



Celebrating our 10th Year 1992—2002

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It's Show Time!



You won't want to miss the 2002 edition of the Conewago Carvers Woodcarving and Wildlife Art Show which will be held October 26 and 27 at the East Berlin Community Center.

Our thanks to everyone who has been involved in planning the Show, but there's still more to do! Please plan to attend our monthly meeting on October 20. We need folks to sign-up to help with set-up and teardown, the silent auction, selling raffle tickets and admission tickets. If you could volunteer for just a few hours sometime between Friday night and Sunday at closing, we'll have all the help we need.

And, you won't want to miss the show — in addition to the awesome carvings and fully stocked

vendors, we have received some great items from other carving shops to use in the silent auction. A Foredom hand piece, several blanks, videos, paints and gift certificates are just a few of the many items that have been arriving daily on Doug Gabel's door step.

Both Cliff Rosborough and Rod Flinchbaugh completed modifications to the electrical extension cords used to provide electricity at the show. The modifications will allow us to place the cords so that exhibitors are less likely to trip over them. Thanks for your efforts, Rod and Cliff!

Cliff handed out golf balls at the September meeting in order to have club members carve faces on them. The golf balls will then be used as door prizes at

the show. Cliff is also working on these on Tuesday nights. If you want to carve a golf ball, please see Cliff. The carving does not have to be a face --use your imagination! Also, any carving around two inches will be happily accepted for a door prize.

Jim Gillis has agreed to manage the Silent Auction. Thanks for stepping up to the plate to handle this, Jim!

Jeff Haring, a chainsaw carver from Hanover, will be at the show both Saturday and Sunday, carving an eagle and a bear.

Ed Otto's wife, Nikki, won the show badge competition and will receive a check for \$25.

Election of Officers

Elections will be held at our November meeting. The following members have agreed to be nominated; other nominations will be accepted at the October meeting.

President—**Ed Otto** (Ed's job may be a factor in his ability to take this post).

Vice President—**Rod Flinchbaugh**

Secretary—**Gary Peiffer**

Treasurer—**Sonja Flinchbaugh**

Newsletter Editor—**Doug Gabel**

Hi-lights from the September meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Bill Zech. We had approximately 28 members in attendance.

Extra Mile Award- At the banquet, the club will award the annual Extra Mile award to a club member who has contributed significantly to the club this past year. If you have a nomination, please forward the name of the person and their contribution to Bill Zech by the October meeting

Proposed Dues increase. As discussed by the Planning committee, there is a proposal to increase club dues (individuals would pay \$15; the family option is \$20). The Membership has been notified via the newsletter and the proposal will be discussed at the October club meeting.

Auditing of books: We are looking for two volunteers to work with Sonja Flinchbaugh to audit the club books. We don't expect any problems with the books, however, it is a good practice to do an audit. If you wish to help, please contact Bill Zech, or Sonja.

New Club T-shirts. Rod Flinchbaugh has placed a new order for club t-shirts. This order will have a different color scheme from the previous t-shirts. Rod also said that he is only ordering large and extra large sizes. Cost of t-shirts will be approximately \$6.50. T-shirts have not arrived yet, but Rod will inform the club when they do.

Boy Scout Woodcarving Badge. A troop from Spring Grove has approximately 25 members who are interested in earning their wood carving badge by doing a woodcarving. We are looking for instructors from the club who are willing to help with these efforts. There will probably be two morning sessions scheduled around the Christmas holidays. If you are interested in helping, please see Doug Gabel.

Newsletter Patterns. We would like to include a pattern in each newsletter. If you have a pattern that you can share, please forward to Doug Gabel.

Newsletter via E-Mail. To reduce cost, it is suggested that those members with internet access receive the newsletter via e-mail notification. Members could then go to the Website and view the newsletter. Ed Otto has sent out an email message to all club members who have an e-mail address. **If you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail only, respond to Ed's message or contact Ed at ottee@pa.net.** The club will then benefit by 1) reduced cost of mailing, and 2) more wood will be available to carve since less trees will be needed for the newsletter!

Thank you, Vern

At the September meeting, Vern Blank led a discussion on carving ducks. Vern talked about the patterns he uses, the anatomy of a duck, and the use of castings. Vern also discussed many, many duck related topics as well. If you are carving a duck, definitely connect up with Vern to help your project!

Officer & Committee Reports

Treasurer Sonja Flinchbaugh reports that all bills are paid!



Seminar Update



Butch has been requested to have a bird carver come in to do a seminar! Butch is considering asking Brad Ketrick to teach a class. So far, only four people

have shown an interest in taking a bird carving class.

We will need more people than that to hold the seminar. If you are interested, please let Butch know. If there is enough inter-

est, Butch will contact Brad to determine cost and dates.

Butch indicated that Gary Akers, Curt Kirtis, Dave Sabol, and Pete Ortel will be returning for seminars in 2003.

Wood Wizard — Anything Went!

This month's Wood Wizard project was "anything goes." We had 8 entries in total (good job!). Results were as follows:

First place- A buffalo by **Butch Dahl** (\$10)

Second place- Face of an old man in bark by **Ed Otto** (\$5)

Third place- An Indian by **Rod Flinchbaugh** (\$2.50)

Other carvers who entered items included Bill Zech, Darwin Heim, Cliff Rosborough, Fern Hitchcock, and Bob Kelly.

The next Wood Wizard challenge is a Halloween theme

carving. Anything that has to do with Halloween will be great!. Please bring entries to the October meeting!



Carroll Carvers Show



The Carroll Carvers Show will take place the weekend before our show (October 18, 19, 20) at the Timonium Fairgrounds in Maryland. Show hours are as follow:

Registration: Oct. 17 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Show Hours: October 18 and 19, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

October 20: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Jack Miller has reserved a table, representing the Conewago Carvers. All club members are encouraged to submit pieces for competition. Cost per entry is

\$5.00. Please see Jack Miller to make arrangements.

Jack would like to have some company during the show, so if you would like to join him for part of the show, contact him at 717-637-6963 or see him at the meeting.

Show and Tell

Bill Zech- Brought in two carvings that he bought in Vermont. They were carved birds with intricate fan tail work that were carved with a pocket knife.

Fred Malmberg- Had sharpening stones that he picked up at an auction and was selling for \$5.

Mary Hoffman- Had a wood burned box.

Dave Graybill- A duck that was carved from a circa 1790 barn beam. Very hard to carve!

Ed Otto- A bark carving of a face.

Jenny Stewart- A woodburned egg that she was trading for a knife.

Bob Kelly- A bear made from cherry.

Jay Herr- A chip carved ice sickle.

Gary Peiffer- Two pencil carvings, one of Uncle Sam, the other of Santa.

Dale McCoy- Rattles color with food coloring.

Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on October 20 at the EBACC at 2:00 pm. We will use this time to prepare for the show, take final nominations for the 2003 officers, and discuss the dues increase.

Future meetings will include a tool swap and sale (November) and a Christmas party (December).

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Reservation Form for Carvers Banquet

Conewago Carvers Banquet
November 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.
Zwingli United Church of Christ, East Berlin
(doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

(Detach and return this portion with your payment)

Make check payable to "Conewago Carvers"
Please reply by **October 26, 2002**

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ persons.
(Cost per person is \$8.00)

Member's Name _____

Send check and reservation form to William A. Zech
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