

# Mid-America Woodcarvers Association

## NEWSLETTER

June 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:

I can't believe it's already June, we have so much going on in the club that time just seems to fly.

It was great to meet so many new members at the last meeting. New faces bring new ideas, which is exciting. Our new members are encouraged to sign up for classes held during club and are welcome to get involved in areas that interest them. As ever I enjoy walking around the meeting room and seeing the projects everyone is working on, it's always inspiring.

I would like to thank Denny and Ann Rourke, Mary Ann Klinger, and all those who pitched in and helped set up for an awesome picnic! The weather was perfect, the food amazing, and the entertainment was a real treat. Everyone who attended had a great time and I think is looking forward to next year. There was talk that Denny and Mary Ann have already been drafted....

The Doane committee has been busy finalizing details for July. Acceptance letters have gone out so make sure to check your inbox. Those attending that do not have an email address, your letter was mailed and you should receive it shortly. Teachers have been sent their student lists and you should be receiving an email from them regarding any additional class information.

Included in this issue you will find the Fall Show registration. Rich Wagner and his committee have been working hard on organizing the show and have some great ideas for this year. Besides a great show, those attending can look forward to a banquet Saturday evening at the German American Society, please be sure to register for the banquet when you register for your table!

We are proud to announce that our featured carvers for the 2014 Fall Show will be Gary and Mary Ann Klinger. Gary and Mary Ann are longtime members of the club. They specialize in fish carving, have taught classes in many states and have been Doane instructors for several years. Gary teaches informal classes at club for new carvers and ran the tool table in the past. Mary Ann is currently serving as a board member in the role of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and is a Doane committee member. You can check out their website to learn more about them at:

<http://woodcarvingsbyklingers.com/about/>

Judging at the Fall Show this year will be Kirt and Linda Curtis. Kirt and Linda have judged at many other shows, lately judging at the Kearney, Ne show. They bring many years of carving knowledge and experience with them. Linda and Kirt have also been instructors at the Doane Experience for several years. To learn more about the Curtis' please check out their website: <http://curtisarcvings.com/>

I look forward to seeing you at the next club meeting, or one of our upcoming events,

*Maria*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7 - MAWA Club Meeting - Whittled Spoon (Part 1) - Ken Armsbury

June 7- 8 – Northeast Nebraska Woodcarvers Workshop– Taught by Desiree Hajny  
For more information on this workshop you may contact Roger Nadrchal at 402/750-5591

June 21 - MAWA Club Meeting – Whittled Spoon (Part 2) – Ken Armsbury

June 21-22 - North Platte Show & Sale, Quality Inn & Suites, North Platte, NE. Contact Paul Jeske 308-532-2599

Burke's Western & Wildlife Art Workshop

July 19-25-2014

Crete, Nebraska

[www.westernwoodcarvers.com](http://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/>

It is time to start carving a Christmas ornament for the club tree and get your chance to win a gift certificate

It is also a perfect time to get a table reserved for the fall show.

It is your first and only warning as the nagging will begin in next months newsletter

**S A V E B O T H O F U S T H E S T R E S S A N D G E T I T D O N E T O D A Y !!!**

**Club Officers** - **Maria Mulherin** - President    **Mary Ann Klinger** - 1st VP    **PJ Driscoll** - 2nd VP

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## Annual Picnic

If you weren't, you should have been there! Once again members enjoyed the MAWA Annual Spring Picnic. The fun started as members entered the door. Everyone was dealt a hand of cards, for the next half hour everyone went around trying to get the best poker hand they could. There was much wheeling and dealing and we soon found out who the real poker players were. After that we all had a great meal, thank you everyone for the fantastic spread of food, I'm pretty sure I gained at least five pounds. As we ate, we were entertained by Denny Rourke who went from table to table performing magic. Some great door prizes were given out, our thanks to Midwest Woodworkers for their donation of two gift certificates. Thanks also to Denny and Ann Rourke, Mary Ann Klinger, and everyone else who pitched in to make it such a fun picnic this year. We'll see you all next year!



## Fall Show Registration

Registration for the 40<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chipcarver@live.com).

*New Members.....*

<b>John Panhorst</b>	<b>St. Louis, MO</b>	<b>Julie</b>	<b>Michael/Brenda Lodermeier</b>	<b>Saint Cloud, MN</b>
<b>Sorensen</b>	<b>Albert Lea, MN</b>		<b>Michael Ludwick</b>	<b>Omaha, NE</b>
<b>Chris Dewey</b>	<b>Nebraska City</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>Glenda/Horner Tabor</b>	<b>Saint</b>
			<b>Charles, MO</b>	

**Welcome to the club everyone !!!**

### What I did on Memorial Day

I have a friend who owns a tree service and he contacted me and said he had a walnut tree to remove and wanted to know if I wanted to help and he would give me the logs. So at 7:30 we started and we finished at about 4:00. We cut down two trees the walnut, and a elm. I have to say I really wanted to go up in the bucket truck but alas I didn't get to. I was the rope guy as it was over a building so it had to be carefully cut and lowered to the ground. I also helped load the brush into the chipper, that thing will take a 12" log and is just a beast. They worked me pretty hard and although I had trouble with the bucket guys hand signals, (they say the worst guy in the outfit is the first guy to the water tank) I had no trouble when he made the sign for break time. Lunch never tasted so good, and I only really got scolded twice, once when I checked my phone to see what time it was, I heard "It Will Wait" from the bucket and, once when I had trouble understanding his signals and he finally yelled "YOU ARE IN THE WAY"

My friend is a great guy and I enjoyed helping him but I think I will keep my day job. The walnut tree yielded 3 logs which tally about 300 bdft total so I think it was a good trade, my back and feet aren't so sure.....



### Condolences

*We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families of Tom Hawley and Lloyd Richardson who both recently passed away.*



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## SPRING CLEANING

Hi everybody. P'tooey! P'tooey! I just gave the cat a bath and the hair is sticking to my tongue. It's a good thing that I only have to do it once a month. Breta is shaking her head right now. I think I heard her mumble something that sounded like "idiot".

I've been wondering why we do Spring cleaning when we've had all winter to do it. Seriously? One thing I've figured out is that a clean house is a sign that the computer is broken. Okay, I'll admit that my hand doesn't fit the handle of brooms and vacuum cleaners, very well. This cleaning thing is hard. I kept running over a string with the vacuum cleaner about a dozen times before I leaned over and picked it up. I think I detected a roll of the eyes by a certain family member. I want to know how all those dead bugs get into the light fixtures. Do you suppose they pack a little lunch, gather the kids around and say, "C'mon, we're going to see the light"! And, I don't care how many times I grab one of those stupid trash bags, it never opens from the end I try first. From now on I'm sticking to wood chips and a shop vac. (Where are those little people that come in the night to do your work when I need them?) Let me ask you this. Why is it when a husband doesn't do something, he's lazy and when a woman doesn't do something, she's busy?

I usually get my hair cut shorter in the spring, and while I was in the barber's chair, I wondered what hair color do they put on the driver's license of bald men? Ha! Did you know you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive? Anyway, I think I'm getting taller. The top of my head is growing through my hair. Breta, keeps wanting to play 'pin the toupee on the bald guy.' Real funny!

Spring cleaning means my annual commitment to getting caught up on carving the rough outs that I have previously bought. Oops! I don't know how it happened, and I know that I'm the only one with this problem, but somehow I've ended up with about 200 rough outs and one extra. When did I buy ten hummingbirds? Where did I get so many wild animals, ducks, and fish? I've got enough Santas to start my own Christmas shop. I'm only about five rough outs from being considered a hoarder. I guess it's time to make sure I get to carving club and get in the mood to finish some of these chunks of wood, so I have some pieces to enter in the carving show this fall. How about you? There's nothing like getting around your carving buddies to get inspired, take lessons, and rid your shelves of rough outs crying to be finished.

As far as house cleaning goes, I'm going fishing. See you at The Doane Experience, or at carving club.

Keep smiling,

Denny

Thought for the day: Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

*This month's Quiz I almost forgot to put one in. I am making it a little harder this time but don't despair the answer is in the Doane Class Descriptions*

*I heard this guy was on a roof once.....*

*First correct email at loesshillssawmill@hotmail.com*

**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.
- **COMPE TITION AN D JU DGIN G :** 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](http://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](mailto:chipcarver@live.com)

Mary Ann Klinger (402)453-2393 or at [gmklinger@cox.net](mailto: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(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

WOW !!!! I think everyone is stepping up to the plate and giving the quiz a shot.

I had quite a few responses, Thanks for that..

The answer I was looking for was moose antlers

Some folks guessed antlers which was close but not quite specific enough.

Since deer, elk, caribou, antelope all have them as well.

The number I was looking for was 19 so.....

James Dowling wins the antler question and...

John Robbins guessed 18

Congratulations to both winners.

Just so you know I have been busy so it is taking me awhile to send prizes,

I am a couple winners behind but rest assured your prize awaits you

I will contact the winners by email

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



I have been pretty busy as of late, so I haven't been to a meeting in a couple months. I made a couple trips to Minnesota to get some basswood and got that sawn up and stacked. I usually stack and air dry it in the barn but I just didn't have enough room this time so I am air drying it outside this year. It is progressing nicely and losing moisture and that lowers the time it will need to be in the kiln to finish drying. I still have some logs that I have to pickup in a couple weeks so I will combine that with a walleye fishing trip with my boys (got to relax a little right). I am so tight on space I had to stack some on the saw to air dry which isn't a huge deal just needs to be moved when I saw logs. I have about a half dozen or so logs left to saw, mostly walnut. The stacks of air dried wood will get loaded into the solar kilns here in a few weeks and should dry and be ready for Doane. My youngest son graduated from High School this weekend so I have spent the last week working on my yard for the big party. I mowed, and trimmed and mulched and raked and rearranged and planted trees and flowers and mulched some more. UUUUGGGHHHH I hate yard work and I am proud to say my yard shows it... however for this event with my wife's encouragement I stuck with it and it looked great. We had quite a few folks over on Sunday and 20 minutes after the party started the electricity in the entire area went out!!!! No problem usually unless you live in the country and have a well, then no power means NO WATER, and NO WATER means, NO TOILET!!! When you have a house full of people that is kind of a problem, but despite that we had a nice day and all worked out. My wife and I are going to have to adjust to things now that are kids are all out of high school, I will miss all of my sons friends hanging around the house. Our house is usually the place they all come to and I have enjoyed all of them, and they work pretty cheap when it comes time to stack wood or load kilns..... George



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