



Celebrating our 10th Year 1992—2002

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Christmas cheer at the Dec. meeting



Conewago Carvers will meet on December 15, at the EBCC at 2:00 p.m. We will be having our annual Christmas party, so bring lots of good food to share. (Carvers and eating — a match made in heaven!)

to compete. The rules are simple: the ornament must be able to be hung from a Christmas tree. Isn't that easy? Now get busy!

The first place winner will receive a \$10 cash award.

Also, we will be having our annual Christmas ornament carving contest, so bring your ornament

In case you missed the Nov. meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Bill Zech. We had approximately 35 members in attendance.

Show Report. In addition to having a fun time, the show was also a financial success. The club earned \$1,742 for its efforts. Although admissions were down (attendance was 507), the competition entries, raffle item, and the rooster donated by the chain saw carver more than offset the lower attendance. Planning for the 2003 show will start immediately; the first show planning meeting was held December 3.

Sick carvers. It was reported that both Martha Kline and Bill Martin are ill. The club will send a card to the both of them

with the wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sick band saw. President Bill reported that the band saw needs a new part which has already been ordered. We will not send the band saw a card, but we hope to have the part soon and have the band saw up and running.

John Lovett makes news. John has one of his carvings on exhibit at the Gettysburg Visitors Center. The carving is of a Civil War soldier and was based on a pattern out of a Tom Wolfe book. John also won a ribbon for his soldier at our show. Congratulations, John!

Bus Trip. President Bill and Terry K. are also looking into

the cost of a bus trip to the Dayton, Ohio "Artistry of Wood" show for next November. More details will follow at future meetings.

Auditing of books: Ed Otto and Gary Peiffer will be working with Sonja Flinchbaugh to audit the club books. The audit will take place on January 2, 2003 with results reported to the club.

Dues are now due for 2003. Dues can now be paid for the 2003 year. Individual member dues are \$15 and family membership dues are \$20. Please make checks out to Conewago Carvers. You can mail dues to Bill Zech, 1739 Oakley Drive, Dover, PA 17315-3847.



Still more Club announcements

Boy Scouts Carving Session.

Our club is planning to sponsor a carving session with 15-20 Boy Scouts from the Spring Grove troop. The session is tentatively scheduled for the mornings of January 11 and 25, 2003, from 8:30-11:30. We are still in the organizing stages and need volunteers. Please contact Doug Gabel for more details.

Carving Roundup being organized by Jack Miller.

Jack is organizing a North East Woodcarvers Roundup for July 20-24, 2003 at Cherry Ridge Campsites & Lodging at Honesdale, PA. Anyone who carves or would

like to learn to carve can do so in this "no stress" learning environment. The cost for instruction is free. If you are interested in participating or interested in instructing, contact Jack (email Jackcarves@juno.com, phone 717-637-6963).



New Club T-shirts.

Rod Flinchbaugh has received the new order of club t-shirts.

This order has a different color scheme from the previous t-shirts. Sizes of the shirts are large and extra large. Cost of t-shirts will be approximately \$6.50, with 0.50 going to the

club. Rod was also asked to order medium T-shirts (so if interested in this size, please let Rod know).

Treasurer's Report- All bills are paid! Treasury stands at \$3,932.36 which includes show receipts.

November's Program. We spent the meeting conducting a "Swap Meet" which was very well received. Carving tools, books, wood, etc were exchanged for cash. We hope you found something you were looking for!

Club-sponsored Seminars

Below is the tentative plan for 2003. More details will follow as Butch firms up plans. For now, the seminars look as follows:

January 4, 2003: **Gary Akers**, carving deer antlers. \$65 for adults, \$17.50 for teens.

August 22-25: **Curt Kirtis**, carving an elk. Cost TBD.

September 20,21,22: **Vic Hood**, carving a human figure. Cost TBD.

Oct 3,4,5: **Pete Ortel**, caricature.

Dave Sabol- TBD.

Ed Otto- TBD.

Note that with Christmas fast approaching, carving classes make a great gift (for yourself and others!). Hint, hint!

Hail to the Chief

The club fully supported the election of the following individuals for club officers in 2003:

President: Rod Flinchbaugh
Vice- President- Ed Otto
Secretary- Gary Peiffer
Treasurer- Sonja Flinchbaugh

A big round of applause and thanks to President Bill Zech for an excellent job leading the Conewago Carvers this past year.



Congratulations to Linda Murphy who recently opened her own shop, where she is also offering carving classes for all ages. For more information, call Linda.

Wood Wizard

This month's Wood Wizard project was a Thanksgiving theme. Results were as follows:

First place- **Rod Flinchbaugh** with a pilgrim bottle stopper. (\$10)

Second place- **Bob Kelly** with a pilgrim. (\$5)

Third place- **Dave Graybill** with a pilgrim. (\$2.50)

There will be no Wood Wizard competition next month because we are all working on an ornament for the annual Christmas ornament competition!

2003 Show Planning Meeting

A wrap up meeting was held for the 2002 show, and planning was done for the 2003 show.

The 2003 show dates are October 24 and 25, and the hours will be 9 AM to 4 PM each day. We are starting an hour earlier because there were many guests who wanted to come early.

Next year's guest carver will be Pete Ortel, and the chainsaw carver will be invited back for a second year.

The committee decided on a competition rule change for 2003 which is that the carving entered must be owned by the carver at the time of entry.

We will once again have a raffle to benefit the Club with a \$250 purchase money prize. The subject is your choice. All entries are to be brought to the Club picnic on July 20 where the winner will be decided by a vote of those present.

The committee also decided to have several 30-60 minute demonstrations in the competition room during the show.

We need YOUR help in order to have a successful show!



Show and Tell

Brad Ausherman- Nine carousel animals painted in acrylics. Brad is in the process of building a carousel which we hope to see when it is completed.

Donna Krone- A female big horn from the Desiree Hajny class.

Darvin Heim- A blue gill fish. Darvin plans to conduct a class for Yorkcarvers with the very same blue gill as the subject.

Gary Stenger- A Santa caricature from the pattern in the newsletter.

Bill Zech- A cottonwood bark Santa.

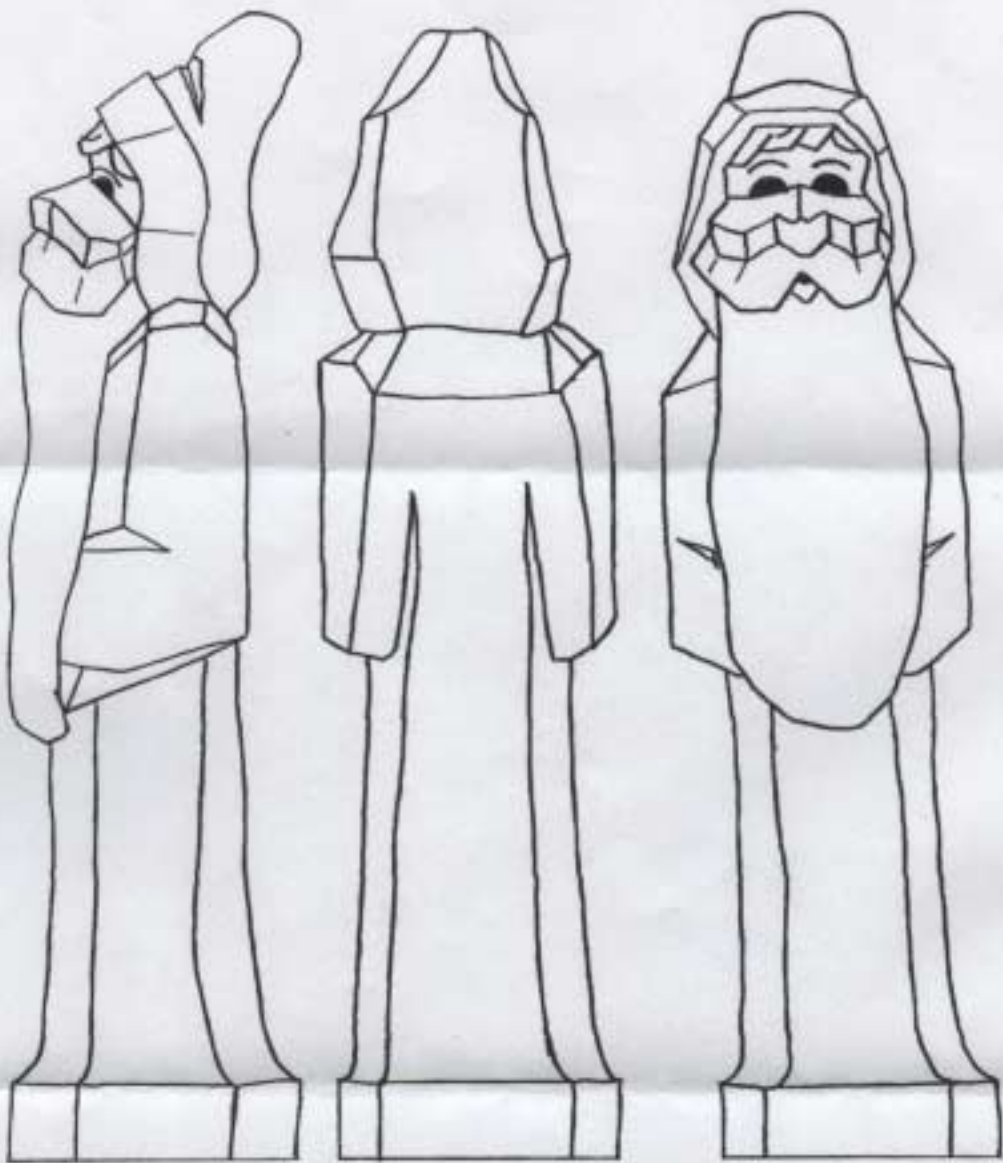
Joe DeAngelis- Joe is back in the area and brought in a carving of a cork bottle stopper in natural finish.

Gary Peiffer- A snowman holding a pumpkin with two faces (one happy, one...evil!). This took a ribbon at our show.

Bob Zeigler- A downy that took second place in miniatures made from tupelo, basswood and walnut. Bob also had a carving of bottlenose dolphins that took a third in the miniature class.

Ed Otto- A bark carving of a black Civil War soldier (a buffalo soldier).

Jesse Hinson- Jesse also had a bark carving.



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