

Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

NEWSLETTER

July 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:

July already? Where has the time gone? There are just a few more weeks until Doane. The Doane committee has been busy preparing, and we are down to the last few details. Comments are being made regarding my notes about my notes... It has been exciting and a little intimidating, this my first year on the Doane committee. Thankfully I am surrounded by great committee members and MAWA club members that have been very helpful and supportive.

I hope you are getting as excited about Doane as we are! By now you should have heard from your instructors, if you have registered recently, it may take a little while for them to contact you. If have not been contacted by your instructor, please let us know.

Although Doane is just around the corner, we have so many other projects coming up in our club as well. At the July 19th meeting we will be having Christmas in July. To encourage members to carve ornaments for our annual wreath raffle at the Fall Show we are holding an open carving event. Every member attending the meeting will be able to choose 2 ornament blanks. One ornament will be to carve for the raffle wreaths, and the other will be to keep, if you wish.

Planning for the Fall Show is well under way as well. We encourage our members to sign up for a table as soon as possible. Registration forms were sent out in the last newsletter, and we are already getting registrations in.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to teach, help set up and clean up after club meetings. I appreciate your assistance so much!

One last reminder, there will be a club meeting August 2nd. Recognizing that not all of our club members attend Doane, we have decided to break with tradition and have the August meeting. Thank you to Larry Putnam for volunteering to set up for the meeting, please give him a helping hand if you are there. There will be open carving at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at Doane or the next club meeting!

Maria

Christmas in July

Help support the Fall Wreath Raffle. On July 19th, members who attend the meeting will be able to choose 2 Christmas ornament blanks to carve. One will be for the wreaths we raffle each year at the Fall Show and the other is for them to keep if they choose to do so. Proceeds from the wreath raffle will go to the cancer society this year. Each member will get an entry for each ornament donated in the drawing for a \$25.00 prize. There will be a separate drawing for those donating an ornament at Doane. The prize will be awarded at the Fall Show. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Burke's Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 19-25-2014

Crete, Nebraska

www.westernwoodcarvers.com Contact: Nancy Burke 402-623-4383

The Doane Experience

Doane College Campus Crete Nebraska

July 27-Aug 2 2014

<http://www.thedoaneexperience.com/>

The Doane Experience

Is less than 1 month away, if you haven't signed up and are sitting on the fence time is running out.

Get signed up today and join in the fun

You will enjoy it and also get a chance to meet a real live celebrity

Editor of the Mid-America Woodcarvers Newsletter

That alone is worth the price of admission.

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Contact Ken Armsbury 402-397 8776 or 402-651-6850

Happy 4th of July

I heard on the radio that it 238 years of Independence

Get out and enjoy some fireworks (safely) and enjoy some outside fun

hopefully the weather will cooperate



Date: June 21, 2014

To: Maria Mulherin - President
From: Autumn Douglas

I am writing this letter to thank you for your support and money donation to the International Woodcarver Congress Annual Show held June 12-15, 2014 in Maquoketa, Iowa. The show is sponsored by the Affiliated Woodcarvers, LTD.

I am ten years old and this year is the second time I have competed in the competition. This year I won a second place award in the "Youth Carvers Open Class Category", class 101 7-10 yr. old. Due to your support I was awarded a check for \$20.00. My carving was a fish in a pond, moss, fallen tree, and lily pad with flower.

Thank you for your donation and please support us in 2015.

Sincerely,

Autumn Douglas ^{AD}

Autumn Douglas

Fall Show Registration

Registration for the 40th Annual Mid-America Woodcarvers Assoc. Fall Show is now open. Included in this month's newsletter is a copy of the 2014 registration form. We encourage everyone to sign up as soon as possible since tables fill quickly. If you have any questions regarding the Fall Show, please contact Rich Wagner at (402)218-7270 or at chipcarver@live.com.

New Members.....

Grimes , Eldon / Shirley Greeley, CO

Welcome to the club everyone !!!



Doane Totem Pole 25th Anniversary

2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the presentation of the hand carved totem pole to Doane College. Twenty five years ago members from the Mid-America Woodcarvers Assoc. created a totem pole as gift to the college. The totem pole was designed by Virginia Roccaforte, and was carved and painted by Dr. Dan Roccaforte, Lloyd Richardson, John Bathen, Eleanor Fritz, Joyce Fordyce, Bob Lieben-dorf, and John Burke.

The nine foot totem pole is made out of white cedar and has stood the test of time quite well. As per an article in a 1989 issue of Chip Chats, the images Virginia Roccaforte chose “tells the story of the plains – a covered wagon, goat, pig, tee-pee, corn, wheat, American Indian and buffalo. Our thanks go out to Rohn Collins who spent the last year refurbishing and repainting the totem pole. He took great pains to clean the totem pole and refresh and reseal the paint while remaining as true to the original paint selections as possible. Be sure to look for the totem pole on your next visit to Doane College.

Have you reserved your table for the Fall Show yet ?

Well what are you waiting for ?

This Years show promises to be bigger and better then ever.

Reserve a table today, entry form is included in the newsletter.

If you can't do a full table share a table with a friend.

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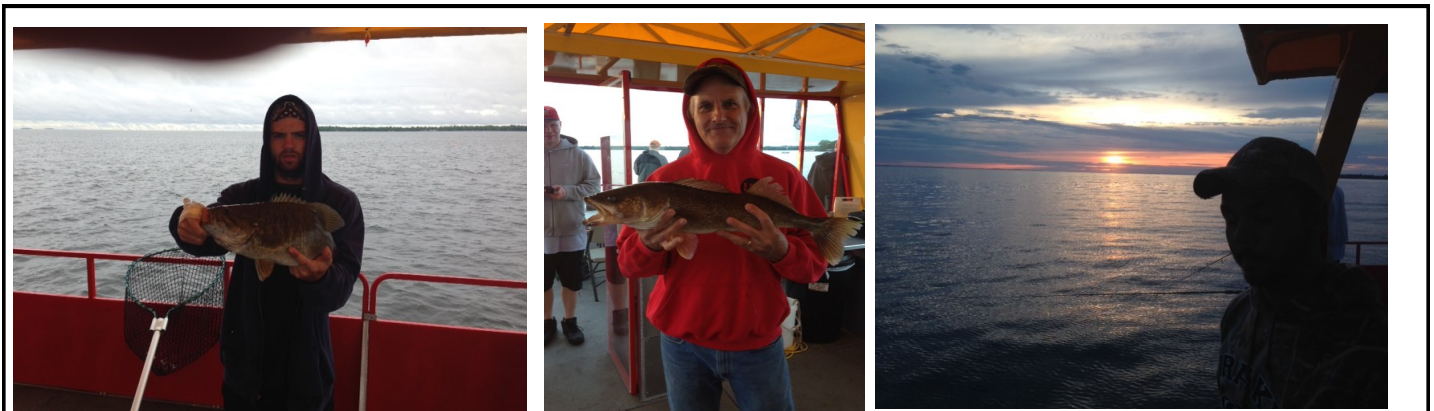
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Well I will be honest I am short on content this month so I will improvise a little. I have taken a few trips so far this summer. I took my son and my nephew fishing and although the fishing was slow we did have a good time. We only caught one walleye and I had to throw it back as it was over the limit. We caught several big smallmouth bass over 20" but we threw them back too. It was absolutely beautiful there and hanging out with my son and my nephew was well worth the cost.



2014 Registration Form
Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc.
40th ANNUAL FALL SHOW & SALE

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

Friday, October 10, 2014 Set-up time 11:00A to 5:00PM --- Competition Entry 2:00 PM to 5:00PM

Saturday, October 11, 2014 9:00AM to 5:00PM --- Sunday, October 12, 2014 10:00AM to 4:00 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 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 a fabric or vinyl covering.
- Lighting and cords— need duck tape to tape cords to the floor.
- Carving will be allowed at the tables. (Talk and Demonstrate what you do.)
- **Vendors:** The Wood Craft Shop, Moore Roughouts, and Loess Hills Sawmill
- *Average table size is 8ft, but some tables will be no smaller than 6ft in length due to space.
- Displays may not be taken down before close of show: 4pm Sunday.
- German American Society will be supplying Food and Drink at a very affordable price.
- **LODGING:** Best Western, Motel 6, Super 8, Comfort Inn, La Quinta Inn and Travel Inn all located at the intersection of 108th and L street. East of I-680 on L street.
- **COMPETITION AND JUDGING:** The competition is open to dues-paying members of the Mid-America Woodcarving Association. No one is restricted from joining. Dues are \$20.00 (USA) per year and run from Jan.1 through Dec 31. Reserving a show table is required to enter completion.
- A packet will be provided with all Competition Rules, Entry Procedures and Show Information at sign in time. You may also check our web site for this information. www.midamericawoodcarvers.com

(Buffett Dinner will be available Sat. night 6:00 pm at the German American Hall for \$12.00 each. To be paid with Registration)

Questions: Contact Rich Wagner (402)218-7270 or at chipcarver@live.com

Mary Ann Klinger (402)453-2393 or at gmklinger@cox.net

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

Send registration to: MAWA FALL SHOW AND SALE - PO BOX 521 GRETNA, NE 68028

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Please reserve _____ table (s) *space (s) with 2 chairs \$35.00 each. Non—members—\$55.00

Exhibitor _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ *If attending*

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(_____) _____

Cell Phone # (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

Will you be sharing a table? Yes or No (Circle one) If yes please provide information:

Exhibitor _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ *If attending*

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(_____) _____

Cell Phone # (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

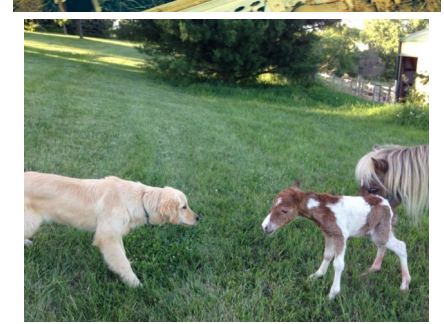
Registration Total: \$ _____ Dinner Total:\$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

I/We certify that all wood projects and carvings to be exhibited by me/us are handmade or carved and are my/ our own work. I/We certify that German American Society, the Mid-America Woodcarvers Association officers and members will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury while I/We are at the show or otherwise.

Signature _____ Date _____ Check # _____

A Parting Shot..... By George Bledsoe

Well another month and another newsletter needs to be hammered together perhaps this month I should say cobbled. I have been busy making several trips to gather basswood. I also managed to sneak in a fishing trip with one of my wood runs, which was a fun getaway. I am trying to get ready for Doane well at least I am thinking about what I need to do to be ready. I have both kilns full and running as this wet weather is allowing which is less that I hoped. I have several more stacks air drying, I managed to pickup a couple more walnut logs from my friend. I need to get all that walnut cut when I have time. I am working on my 3 spice boxes and I have the ash one almost done. I was so excited to fit the door into the cabinet I went down right before bed and dry fitted the door. I will make a mental note to not do stuff right before bed as the door fits like a glove on top and is 1/4 too small on the bottom. In the end it isn't a big deal but it does irk me that I did that. I had a guy call me and wanted walnut log split down the center to make a bench for his sisters wedding. I said I would cut it for him and he said he would bring some more logs down to have me cut. He showed up on Sat just as I got started mowing the pasture, well with all this rain I should say jungle. I think we have some horses in there someplace but with the grass so tall it is difficult to say for sure. He pulls up and unloads the logs, the one to cut into a bench is ok, the rest is literally branch wood. I asked him if he had a fireplace, not everyone gets my humor so I said I would cut them up into something for him. They were so small I did them three at a time I am not sure what he will do with the wood but I did a good deed I guess. While I was in the barn I decided to take care of the task that involves taking care of the south end of a north bound horse. It's a crappy job but its honest work, and I guess the horses appreciated it. When your diet consists of oats and grass lets just say regularity ain't an issue. Speaking of horses we are the proud owners of a new foal born a few weeks ago. The little guy was up and on his feet 15 minutes after he was born, he is super cute and I will hold him on my lap while I sit in the yard. I also managed to take my wife on a little vacation it was a spur of the moment thing but it was one of the best vacations I have ever had. I was able to spend time with my wife and visited several places I had been fishing as a kid. I also stopped by several sawmills and toured them which I enjoy and my wife visited a couple of quilt shops which was expensive for me. The kids being grown and on their own is a different time for us so we need to rediscover being alone together again. I am looking forward to that time. I have included some photo's for your viewing and to take up additional space, I did say cobbled at the beginning





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