



Club Information

Meetings/Workshops

First & Third Saturdays

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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38th and Lafayette Street

Parking on East Side

Mailing Address

Mid-America Woodcarvers

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Mid-America Woodcarvers Association, Inc

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Message from the President:

Welcome to September; I hope you all had a fantastic Labor Day. I know I was able to get some carving done, as well as spend some time with family and friends. Seems club business just never ends. Just finished the Doane Experience evaluations and now I am reviewing the fall show paperwork. The evaluations we received were very positive this year. I enjoyed reading them and will use all the information to begin planning the 36th annual Doane Experience.

The board has been busy planning the fall picnic to be held on September 11th, 2011. I am looking forward to meeting more members as well as meeting the spouses. To tell the truth, I am looking forward to the fried chicken and all the wonderful side dishes that will be there. I have asked all attending to bring a finished carving so that we can show off our talents to our guests.

I want to take the time to say a special thank you to a committee member that has recently asked to be relieved of his duties. Dave Kistler has been our Saturday teacher coordinator for as long as I can remember. In addition he was the main "donut" and coffee provider at each meeting. After all these years Dave has decided to step down and allow other members to attempt to fill his shoes.

Also Virginia Stewart has asked to leave her position on the board. This is hard for me to agree to. Virginia is a retired English instructor and has always been happy to proof read and correct my mistakes in the newsletter. I now need to replace my human spell checker. I do appreciate all her contributions. She has helped to guide me, and has kept me grounded. I am sure with all the free time, she will continue to advance her carving skills and maybe cheer on her favorite football team, the Nebraska Corn Huskers. Please take the time to thank both Virginia and Dave for all their contributions. They both worked tirelessly to build this great club and their positive attitudes will be missed.

There is still table space available for the fall show, and I want to encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

We also will be accepting nominations for the 2012 board of directors. At this time the open positions will be for the President, recording secretary, and a two year board member position. If you are interested in running for any of these please let Don El-sasser know at one of the next meetings.

Also we would love to hear from all of you on your ideas, current carving projects, or even suggestions for the newsletter.

Send us an e-mail to midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com.

Also continue to check our website for the pictures of the 2011 Doane experience.

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

Rohn

Carve For the Cure

Have you carved your ornament for the tree? You still have time to get at least one done and be eligible for the 50.00 prize drawing. I have one carved and all it needs is paint. It really is a good cause so pick up that tool and a chunk of wood and get started.

Please remember all those who lost loved ones on Sept 11th in your prayers.

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



Carving by Sharon Denhart

Don't look where you fall, but where you slipped.

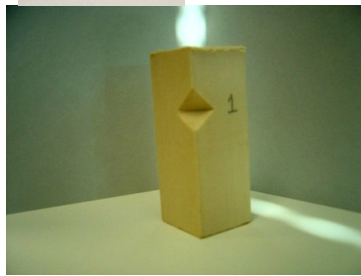


Carved by Jean McMIndes

Face Study Stick by PJ Driscoll



I asked my friend PJ if he would do a small face in a few steps for the newsletter. PJ is a member of the CCA and also a well know face in our local club. He is a retired firefighter and active member of the MAWA club. He has been kind enough to help me with several carvings that I have done, and his love of carving really shows when I spend time with him. PJ is the featured carver at the Fall show this year in Omaha on Oct 15th and 16th so stop in and visit with him, and check out his carvings. He has also started teaching classes and if you get the opportunity to take one, you won't be disappointed.



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



This face was done almost all with a knife. PJ did use a v-tool at the end for a few details.

Special Thanks to PJ for doing this for me.

Finished Carving

The Doane Experience 2012

It began the day after everyone else left — the planning for the “Doane Experience 2012.” We have some exciting things planned and some additional new instructors in the works... Look for your newsletter in February for all of the excitement.

And Just For The Record..... you know who you are !!!!!

Scoring Farkle

Each 1 = 100 pts Each 5 = 50 pts Three 1's = 1000 pts Three 2's = 200 pts Three 3's = 300 pts
Three 4's = 400 pts Three 5's = 500 pts Three 6's = 600 pts Straight (1-2-3-4-5-6) = 1000 pts

*What does this have to do with Doane? That alone is worth the admission to Doane to solve the mystery and find out.
Rumors of out of town ringers with loaded dice continue to circulate!!!!
Perhaps what is needed is a Farkle Tournament of Champions complete with a traveling trophy. 2012—it is so on baby!!!!*



Gourd
By Jean Keller

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

Please do not send the original, as we can not return those to you. Thanks.

Come to a club meeting and check out our great selection of carving tools and have a cup of coffee and a donut.....

Don't judge
each day by
the harvest
you reap but
by the seeds
that you plant.

Robert Louis
Stevenson

The Mid-America Woodcarvers 37th Annual Fall Show Fall Show and Sale

*Ok guys and gals, the time is flying by, and the Annual Fall show is fast approaching. It is on the 14th and 15th of October at the German American Hall in Omaha, Nebraska. This year it is a non-game weekend for the Huskers, so we should have a great crowd. It is a great location and promises to be a great time for all in attendance... WHAT? You haven't reserved a table yet? That is OK, but I suggest you get a table reserved now. You don't want to miss this opportunity. If you don't want to go it alone get a friend to share the cost and split a table. It is a big event that I am sure you will not want to miss. It is also a great opportunity to show the community what we woodcarvers do and may even generate a new member or two. So let's all pitch in together and make this year's show a huge success .
The registration form is available on the back page of the newsletter or on the website <http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>*



Carving by
Bruce Walder



Carving by Jim Schober

New Members

James Brock

St. Joseph, IL

Welcome James!!

Meeting Minutes

Due to a computer glitch the board minutes from the August seem to be lost in the black hole of technology, or could it be a MAWA coverup?



Carved by Laurie Frisch

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midamericawoodcarvers@midamericawoodcarvers.com

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

Hope to see everyone at the Club Picnic

*Keep your calendar open for the club picnic on Sept 11th 2011.
It is being held at Camp Brewster in Bellevue, NE
Times are from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. It is a beautiful site and will be great either rain or shine.
The club is providing the main dish and refreshments, and we ask that you bring a side dish or a dessert.
This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members and their families,. We hope to see the entire club there for a day of good food and good company.
We ask that you sign up, so we can get a head count to make sure we have enough food for everyone.
If you want bring your favorite carving to show everyone so we can see your work and our guests can see what other people have carved.*



Carving by Darrell Brown

We are on the Web
<http://www.midamericawoodcarvers.com>

Upcoming Carving Events



Carved by
Greg Wirtz



Done
By
Tom Farr

- Sept.17 -- *Work Shop at the club meeting -- Goose Egg Santa Ornament - hosted by Dean Paulsen*
- Oct 8th and 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*



So you missed another club meeting on Saturday, we wish you could have been there. This is what you missed by not being there, not to mention the coffee and donuts.....



Practice stick Indian
By
George Bledsoe



Little Santa
by
Mike Hawkins



Butternut Horse
by
Mike Hawkins



Chipped Carved Frame
By
Orville Miller



Walking Stick Flutes
By
Denny Jackson
also
Ice age bone flutes



REGISTRATION FORM

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: _____
Attending

Address: _____

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

Sharing table(s):

Exhibitor: _____ Spouse Name _____
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

The Carving Tip of the month: by George Bledsoe

OK, so last month I gave you a great tip on how to help soften a hard chunk of basswood. This month I will give you another great tip. If you don't have this go out right now and buy it. What is it you ask, that you have to drop everything, and buy right now. It is a carving glove. There are many on the market, so check them out and buy a good quality glove. Take this one piece of advise, and you may save enough money in medical bills to offset a brand new set of Swiss made carving tools. I have left hand experience in this matter and believe me getting 13 stitches isn't a great way to spend a Saturday morning..

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



Carved by
Sophie Kubisiak

Whoever said
'nothings
impossible' never
tried to nail jell-o to
a tree.

Lisa Bryant



Carved
by
Harry Day

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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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 have met quite a few of you at Doane or at the Fall show and surprisingly many of you still speak to me despite that..... so I thought I would tell you a story about me this month.

I recently had my dog pass away, and I was thinking about him on Saturday. The dog was a birthday present from my wife. I had been dropping hints that I wanted a bandsaw for my birthday and I was hoping she was getting the not so subtle reminders. I was at work one day a few days before my birthday, and they called me out to the lobby. One of the gals at work was holding this cute little golden puppy. I am of course a dog lover, so I commented on how cute the dog was and asked who the dog belonged to. The girl holding the dog said, "t belongs to you," and she handed me this dog. The little guy had a small red collar with a tag on it that read "Bandsaw" I really wanted a Grizzly bandsaw, but I wouldn't have traded that dog for 20 of them. He and I had some wonderful adventures, and he often went on saw jobs with me. He loved the water. I would throw a ball in, and he would jump in after it. I miss my friend everyday, but I am confident he will be waiting for me with a ball in his mouth when we meet again someday.



Carved by
Dewey Beckstrom

Do what you can,
with what you
have, where you
are.

Theodore
Roosevelt



Carving
by
David Molitor



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