me seek some professional help, perhaps a visit from doctor Woodmizer I can dream can't I . I also managed to take my wife on a whirlwind mini vacation, we stopped in Faribault, MN at Carve-Fest and talked to Marty who was teaching there and I visited briefly with John Krantz. I saw a teacher I had at Doane Chris Howard who was teaching there as well. Then it was off again, to Wisconsin home of the beautiful Wisconsin Dells . Why would I take my wife of 25 years to the Wisconsin Dells on the year of our anniversary, that is exactly what I said! So I decided to take her for an amish sawmill tour instead. By some strange act of fate I bumped into some Loggers who happened to have some Butternut logs, wow lucky I had my trailer along. Then it was off again to tour the wonderful Wisconsin landscape, which is very pretty by the way. We were back home in under 18 hours, who says I don't treat my wife like a queen. I also made it to Doane and enjoyed my time there as usual. I am taking my sons walleye fishing again. The last time we went my son Seth had given up on fishing and had threw his line out with a empty hook, I offered to bait it but he said he had enough fishing and was done. Well the captain whose name was "Ron" (like the movie) was checking everyone's line depth and bait. He gets to Seth, who knows he has no bait, and doesn't care, and Ron checks his line. The captain start giving Seth crap "*How are you going to catch fish with no bait Son, You gotta get your head in the game*". My son looks him in the eyes and says with a straight face. Wow captain Ron I thought I might have had a bite and the fish must have gotten my bait!

Then he turns looks at me, shrugs his shoulders and grins.

I remember doing the same thing in the front yard as a kid when I was shooting an arrow straight up in the air and watching it land in the yard. Well I shot one up and it landed on my Dads brand new 1968 Chevy Impala's roof. My Dad heard the noise opened the front door looked at me, looked and the arrow in the roof of his brand new car, and then shut the front door. I looked at my friends shrugged my shoulders and probably grinned . Dad if you can hear me now, I am sorry about the car, I really am. Then I went out, and pulled that arrow out of his car roof, I mean come on I only had the one arrow.. George



MID-AMERICA WOODCARVERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

PO BOX 521 - GRETNA, NEBRASKA 68028-0521

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.

U.S. Postage

PAID

Omaha, NE



Permit 1634

LoessHills Sawmill

Custom Sawmilling Lumber Sales Custom Furniture

Northern Basswood and Butternut
Walnut, Cherry, Red and White Oak Lumber

Ph: 712-310-4154

www.loesshillssawmill.com

Email: loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com

Kreylings Creation

For all your pyrography needs

Complete line of Optima burners

Cheryl Dow books Italian Poplar Plywood

Ph: 314-954-4322

Email :kreylings_creations@yahoo.com

The Woodcraft Shop

The only name you need to know for all your wood-carving supply needs

2724 State Street

Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

1-800-397-2278

www.thewoodcraftyshop.com

Midwest Woodworkers

14605 Wright Street

Omaha, NE

Ph: 402-330-5444

www.midwestwoodworkers.com

Club members receive 10% discount on most

Woodcarvings by Klingers

Specializing in Fish Carvings

Sales and Instruction

Gary and Mary Ann Klinger

(402) 453-2393

Moore Roughouts

For the Professional, amateur,

and everyone in between

P.O. Box 193 Kindred, ND 58051-9557

Ph: 1-800-8BLANKS

www.roughouts.com